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CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
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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 Second Sunday in Advent
Peace*

*“For the LORD is our judge; the LORD is our lawgiver;
the LORD is our king; he will save us.”
Isaiah 33:22*

Prelude **During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Isaiah 33:22 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship Exodus 15:11

*Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you,
majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?*

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in
Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us
our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the
Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Hymn

*“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”
(stanzas 1-2)*

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
Dear desire of ev'ry nation, Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see Thee, Dayspring from on high, appear;
come, Thou promised Rod of Jesse, of Thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth;
“Go to Him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth.”

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Today's Advent Readers are Jake and Kara Hilburn
and Ruth, Lois, Silas, and Abel

Responsive Reading

Reader: Great peace have they who love your law,
Congregation: nothing can make them stumble.
Reader: Those who walk uprightly enter into peace;
Congregation: they find rest as they lie in death.

Advent Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

*² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.*

*³ You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.*

*⁴ For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.*

*⁵ For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every
garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.*

*⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government
shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful
Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

*⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to
uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and
forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.*

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Prayer

Hymn

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”
(stanzas 3 & 4)

Come to earth to taste our sadness, He whose glories knew no end;
by His life He brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;
this the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

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Scripture Reading

Galatians 4:4-7

Jason Van Goor, Ruling Elder

*⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent
forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law,*

5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Congregational Prayer

Jason Van Goor, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

"Holy Night, Silent Night"
by Ruth Elaine Schram

Choir

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining;
it is the night of our dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
till He appeared, and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope; the weary world rejoices,
for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine; O night when Christ was born.
O night, O holy night, O night divine.
Silent night, holy night. all is calm, all is bright;
round yon virgin mother and Child,
holy Infant so tender and mild!
Precious Baby, sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born;
O night, O holy night, O holy night.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Bob Davis, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Romans 10:9

“because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

Hymn

“Gloria Patri”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.

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Scripture

Exodus 19:16-20

¹⁶ On the morning of the third day there were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud on the mountain and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp trembled.

¹⁷ Then Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they took their stand at the foot of the mountain.

¹⁸ Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because the LORD had descended on it in fire. The smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain trembled greatly.

¹⁹ And as the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him in thunder.

²⁰ The LORD came down on Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain. And the LORD called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

Sermon

“The Powerful Presence of the Lord of Might”

Pastor Reed

Hymn

“The Mighty God, the Lord”

The mighty God, the Lord, hath spoken unto all;
from rising to the setting sun, He unto earth doth call.
From Zion, His own hill, where perfect beauty dwells,
Jehovah hath His glory shown, in brightness that excels.

Our God shall surely come, and silence shall not keep;
before Him fire shall waste, and storms tempestuous round Him sweep.
He to the heav'ns above shall then send forth His call,
and likewise to the earth, that He may judge His people all.

"Together let My saints unto Me gathered be,
those that by sacrifice have made a covenant with Me."
Then shall the heav'ns declare His righteousness abroad;
because the Lord Himself is judge, yea, none is judge, but God.

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Invitation to The Lord's Supper

Corporate Confession of Sin

O God, You have shown us the way of life
through Your Son, Jesus Christ.
We confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him,
our failure to follow Him, and our reluctance to bear the cross.
Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.
We confess the poverty of our worship,
our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace,
our hesitating witness for Christ,
our evasion of responsibilities in our service,
our imperfect stewardship of Your gifts.
Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 1:7-8

7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, 8 which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight.

Prayer of Blessing

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Hymn

“Good Christian Men, Rejoice”

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart, and soul, and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
earth and heav'n before Him bow, and He is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!!

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart, and soul, and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door, and man is blessed evermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart, and soul, and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain His everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“The Presence of the Lord of Might”
Exodus 19:16-20

I. The Lord of Might’s Presence at Sinai

II. The Lord of Might’s Presence at Bethlehem

III. The Lord of Might’s Presence at the End of the Age

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