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CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
December 11, 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.

The Third Sunday in Advent
Joy

*"Of this man's offspring God has brought to Israel a Savior,
Jesus, as he promised."
Acts 13:23*

Prelude

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Acts 13:23 printed above.

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Isaiah 52:9-10

*⁹ Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem,
for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem.*

*¹⁰ The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.*

Invocation

Opening Hymn

"Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"
(stanzas 1 - 2)

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: let men their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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Today's Advent Readers are Tom and Jan Paulus

Responsive Reading

Reader: Let all who take refuge in God be glad;

Congregation: let them ever sing for joy.

Reader: O God, spread Your protection over them,

**Congregation: that those who love Your name may
rejoice in You.**

Advent Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:4-9

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.

*⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone.
The Lord is at hand;*

⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me - practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Prayer

Hymn

“Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come”
(stanzas 3 - 4)

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love,
and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.

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Scripture Reading

Revelation 19:11-16

Carl Monroe, Ruling Elder

¹¹ Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war.

¹² His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself.

¹³ He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God.

¹⁴ And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses.

¹⁵ From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.

¹⁶ On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

Congregational Prayer

Carl Monroe, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

“Jesus Is Born, Prince of Peace”
by Lloyd Larson

Choir

God sent a Son, the Holy One,
as a baby so small, for one and all.
Shepherds angels in chorus sing;
they kneel and worship the newborn King.
Jesus is born, Prince of Peace.
Jesus is born, Prince of Peace.
Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright.
“Round yon virgin mother and Child,
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.
Jesus is born, Prince of Peace.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Kurt Smith, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Hebrews 9:27-28

²⁷ And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,

²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Hymn

“Life Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!”

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near, the Savior of the world is here.

A Helper just He comes to thee, His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness, His scepter, pity in distress.

O blest the land, the city blest, where Christ the Ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes to whom this King in triumph comes!

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ You have given us a sure hope and future, yet we confess that we have set our hope on other things: money, family, success, pleasure.

Forgive us for breaking Your Law and putting these things ahead of You. By Your Spirit, help us to set our hope fully on Your promises and to lead holy lives as we await Christ’s return. In Jesus name, 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.

Hymn

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!”

(stanzas 4 - 6)

Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart from earthly use for heav'n's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!
Let me Thy inner presence feel; Thy grace and love in me reveal.

So come, my Sovereign, enter in! Let new and nobler life begin!
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on, until the glorious crown be won.

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Scripture

Isaiah 11:1-10

¹ There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

² And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³ And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

⁶ The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them.

⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

- ⁸ *The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.*
- ⁹ *They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.*
- ¹⁰ *In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples - of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.*

Sermon

Pastor Coyle

"The Reign of the Rod of Jesse"

Hymn

"Arise, O God, and Shine"

Arise, O God, and shine in all Thy saving might,
and prosper each design to spread Thy glorious light;
let healing streams of mercy flow
that all the earth Thy truth may know.

Bring distant nations near to sing Thy glorious praise;
let every people hear and learn Thy holy ways.
Reign, mighty God, assert Thy cause,
and govern by Thy righteous laws.

Put forth Thy glorious power, that everyone may see
and earth present her store, in converts born to Thee.
God, our own God, His Church will bless,
and fill the world with righteousness.

To God, the only Wise, the one immortal King,
let hallelujahs rise, from every living thing;
let all that breathe, on every coast,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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Ordination and Installation of Officers

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Closing Hymn

"Doxology"

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“The Reign of the Rod of Jesse”
Isaiah 11:1-10

I. The Rod’s Arrival (v. 1)

II. The Rod’s Attributes (v. 2-3a)

III. The Rod’s Activity (v. 3b-5)

Service of Ordination and Installation

Installation	Session	Mr. Dan Butkowski (class of 2025) Mr. Jim Lewis (class of 2024) Dr. Bob Tramel (class of 2025)
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Installation	Deacon	Dr. David Matlock (class of 2023) Mr. Jeff Rooker (class of 2023)
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Installation & Ordination	Deacon	Mr. David Beurman (class of 2024) Mr. Peter Bogaards (class of 2025) Dr. Jonathan Goodwin (class of 2025) Mr. Jason Guenther (class of 2025)
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The warrant and nature of the Office of Elder and Deacon Rev. Derek Coyle

Constitutional Questions to the Candidates Rev. Tim Reed

- (1) Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
- (2) Do you sincerely receive and adopt the *Confession of Faith* and the *Catechisms* of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
- (3) Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
- (4) Do you accept the office of elder or deacon in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?
- (5) Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
- (6) Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity, and edification of the Church?
(Book of Church Order, 24-5)

Constitutional Question to the Congregation Rev. Tim Reed

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive these brothers as elders and deacons, and do you promise to yield them all that honor, encouragement and obedience in the Lord to which his office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles him?
(Book of Church Order, 24-5)

Ordination of Deacons

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

Charge to the Officers Ruling Elder Josh Sanford

Charge to the Congregation Ruling Elder Carl Monroe

The Right Hand of Fellowship by the Session

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Mr. Bill Scholl

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Mr. Carl Monroe
Mr. Jason Van Goor

Class of 2024
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Dr. Brandon Walser

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Rev. Derek W. Coyle, Associate Pastor

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Mr. David Beuerman, Violinist
Mr. Jake Hilburn, Guitarist

Mrs. Becca Sanders, Vocalist
Mr. Mike Walsh, Pianist
Mrs. Roanna Wilson, Vocalist

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