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CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
December 8, 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.

*The Second Sunday in Advent
Peace*

*“But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth
in which righteousness dwells.” 2 Peter 3:13*

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on 2 Peter 3:13 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Isaiah 52:7-10

[7] How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.” [8] The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. [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

Hymn

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

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."*

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

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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Today's Advent Readers are G and Anna Allen

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 Candle

Prayer

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 Reading

Luke 1:67-79

Jim Lewis , Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

Jim Lewis, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

"Jesus Is Born Prince of Peace"

Choir

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

David Matlock, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 2

What do we pray for in the second petition?

In the second petition, which is Thy Kingdom come, we pray that Satan's kingdom may be destroyed; and that the kingdom of grace may be advanced, ourselves and others brought into it, and kept in it; and that the kingdom of glory may be hastened.

Hymn

"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
comfort those who sit in darkness, mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;
tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.

Yea, her sins our God will pardon, blotting out each dark misdeed;
all that well deserved His anger He no more will see or heed.
She hath suffered many a day now her griefs have passed away;
God will change her pining sadness into ever-springing gladness.

For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near,
bidding all men to repentance, since the kingdom now is here.

O that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;
let the valleys rise to meet Him, and the hills bow down to greet Him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain;
let your hearts be true and humble, as befits His holy reign.

For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad;
and all flesh shall see the token, that His word is never broken.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

O promised Christ: we are a world at war. Our peace depends on Your coming.
We are a sinful people. Our pardon depends on Your coming.
We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises;
our only hope of doing God's will is that You should come and help us do it.
Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for Your peace, for Your pardon,
and for Your grace. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Individual Prayer of Confession (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 1:19-22

*[19] For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
[20] and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.
[21] And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,
[22] he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death,
in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him.*

Hymn

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.

refrain: *Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

Jesus, the Saviour reigns, the God of truth and love;
when He had purged our stains, He took His seat above.

refrain

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n.

refrain

He sits at God's right hand till all His foes submit,
and bow to His command, and fall beneath His feet.

refrain

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
and take His servants up to their eternal home.

refrain

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Scripture Reading

Psalm 72

Sermon

“When the Prince of Peace Is King”

Pastor Coyle

Hymn

“Christ Shall Have Dominion”

(stanzas 1-3)

Christ shall have dominion over land and sea,
earth's remotest regions shall His empire be;
they that wilds inhabit shall their worship bring,
kings shall render tribute, nations serve our King.

refrain: *Christ shall have dominion over land and sea,
earth's remotest regions shall His empire be.*

When the needy seek Him, He will mercy show;
yea, the weak and helpless shall His pity know;
He will surely save them from oppression's might,
for their lives are precious in His holy sight.

refrain

Ever and forever shall His Name endure,
long as suns continue it shall stand secure;
and in Him for ever all men shall be blest,
and all nations hail Him King of kings confessed.

refrain

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Ordination and Installation of Officers

Hymn

“Christ Shall Have Dominion”

(stanza 4)

Unto God Almighty joyful Zion sings;
He alone is glorious, doing wondrous things.
Evermore, ye people, bless His glorious name,
His eternal glory through the earth proclaim.

refrain: *Christ shall have dominion over land and sea,
earth's remotest regions shall His empire be.*

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
"When the Prince of Peace Is King"
Psalm 72

I. His Rule Will Be Righteous (v.1-4; 12-14)

II. His Rule Will Be Eternal (v.5-7; 15-17)

III. His Rule Will Be Universal (v.8-10; 18-20)

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