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CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
December 5, 2021

Covenant's Mission Statement
Covenant seeks to glorify God by
Establishing Disciples biblically,
Engaging Culture redemptively,
Expanding Christ's Church faithfully.

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*

“But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds, we are healed.” Isaiah 53:5

Prelude **During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Isaiah 53:5 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Receiving Communicant Members Schaeffer Kinzler, Lucy Sanford,
and Trinity Van Goor

Hymn

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”
(1st stanza)

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

refrain: *Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."*

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Today's Readers are Andrew and Carrie Gilzean
with Georgiana, Jane, Kate, and Charlotte

Responsive Reading

Reader:	Great peace have they who love Your law,
Congregation:	and 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 Candles

Prayer

Hymn

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”
(stanzas 2 and 3)

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

refrain: *Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."*

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.

refrain

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Scripture Reading

1 Peter 1:10-12

J. C. Baker, Ruling Elder

¹⁰ Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully,

¹¹ inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories.

¹² It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

Congregational Prayer

J. C. Baker, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

David Matlock, Deacon

Hymn

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
(stanzas 1 and 2)

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

refrain: *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel*
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, Who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe.

refrain

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Merciful Lord, pardon all our sins,
known and unknown,
felt and unfelt,
confessed and not confessed,
remembered or forgotten.
Good Lord, hear; and hearing, forgive.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 2:24

*²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die
to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.*

Hymn

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
(stanzas 3-5)

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell Thy people save, and give them victory o'er the grave.

refrain: *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel*
shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Dayspring from on high and cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.

refrain

O come, Thou Key of David, come and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.

refrain

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- ¹³ Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted.*
- ¹⁴ As many were astonished at you— his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—*
- ¹⁵ so shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.*
- ^{53:1} Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?*
- ² For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.*
- ³ He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.*
- ⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.*
- ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.*
- 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.*
- ⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.*
- ⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?*
- ⁹ And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.*
- ¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.*
- ¹¹ Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.*
- ¹² Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.*

“The Suffering of the Lamb Foretold”

Hymn

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

O sacred Head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down;
now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, Thine only crown;
O sacred Head, what glory,
what bliss till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call Thee mine.

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered
was all for sinners' gain:
mine, mine was the transgression,
but Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
'Tis I deserve Thy place;
look on me with Thy favor,
vouchsafe to me Thy grace.

What language shall I borrow
to thank Thee, dearest Friend,
for this Thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever;
and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
outlive my love to Thee.

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The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Invitation to The Lord's Supper

Prayer of Blessing

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Hymn

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

refrain: *Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born.*

While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light.

refrain

The shepherds feared and trembled,
when, lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed the Savior's birth.

refrain

Down in a lowly manger
our humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn.

refrain

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“The Suffering of the Lamb Foretold”
Isaiah 52:13-53:12

I. The Lamb's Humiliation (53:1-3; 7-9)

II. The Lamb's Substitution (53:4-6)

III. The Lamb's Exaltation (52:13-15; 53:10-12)

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