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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
August 31, 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.

"I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me."

John 10:14

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on John 10:14 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 23

[1] The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. [2] He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. [3] He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. [4] Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. [5] You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. [6] Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Invocation

Hymn

"Praise Him! Praise Him!"

Praise Him! praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer! Sing, O earth, His wonderful love proclaim!
Hail Him! hail Him! highest archangels in glory; strength and honor give to His holy name!
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children, in His arms He carries them all day long:

refrain: *Praise Him! praise Him! tell of His excellent greatness,
praise Him! praise Him! ever in joyful song!*

Praise Him! praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer! For our sins He suffered and bled and died;
He our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation, hail Him! hail Him! Jesus the crucified.
Sound His praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows, love unbounded, wonderful, deep and strong:

refrain

Praise Him! praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer! Heav'nly portals loud with hosannas ring!
Jesus, Savior, reigneth for ever and ever; crown Him! crown Him! Prophet and Priest and King!
Christ is coming! over the world victorious, power and glory unto the Lord belong:

refrain

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Scripture Reading

Zechariah 13:1-9

Bill Scholl, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

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Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Jonathan Goodwin, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation;
in Him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible.
All things have been created through Him and for Him.
He himself is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.
He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning,
the firstborn from the dead, so that He might come to have first place in everything.
For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through Him God was pleased to reconcile all things,
whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of His cross.
Amen.

Hymn

“Upon a Life I Have Not Lived”

Upon a Life I have not lived, upon a death I did not die,
Another’s life; Another’s death I stake my whole eternity.

Not on the tears which I have shed; not on the sorrows I have known:
Another’s tears; Another’s griefs: on these I rest, on these alone.

chorus: *O Jesus, Son of God, I build on what Thy cross has done for me.
There both my life and death I read, my guilt, my pardon there I see,
there I see.*

Lord, I believe; O deal with me as one who has Thy Word believed!
I take the gift, Lord, look on me as one who has Thy gift received.

chorus
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Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His holy name. Amen.

Individual Prayer of Confession (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 53:6

*All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to
his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

Hymn

“I Will Sing the Wondrous Story”

I will sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me,
how He left the realms of glory for the cross on Calvary.

refrain: Yes, I’ll sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me,
sing it with the saints in glory, gathered by the crystal sea.

I was lost: but Jesus found me, found the sheep that went astray,
raised me up and gently led me back into the narrow way.

refrain

Faint was I, and fears possessed me, bruised was I from many a fall;
hope was gone, and shame distressed me: but His love has pardoned all.

refrain

Days of darkness still may meet me, sorrow's path I oft may tread;
but His presence still is with me, by His guiding hand I'm led.

refrain

He will keep me till the river rolls its waters at my feet:
then He'll bear me safely over, made by grace for glory meet.

refrain

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Sermon

"The Good Shepherd and The Scattered Sheep"

Pastor Reed

Hymn

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care;
in Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

We are Thine; do Thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep Thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! hear, O hear us when we pray;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and pow'r to free:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! let us early turn to Thee;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! let us early turn to Thee.

Early let us seek Thy favor; early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with Thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
"The Good Shepherd and The Scattered Sheep"
Mark 14:26-31

I. Jesus' Prediction.

II. Jesus' Promise.

III. Peter's Problem.

1. How might we forsake and abandon Jesus?
2. How does Jesus' promise as the Good Shepherd to gather His sheep impact how we live?
3. How does our problem of not knowing our inner self effect our relationship with Christ and living the Christian life?

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