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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
February 13, 2022

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.

*“Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.”*

Psalm 2:12

Prelude

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Psalm 2:12 printed above.

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

1 Peter 2:3-5

3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

*4 As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men
but in the sight of God chosen and precious,*

*5 you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a
spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual
sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*

Invocation

Hymn

“Father, Long Before Creation”

Father, long before creation Thou hadst chosen us in love,
And that love so deep, so moving, draws us close to Christ above.
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us firmly fixed in Christ alone.

Though the world may change its fashion, yet our God is e'er the same;
His compassion and His covenant through all ages will remain.
God's own children, God's own children must forever praise His name.

God's compassion is my story, is my boasting all the day;
Mercy free and never failing moves my will, directs my way.
God so loved us, God so loved us that His only Son He gave.

Loving Father now before Thee we will ever praise Thy love,
And our songs will sound unceasing 'til we reach our home above,
Giving glory, giving glory to our God and to the Lamb;
Giving glory, giving glory to our God and to the Lamb.

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- 1 Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?*
- 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,*
- 3 “Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.”*
- 4 He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.*
- 5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,*
- 6 “As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.”*
- 7 I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.*
- 8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.*
- 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”*
- 10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.*
- 11 Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.*
- 12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.*

Congregational Prayer

Bruce Hurlbut, Ruling Elder

Corporate Profession of Faith

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation; in Him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible.

All things have been created through Him and for Him. He himself is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He might come to have first place in everything.

For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of His cross. Amen.

“Assurance”
by J. S. Bach/arr. by John Ness Beck

Choir

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

This is my story, this is my song. Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

This is my story, this is my song. Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Tom Fox, Deacon

Hymn

“I Have a Shelter”

I have a shelter in the storm when troubles pour upon me;
Though fears are rising like a flood my soul can rest securely.
O Jesus, I will hide in You my place of peace and solace;
No trial is deeper than Your love that comforts all my sorrows.

I have a shelter in the storm when all my sins accuse me;
Though justice charges me with guilt Your grace will not refuse me.
O Jesus, I will hide in You who bore my condemnation;
I find my refuge in Your wounds for there I find salvation.

I have a shelter in the storm when constant winds would break me;
For in my weakness, I have learned Your strength will not forsake me.
O Jesus, I will hide in You the One who bears my burdens;
With faithful hands that cannot fail You'll bring me home to heaven.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

O Father, we are gathered before You, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved You with all our heart and soul, we have not loved You with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves.

In Your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred. But, please Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With You, O Lord, there is forgiveness. In Your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love You with a holy love. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8:1, 37-39

¹ There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hymn

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast unmeasured, boundless, free,
rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me,
underneath me, all around me is the current of Your love,
leading onward, leading homeward to Your glorious rest above.
Oh the deep, deep love, all I need and trust
is the deep, deep love of Jesus.

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, spread His praise from shore to shore,
how He came to pay our ransom through the saving cross He bore;
how He watches o’er His loved ones, those He died to make His own,
how for them He’s interceding, pleading now before the throne.
Oh the deep, deep love, all I need and trust
is the deep, deep love of Jesus.

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, far surpassing all the rest,
it’s an ocean full of blessing in the midst of every test.
Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, mighty Savior, precious Friend,
You will bring us home to glory, where Your love will never end.
Oh the deep, deep love, all I need and trust
is the deep, deep love, of Jesus.

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Scripture

Hebrews 1:5-14

⁵ For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”? Or again, “I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son”?

⁶ And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God’s angels worship him.”

⁷ Of the angels he says, “He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire.”

⁸ But of the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.

⁹ You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.”

¹⁰ And, “You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands;

¹¹ they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment,

¹² like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end.”

¹³ And to which of the angels has he ever said, “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet”?

¹⁴ Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

Sermon

“Hebrews, Hold Fast in Christ: Jesus, Superior to Angels”

Pastor Reed

Hymn

“Jesus Shall Reign”

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does His successive journeys run;
His kingdom spread from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

For Him shall endless prayer be made and praises throng to crown His head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of ev'ry tongue dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on His name.

Blessing abound where're He reigns the pris'ner leaps to lose his chains
The weary find eternal rest and all the sons of want are blessed.

Where He displays His healing power death and the curse are known no more
In Him the tribes of Adam boast more blessings than their father lost.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring his grateful honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud “Amen!”

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

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