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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*  
January 11, 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.

*“And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, ‘I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.’”*

Acts 13:22

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Acts 13:22 printed above.**

Call to Worship

Psalm 147:1-6

*[1] Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting. [2] The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. [3] He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds. [4] He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. [5] Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. [6] The LORD lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground.*

Invocation

Hymn

*“O Worship the King”*

O worship the King all glorious above, O gratefully sing His power and His love;  
our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, Your pow’r has founded of old;  
has ‘stablished it fast by a changeless decree, and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain; and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in You do we trust, nor find You to fail;  
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love! While angels delight to hymn You above,  
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays, with true adoration shall lisp to Your praise.

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Scripture Reading

Acts 13:13-25

Carl Monroe, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

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Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Zachary Wagers, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Hebrews 1:1-3

[1] Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,

[2] but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

[3] He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

Hymn

*“Fairest Lord Jesus”*

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and for evermore be Thine.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus Christ, Sin is my malady, my monster, my foe, my viper, born in my birth, alive in my life, strong in my character, dominating my faculties, following me as a shadow, intermingling with my every thought, my chain that holds me captive. Yet Your compassions yearn over me, Your heart hastens to my rescue, Your love endured my curse, Your mercy bore my justice. Let me walk in humility, bathed in Your blood, tender of conscience, living in triumph as an heir of salvation through Your blessed 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

*“My Worth Is Not in What I Own”*

My worth is not in what I own;  
not in the strength of flesh and bone.  
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross.  
My worth is not in skill or name;  
in win or lose, in pride or shame.  
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.

**refrain:** *I rejoice in my Redeemer, Greatest Treasure  
Wellspring of my soul.  
I will trust in Him, no other;  
my soul is satisfied in Him alone.*

As summer flowers we fade and die:  
fame, youth and beauty hurry by.  
But life eternal calls to us at the cross.  
I will not boast in wealth or might,  
or human wisdom's fleeting light.  
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross.

**refrain**

Two wonders here that I confess;  
my worth and my unworthiness.  
My value fixed – my ransom paid at the cross.

**refrain**

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Scripture

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Sermon

*“A Better King is Given”*

Pastor Coyle

Hymn

*“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”*

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care;  
in Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;  
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

We are Thine; do Thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way;  
keep Thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! hear, O hear us when we pray;  
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;  
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and pow'r to free:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! let us early turn to Thee;  
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! let us early turn to Thee.

Early let us seek Thy favor; early let us do Thy will;  
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with Thy love our bosoms fill:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still;  
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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline  
*“A Better King is Given”*  
1 Samuel 16:1-13

I. The Sovereign God (v.1, 3, 7, 12)

II. A Struggling Prophet (v.1-3; 6-10)

III. A Scared People (v.4-5)

IV. A Shepherd King (v.11-13)

1. How does the sovereign plan of God continue to provide comfort and correction to His struggling and scared people?
2. How does God's provision for a Shepherd King over His people lead you to worship and awe?
3. Read John 1:19-43. What similarities are there between the anointing of David and Christ?

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