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CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
January 18, 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.

*“For you formed my inward parts;
you knitted me together in my mother’s womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.”*
Psalm 139:13-14

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on Psalm 39:13-14 printed above.**

Prelude

Deeper Still Ministry Update

Susanne Lewis

Call to Worship

Psalm 8

[1] O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. [2] Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger. [3] When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, [4] what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? [5] Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. [6] You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, [7] all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field [8] the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. [9] O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Invocation

Hymn

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great Name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

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Scripture Reading

Acts 17:22-31

Richard Long, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

Richard Long, Ruling Elder 2

Majesty, worship His Majesty. Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority, flow from His throne unto His own, His anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus; Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King.
Majesty worship His majesty. Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all Kings
He is Lord, He is Lord; He is risen from the dead and He is Lord.
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty! God in Three Persons, blesses Trinity.
Jesus Who died, now glorified, King of all Kings!

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Andrew Kinzler, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

- [28] And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good,
for those who are called according to his purpose.
[29] For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the
image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.
[30] And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called
he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Hymn

“This Is My Father’s World”

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears,
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav'n be one.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, You who shaped out of nothing all that is,
forgive us for returning empty-handed.
You who called forth light, forgive our preference for the dark!
You who sent John to be a voice crying,
forgive our unwillingness to say anything at all!
Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Individual Prayer of Confession (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 32:1-2

- [1] *Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.*
[2] *Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.*

Hymn

“Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death”

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.
Who holds our days within His hand? What comes apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

chorus: *O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

chorus

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,
and we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore.

chorus (2 times)

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Scripture

Psalm 139:1-1

Sermon

“The Sanctity of the Life of the Unborn”

Pastor Reed

Hymn

“God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory”

God, all nature sings Thy glory, and Thy works proclaim Thy might;
ordered vastness in the heavens, ordered course of day and night;
beauty in the changing seasons, beauty in the storming sea;
all the changing moods of nature praise the changeless Trinity.

Clearer still we see Thy hand in man whom Thou hast made for Thee;
Ruler of creation's glory, image of Thy majesty.
Music, art, the fruitful garden, all the labor of his days,
are the calling of his Maker to the harvest feast of praise.

But our sins have spoiled Thine image; nature, conscience only serve
as unceasing, grim reminders of the wrath which we deserve.
Yet Thy grace and saving mercy in Thy Word of truth revealed
claim the praise of all who know Thee, in the blood of Jesus sealed.

God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises Thee;
we, Thy creatures, would adore Thee now and through eternity.
Saved to magnify Thy goodness, grant us strength to do Thy will;
with our acts as with our voices Thy commandments to fulfill.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

2:00 pm March for Life

5:00 pm Evening Prayer and Communion Service

Sermon Outline
“The Sanctity of the Life of the Unborn”
Psalm 139:1-18

I. The Need for Focusing on the Sanctity of the Life of the Unborn.

II. The Reasons for Taking a Stand for the Sanctity of the Life of the Unborn.

III. The Ways We May Stand for the Sanctity of the Life of the Unborn.

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