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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*  
February 1, 2026

**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.

*“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.”*  
Hebrews 10:23

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship  
by reflecting on Hebrews 10:23 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

2 Chronicles 20:6

*[6] and said, “O LORD, God of our fathers, are you not God in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. In your hand are power and might, so that none is able to withstand you.*

Invocation

Hymn

*“Before Jehovah’s Awesome Throne”*

Before Jehovah's awesome throne, all nations, bow with sacred joy;  
know that the Lord is God alone, He can create, and He destroy -  
He can create, and He destroy.

His sovereign pow'r without our aid, made us of dust and formed us men;  
and when like wand'ring sheep we strayed, He brought us to His fold again -  
He brought us to His fold again.

We are His people, we His care, our souls and all our mortal frame:  
what lasting honors shall we rear, almighty Maker, to Your name? -  
almighty Maker, to Your name?

We'll crowd Your gates with thankful songs, high as the heav'ns our voices raise;  
and earth, with her ten thousand tongues, shall fill Your courts with sounding praise -  
shall fill Your courts with sounding praise.

Wide as the world is Your command, vast as eternity Your love;  
firm as a rock Your truth must stand, when rolling years shall cease to move -  
when rolling years shall cease to move.

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Scripture Reading

Hebrews 10:19-23

Jim Lewis, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

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Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Mike Lieblich, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell<sup>1</sup>. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic<sup>2</sup> church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

<sup>1</sup> that is he remained under the power of death until the third day (WCFLC #50); <sup>2</sup> “catholic” means universal

Hymn

*“More Love to Thee, O Christ”*

More love to Thee, O Christ, more love to Thee!  
Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee;  
this is my earnest plea,

**refrain:** *more love, O Christ, to Thee,  
more love to Thee, more love to Thee!*

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;  
now Thee alone I seek; give what is best:  
this all my prayer shall be,  
**refrain**

Let sorrow do its work, send grief and pain;  
sweet are Thy messengers, sweet their refrain,  
when they can sing with me,  
**refrain**

Then shall my latest breath whisper Thy praise;  
this be the parting cry my heart shall raise,  
this still its prayer shall be,  
**refrain**  
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Corporate Confession of Sin

Holy Father, forgive us. Though You should guide us, we inform ourselves. Though You should rule us, we control ourselves. Though You should fulfill us, we console ourselves. For we think Your truth too high, Your will too hard, Your power too remote, Your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are of all people most miserable. Heal our confused mind with Your word, heal our divided will with Your law, heal our troubled conscience with Your love, heal our anxious hearts with Your presence, all for the sake of Your Son, who loved us and gave Himself for us. Amen.

Individual Prayer of Confession (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 2:9-10

*[9] But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. [10] Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

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

2 Chronicles 36:1-21

Sermon

*“The Historical Context of Ezra”*

Pastor Reed

Hymn

*“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
there is no shadow of turning with Thee:  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
as Thou hast been Thou for ever wilt be.

**refrain:** *Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided -  
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

**refrain**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

**refrain**

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline  
*“The Historical Context of Ezra”*  
2 Chronicles 36:1-21

I. A Perspective on the Book of Ezra.

II. The Punishment of a Rebellious People.

III. The Promise of a Faithful God.

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