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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*  
April 6, 2025

**Covenant's Mission Statement**

*"To build a faithful community of joyful disciples."*

**Covenant's Values**

Covenant is **biblical** by affirming the Bible as the authoritative Word of God,  
**connectional** by affiliating with the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA),  
**confessional** by adhering to the Westminster Standards,  
**missional** by seeking to spread the Gospel worldwide, and  
**relational** by encouraging the church family to build community.

*"If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love,  
just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love."  
John 15:10*

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship  
by reflecting on John 15:10 printed above.**

Call to Worship

Deuteronomy 10:20-21a

*[20] You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve  
him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear.  
[21] He is your praise. He is your God.*

Invocation

Hymn

*"Come, Thou Almighty King"*

Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing, help us to praise.  
Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,  
come, and reign over us, Ancient of days.  
Come, Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword, our prayer attend.  
Come, and Thy people bless, and give Thy Word success;  
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.  
Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.  
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,  
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.  
To the great One in Three eternal praises be, hence evermore.  
His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,  
and to eternity love and adore.

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Scripture Reading

Psalm 119:153-168

Bob Tramel, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

Bob Tramel, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

*"At the Name of Jesus"*

Choir

Jesus, though he was God, did not cling to his rights as God,  
but laid aside his mighty power and glory.  
Taking the form of a servant, and becoming like men.  
He humbled himself and became obedient unto death,  
even death on the cross.  
At the name of Jesus, at the name of Jesus,  
every knee shall bow in heaven and in earth.  
That every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord!

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Peter Bogaards, Deacon

These good works, done in obedience to God's commandments,  
are the fruits and evidences of a true and lively faith:  
and by them believers manifest their thankfulness,  
strengthen their assurance, edify their brethren,  
adorn the profession of the gospel, stop the mouths of the adversaries,  
and glorify God, whose workmanship they are,  
created in Christ Jesus thereunto, that, having their fruit unto holiness,  
they may have the end, eternal life.

## Hymn

*"That Man Is Blessed Who, Fearing God"*

That man is blest who, fearing God, from sin restrains his feet,  
who will not stand with wicked men, who shuns the scorners' seat.

Yea, blest is he who makes God's law his portion and delight,  
and meditates upon that law with gladness day and night.

That man is nourished like a tree set by the rivers' side;  
its leaf is green, its fruit is sure, and thus his works abide.

The wicked like the driven chaff are swept from off the land;  
they shall not gather with the just, nor in the judgment stand.

The Lord will guard the righteous well, their way to Him is known;  
the way of sinners, far from God, shall surely be o'erthrown.

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## Scripture Reading

1 John 2:3-1

## Sermon

*"Knowing God"*

Pastor Coyle

## The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

## Hymn

*"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"*

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,  
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:  
hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm is past  
safe into the haven guide, receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, I helpless, hang on Thee;  
leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me!  
All my trust on Thee is stayed, help from Thee I bring;  
cover my defenseless head the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in Thee I find;  
raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is Thy name; I am all unrighteousness;  
false and full of sin I am, Thou full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;  
let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within:  
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of Thee;  
spring Thou up within my heart, to all eternity.

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## Invitation to The Lord's Supper

### Corporate Confession of Sin

Most holy and merciful Father,  
we confess to You and to one another,  
that we have sinned against You  
by what we have done  
and by what we have left undone  
We have not loved You  
with our whole heart and mind and strength.  
We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We have not always had in us the mind of Christ.  
You alone know how often we have grieved You  
by wasting Your gifts, by wandering from Your ways.  
Forgive us, we pray You, most merciful Father;  
and free us from our sin.  
Renew in us the grace and strength of Your Holy Spirit,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ Your Son our Savior. Amen.

### Individual Prayer of Confession (Silent Prayer)

#### Assurance of Pardon

Titus 2:11-14

*[11] For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, [12] training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, [13] waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, [14] who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.*

#### Prayer of Blessing

#### Distribution of the Elements

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

#### Hymn

*“May the Mind of Christ My Savior”*

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,  
by His love and pow’r controlling all I do and say.  
May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,  
so that all may see I triumph only through His pow’r.  
May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,  
that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.  
May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;  
Him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.  
May His beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,  
and may they forget the channel, seeing only Him.

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#### Scriptural Benediction

#### Postlude

Sermon Outline

*"Knowing God"*

1 John 2:3-11

I. Keeping the Commandments (v.3-6)

II. An Old Commandment in a New Age (v.7-8)

III. The Commandment of Love (v.9-11)

1. What is the difference between knowing God and knowing about God?
2. How do these verses help us to think rightly about the place of obedience and love?
3. Read John 13. How do these verses inform us on how to "walk in the same way in which he walked?"
4. How does this passage aid our assurance of eternal life (the theme of this letter)?

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