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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
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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 families to build community.

“For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”
Hebrews 4:12

Prelude

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Hebrews 4:12 printed above.

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 33:1-6

¹ Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

² Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!

³ Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

⁴ For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

⁵ He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

⁶ By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Hymn

“Forever Settled in the Heavens”

Forever settled in the heavens Thy Word, O Lord, shall firmly stand;
Thy faithfulness shall never fail; the earth abides at thy command.

Thy word and works unmoved remain, Thine every purpose to fulfil;
All things are thine and thee obey, and all as servants wait thy will.

I should have perished in my woe had not I loved thy law divine;
That law I never can forget; O save me, Lord, for I am thine.

The wicked would destroy my soul, but in thy truth is refuge sure;
Exceeding broad is thy command, and in perfection shall endure.

4 Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

5 “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

6 Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.”

7 But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak.

8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD.”

9 Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me, “Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.

10 See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

Congregational Prayer

Dan Butkowski, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

“Sing for Joy This Festive Day”
by Sally K. Albrecht

Choir

Sing for joy this festive day. Let the world rejoice and say:
Hallelujah, hallelu, Hallelujah, hallelu,
Hallelujah, hallelu. Sing for joy this day.
Sing for joy, our voices raise. Come and sing a song of praise.
Hallelujah, hallelu, Hallelujah, hallelu,
Hallelujah, hallelu. Sing for joy this day.

Hallelujah, hallelu, Hallelujah, hallelu,
Hallelujah, hallelu. Hear the angels singing.
Hallelujah, hallelu, Hallelujah, hallelu,
Hallelujah, hallelu. Hear the angels singing.

People of the world rejoice. Come together with one voice.
Hallelujah, hallelu, Hallelujah, hallelu,
Hallelujah, hallelu. Sing for joy this day

Hallelujah, hallelujah.
Sing for joy this festive day!
Hallelujah!!

Corporate Confession of Faith

Psalm 19:7-11

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;
the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;
the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;
the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.
By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

Hymn

“O Great God”

O great God of highest heav'n occupy my lowly heart.
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow'r.
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war.
You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,
did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me
through the Gospel of Your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace.
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed.
O great God of highest heav'n, glorify Your Name through me.
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Scripture

1 Thessalonians 2:13

And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

Sermon

“The Bible as Foundation”

Pastor Jeffrey Visser

Hymn

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King,
Who hath washed us in the tide flowing from His pierced side;
praise we Him whose love divine gives His sacred blood for wine,
gives His body for the feast, Christ the Victim, Christ the Priest.

Where the paschal blood is poured, death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal Victim, Paschal Bread;
with sincerity and love eat we manna from above.

Mighty Victim from the sky, pow'rs of hell beneath Thee lie;
death is conquered in the fight, Thou hast brought us life and light:
hymns of glory and of praise, Risen Lord, to Thee we raise;
Holy Father, praise to Thee, with the Spirit, ever be.

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Invitation to the Lord’s Supper

Corporate Confession of Sin

Dear Father, we are thankful for Your great mercy.
Forgive our frivolous attitude toward life,
our callousness toward suffering,
our envy of those who have more than we have,
our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure,
our indifference to the treasures of heaven,
our neglect of Your wise and gracious law.
Help us change our way of life so that we may desire what
is good, love what You love, and do what You command.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

Prayer of Blessing

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn

“Trust and Obey”

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way! While we do His good will,
He abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.

***refrain:** Trust and obey, for there’s no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,
but His smile quickly drives it away; not a doubt or a fear,
not a sigh nor a tear, can abide while we trust and obey.

refrain

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
but our toil He doth richly repay; not a grief nor a loss,
not a frown or a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey.

refrain

But we never can prove the delights of His love
until all on the altar we lay; for the favor He shows,
and the joy He bestows, are for them who will trust and obey.

refrain

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet,
or we’ll walk by His side in the way; what He says we will do,
where He sends we will go, never fear, only trust and obey.

refrain

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“The Bible as Foundation”
1 Thessalonians 2:13

I. To Accredite Scripture

II. To Accept Scripture

III. To Apply Scripture

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