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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
August 14, 2022

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 families to build community.

*"For the LORD gives wisdom;
from his mouth come knowledge and understanding."
Proverbs 2:6*

Prelude

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Proverbs 2:6 printed above.

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

1 Chronicles 16:9-11

*⁹ Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!
¹⁰ Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!
¹¹ Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!*

Invocation

Hymn

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
and all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and for evermore be Thine.

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Scripture Reading

James 1:2-8

Josh Sanford, Ruling Elder

² Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds,

³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.

⁴ And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.

⁷ For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;

⁸ he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Congregational Prayer

Josh Sanford, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

“Wonderful Words of Life”

Liz Baker, Becca Sanders
and Roanna Wilson

Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life;
let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life;
words of life and beauty, teach me faith and duty:

refrain: Beautiful words, wonderful words,
wonderful words of life.

Christ, the blessed One, gives to all, wonderful words of life;
sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life.
All so freely given, wooing us to heaven:

refrain

Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life,
offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life.
Jesus, only Savior, sanctify for ever:

refrain

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Kurt Smith, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Psalm 19:7-11

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;
the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;
the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;
the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.
By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

Hymn

“Come, Ye Sinners”

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity joined with pow'r:
He is able, He is able, He is willing; doubt no more.

Come, ye needy, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh,
without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all:
not the righteous, not the righteous; sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness He requireth is to feel your need of Him;
this He gives you, this He gives you; 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! th'incarnate God, ascended, pleads the merit of His blood;
venture on Him, venture wholly, let no other trust intrude:
none but Jesus, none but Jesus, can do helpless sinners good.

words by Joseph Hart/music by Matthew Smith/CCLI 209271

Corporate Confession of Sin

Holy Father, forgive us.
Though You should guide us, we inform ourselves.
Though You should rule us, we control ourselves.
Though You should fulfill us, we console ourselves.
For we think Your truth too high, Your will too hard,
Your power to remote, Your love too free.
But they are not! And without them,
we are of all people most miserable.
Heal our confused mind with Your Word,
heal our divided will with Your law,
heal our troubled conscience with Your love,
heal our anxious hearts with Your presence,
all for the sake of Your Son, who loved us and
gave Himself for us. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 2:9-10

⁹ *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.*

¹⁰ *Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

*“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”
(Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord)*

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
yonder on Calvary’s mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

chorus: *Grace, grace, God’s grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
grace, grace, God’s grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!*

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold, threaten the soul with infinite loss;
grace that is greater, yes grace untold, points to the Refuge, the mighty cross.
chorus

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide, what can avail to wash it away?
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide; whiter than snow you may be today.
chorus

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, freely bestowed on all who believe.
You that are longing to see His face, will you this moment His grace receive?
chorus

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- ¹ My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments
with you,*
- ² making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to
understanding;*
- ³ yes, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding,*
- ⁴ if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures,*
- ⁵ then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge
of God.*
- ⁶ For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and
understanding;*
- ⁷ he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who
walk in integrity,*
- ⁸ guarding the paths of justice and watching over the way of his saints.*
- ⁹ Then you will understand righteousness and justice and equity, every
good path;*
- ¹⁰ for wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant
to your soul;*
- ¹¹ discretion will watch over you, understanding will guard you,*
- ¹² delivering you from the way of evil, from men of perverted speech,*
- ¹³ who forsake the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness,*

*14 who rejoice in doing evil and delight in the perverseness of evil,
15 men whose paths are crooked, and who are devious in their ways.
16 So you will be delivered from the forbidden woman, from the adulteress
with her smooth words,
17 who forsakes the companion of her youth and forgets the covenant
of her God;
18 for her house sinks down to death, and her paths to the departed;
19 none who go to her come back, nor do they regain the paths of life.
20 So you will walk in the way of the good and keep to the paths of the
righteous.
21 For the upright will inhabit the land, and those with integrity will remain
in it,
22 but the wicked will be cut off from the land, and the treacherous will
be rooted out of it.*

Sermon

“Wisdom Protects”

Pastor Coyle

Hymn

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy pow'rful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield,
be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“Wisdom Protects”
Proverbs2:1-11

I. The pursuit of wisdom (v. 1-4)

II. The provision of God (v. 5-8)

III. The production of character (v. 9-11)

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