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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
August 21, 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.

*"So you will walk in the way of the good and keep to the paths of the righteous."
Proverbs 2:20*

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on Proverbs 2:20 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 25:8-10

*⁸ Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
⁹ He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.
¹⁰ All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for
those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.*

Invocation

Hymn

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

all: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

men: Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what He ordaineth?

all: Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
if with His love He befriend thee!

women: Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief hath not He brought thee relief,
spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!

all: Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again;
gladly for e'er we adore Him.

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Scripture Reading

Romans 17:17-20

Tom Paulus, Ruling Elder

*¹⁷ I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions
and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been
taught; avoid them.*

*¹⁸ For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites,
and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive.*

¹⁹ For your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, but I want you to be wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil.

²⁰ The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Congregational Prayer

Tom Paulus, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

“Searcher of Hearts”
by Jonathan Martin/music by John Purifoy

Choir

Searcher of hearts, my own waits for You.
Find me and make me Your temple of truth.
I am Your chapel, a home for Your grace.
Cleanse me and show me Your marvelous ways.
Searcher of hearts, please know me I pray.
Fill me with promise and hope for the day.
I am Your vessel, a cup for new wine.
Pour out Your spirit, Your presence divine.
Like a good shepherd, wherever I roamed,
You sought me and brought me and gave me a home.
Searcher of hearts, now I am found!
Your love is unending, Your blessings abound!
Searcher of hearts, my own waits for You.
Find me and make me Your temple of truth.
I am Your vessel, a cup for new wine.
Pour out Your spirit, Your presence divine.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Kurt Smith, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

2 Timothy 3:16-17

¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Hymn

“Jesus, I Come”

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of my sickness into Thy health, out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth’s sorrows into Thy balm, out of life’s storms and into Thy calm,
out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love, out of despair into raptures above,
upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus, I have sinned times without number,
and been guilty of pride and unbelief,
and of neglect to seek You in my daily life.
My sins and shortcomings present me
with a list of accusations,
but I thank You that they will not stand against me,
for all have been laid on Christ.
Deliver me from every evil habit, every interest of former sins,
everything that dims the brightness of Your grace in me,
everything that prevents me taking delight in You. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 1:13-14

¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,

¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

I have a shelter in the storm when troubles pour upon me;
 Though fears are rising like a flood my soul can rest securely.
 O Jesus, I will hide in You my place of peace and solace;
 No trial is deeper than Your love that comforts all my sorrows.

I have a shelter in the storm when all my sins accuse me;
 Though justice charges me with guilt Your grace will not refuse me.
 O Jesus, I will hide in You who bore my condemnation;
 I find my refuge in Your wounds for there I find salvation.

I have a shelter in the storm when constant winds would break me;
 For in my weakness, I have learned Your strength will not forsake me.
 O Jesus, I will hide in You the One who bears my burdens;
 With faithful hands that cannot fail You'll bring me home to heaven.
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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 Delivers”

Pastor Coyle

Hymn

“Abide with Me”

(sheet music pg. 8)

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers, fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile;
and, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee,
on to the close Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence, every passing hour.
What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness.
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“*Wisdom Delivers*”
Proverbs2:12-22

I. Wisdom saves from wicked men (vv. 12-15)

II. Wisdom saves from the wild woman (vv. 16-19)

III. Wisdom saves for the way of life (vv. 20-22)

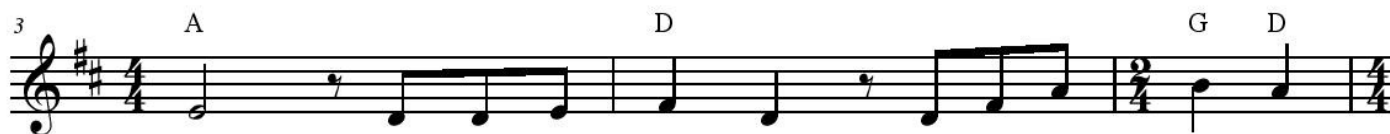
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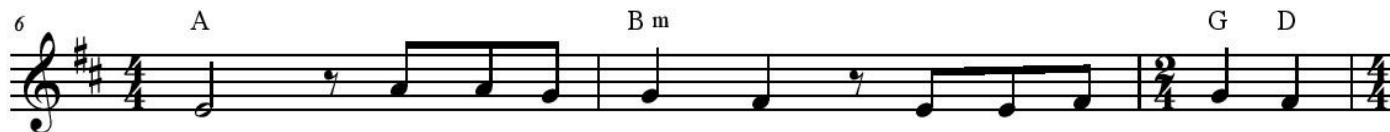
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2. Thou on my head, in ear - ly youth didst
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5. Hold Thou Thy cross, be - fore my clos - ing



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Thee, On to the close Lord, a - bide with me.
be? Through cloud and sun - shine, a - bide with me.
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