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CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
December 29, 2024

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.

*But Peter and the apostles answered,
"We must obey God rather than men."
Acts 5:29*

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on Acts 5:29 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Jeremiah 29:11-13

*[11] For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for
welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. [12] Then you
will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. [13] You
will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.*

Invocation

Hymn

"Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah"

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glor'ous praises, of my God thru all my days.
Put no confidence in princes, nor for help on man depend;
He shall die, to dust returning, and his purposes shall end.

Happy is the man that chooses Israel's God to be his aid;
He is blest whose hope of blessing on the Lord his God has stayed.
Heav'n and earth the Lord created, seas and all that they contain;
He delivers from oppression, righteousness He will maintain.

Food He daily gives the hungry, sets the mourning pris'ner free,
Raises those bowed down with anguish, makes the sightless eyes to see.
Well Jehovah loves the righteous, and the stranger He befriends,
Helps the fatherless and widow, judgment on the wicked sends.

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glor'ous praises of my God thru all my days.
Over all God reigns forever, thru all ages He is King;
Unto Him, thy God, O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing.

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Scripture Reading

Daniel 4:28-37

Josh Sanford, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

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Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

"Glory Shone Around"

Choir

While Shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around.

"Fear not," said he for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind,
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind."

Gloria, Sing Gloria

To you in David's town this day is born, of David's line,
the savior, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be a sign:
The heavenly child you there shall find to human view displayed
all warmly dressed in swaddling clothes, and in a manger laid.

Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo

Gloria, sing Gloria, Gloria.

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Corporate Profession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith Larger Catechism Question 7

What is God?

God is a Spirit¹, in and of himself infinite in being, glory, blessedness, and perfection; all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, everywhere present, almighty, knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.

Hymn

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, Holy, Holy, Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy, all the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy, though the darkness hide Thee,
though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!
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Corporate Confession of Sin

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being,
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:
cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud
thoughts and vain desires,
that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to You,
confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You
our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ Your Son. Amen.

Individual Prayer of Confession (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 3:18

[18] For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

Hymn

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Come, Thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

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Scripture Reading

Mark 12:13-17

Sermon

"Our Ultimate Authority"

Pastor Reed

Hymn

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee,
swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee,
filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose,
ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne,
it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure-store.
Take my self, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee,
ever, only, all for Thee.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
"Our Ultimate Authority"
Mark 12:13-17

I. The Authority of Caesar.

II. The Authority of God.

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