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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*  
February 9, 2025

**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.

*“Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.” Malachi 3:10*

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship  
by reflecting on Malachi 3:10 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Proverbs 3:5-10

*[5] Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. [6] In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. [7] Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil. [8] It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones. [9] Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; [10] then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.*

Invocation

Hymn

*“Thee We Adore, Eternal Lord!”*

Thee we adore, eternal Lord! We praise Thy name with one accord.  
Thy saints, who here Thy goodness see, through all the world do worship Thee,  
through all the world do worship Thee.

To Thee aloud all angels cry, the heav'ns and all the pow'rs on high:  
Thee, holy, holy, holy King, Lord God of Hosts, they ever sing,  
Lord God of Hosts, they ever sing.

Apostles join the glorious throng, and prophets swell th'immortal song;  
Thy martyrs' noble army raise eternal anthems to Thy praise,  
eternal anthems to Thy praise.

From day to day, O Lord, do we exalt and highly honor Thee!  
Thy name we worship and adore, world without end, forevermore,  
world without end, forevermore.

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The Sacrament of Baptism

Mirabelle Sinclair Allison  
Covenant child of Micah and Jessica Allison

Hymn

*“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”*

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word;  
just to rest upon His promise; just to know, “Thus saith the Lord.”

**refrain:** *Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!*

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust His cleansing blood;  
just in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood!

**refrain**

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;  
just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.

**refrain**

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;  
and I know that Thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.

**refrain**

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Scripture Reading

Malachi 3:6-15

William Fennell, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

William Fennell, Ruling Elder

*“Shine on Us”*

Choir

Lord, let Your light, light of Your face shine on us that we may be saved,  
that we may have life, to find our way in the darkest night,  
let Your light shine on us.

Lord let Your grace, grace from Your hand fall on us, that we may be saved,  
that we may have life, to find our way in the darkest night,  
Let Your grace fall on us.

Lord, let Your love, love with no end come over us that we may be saved,  
that we may have life to find our way in the darkest night,  
Let Your love come over us, let Your light shine on us.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Bob Davis, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Colossians 1:15-20

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.

Hymn

*“Nothing but the Blood”*

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
what can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

**refrain:** *Oh! precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;  
no other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my cleansing, this I see - nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
for my pardon this my plea - nothing but the blood of Jesus.

**refrain**

Nothing can for sin atone - nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
naught of good that I have done - nothing but the blood of Jesus.

**refrain**

This is all my hope and peace - nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
this is all my righteousness - nothing but the blood of Jesus.

**refrain**

Now by this I'll overcome - nothing but the blood of Jesus,  
now by this I'll reach my home - nothing but the blood of Jesus.

**refrain**

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, we thank You for Your gracious promise of eternal life through Christ.  
We confess that we have stored up treasures on earth, rather than in heaven;  
we have not fixed our eyes on Your coming kingdom;  
we have sought to serve other 'gods' alongside You like money, pleasure, security and control.  
Please forgive us and cleanse us through the Lord Jesus Christ.  
By Your Spirit, renew our hearts to seek You and Your kingdom first. In Jesus name, Amen.

Individual Prayer of Confession (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 130:7-8

*[7] O Israel, hope in the LORD!  
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with him is plentiful redemption.  
[8] And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.*

Hymn

*“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God:  
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down:  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

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Scripture Reading

Mark 12:41-44

Sermon

*“The Heart of Joyful Giving”*

Pastor Reed

Hymn

*“We Give Thee but Thine Own”*

We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be:  
all that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,  
and gladly, as Thou blessest us, to Thee our first-fruits give.

Our hearts are bruised and dead, and homes are bare and cold,  
and lambs for whom the Shepherd bled are straying from the fold.

And we believe Thy Word, though dim our faith may be,  
whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord, we do it unto Thee.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline  
*"The Heart of Joyful Giving"*  
Mark 12:41-44

I. Jesus' Observations of Givers.

II. Jesus' Lessons on Giving.

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