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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
January 19, 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.

*“To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.”
Ephesians 4:12*

Prelude

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

Life of the Church

Caring Hearts Ministry Update

John Vance

Call to Worship

Ephesians 3:10-12

[10] so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. [11] This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, [12] in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

Invocation

Hymn

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God;
will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the Word?
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down;
brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Brethren, see poor sinners round you slumb’ring on the brink of woe;
death is coming, hell is moving - can you bear to let them go?
See our fathers and our mothers, and our children sinking down;
brethren, pray and holy manna will be showered all around.

Sisters, will you join and help us? Moses’ sister aided him:
will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?
Tell them all about the Savior – tell them that he will be found;
sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely; let us love each other, too;
let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new.
Then He’ll call us home to heaven, at His table we’ll sit down;
Christ will gird Himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.

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Scripture Reading

Proverbs 13:1-20

Carl Monroe, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

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Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

“Searcher of Hearts”

Choir

Searcher of hearts, my own waits for You. Find me and make me Your temple of truth.
I am Your chapel, a home for Your grace. Cleanse me and show me Your marvelous ways.

Searcher of hearts please know me I pray. Fill me with promise and hope for the day.
I am Your vessel a cup for new wine. Pour out Your spirit, Your presence divine.

Like a good shepherd, wherever I roamed, You sought me and brought me and gave me a home.
Searcher of hearts, now I am found! Your love is unending, Your blessings abound!

Searcher of hearts, my own waits for You. Find me and make me Your temple of truth.
I am Your vessel a cup for new wine. Pour out Your spirit, Your presence divine.

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Corporate Profession of Faith Westminster Confession of Faith Chapter 26.1

All saints that are united to Jesus Christ their head, by his Spirit and by faith,
have fellowship with him in his graces, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory:
and being united to one another in love,
they have communion in each other's gifts and graces,
and are obliged to the performance of such duties, public and private,
as do conduce to their mutual good, both in the inward and outward man.

Hymn

"God Is Known among His People"

God is known among His people, every mouth His praises fill;
from of old He has established His abode on Zion's hill;
there He broke the sword and arrow, bade the noise of war be still.

Excellent and glorious are You, with Your trophies from the fray;
You have slain the mighty warriors, wrapped in sleep of death are they;
when Your anger once is risen, who can stand in that dread day?

When from heav'n Your sentence sounded, all the earth in fear was still,
while to save the meek and lowly God in judgment wrought His will;
e'en the wrath of man shall praise You, Your designs it shall fulfil.

Vow and pay unto Jehovah, Him your God forever own;
all men, bring your gifts before Him, worship Him, and Him alone;
mighty kings obey and fear Him, princes bow before His throne.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

We confess, our Father, that we do not live up to the family name.
We are more ready to resent than to forgive,
more ready to manipulate than to serve,
more ready to fear than to love,
more ready to keep our distance than to welcome,
more ready to compete than to help.
At the root of this behavior is mistrust.
We do not love one another as we should,
because we do not believe that You love us as you do.
Forgive us our cold unbelief.
And make more vivid to us the meaning and depth of Your love at the cross.
Show us what it cost you to give up Your Son
that we might become Your sons and daughters.
We ask this in the name of Jesus our righteousness. Amen.

Individual Prayer of Confession (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 2:8-10

[8] For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, [9] not a result of works, so that no one may boast. [10] For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Hymn

"Speak, O Lord"

words and music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness;
that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises; and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built, and the earth is filled with Your glory.

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Scripture Reading

Acts 18:24-28

Sermon

"The Church Faithfully Disciples"

Pastor Coyle

Hymn

"O How Good It Is"

Oh how good it is when the fam'ly of God
dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity;
where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love
are the fruit of His presence here among us.

chorus: *So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,
and with one heart we'll live out His Word;
till the whole world sees the Redeemer has come,
for He dwells in the presence of His people.*

Oh how good it is on this journey we share
to rejoice with the happy, and weep with those who mourn;
for the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace,
when we offer the blessing of belonging.

chorus

Oh how good it is to embrace His command
to prefer one another, forgive as He forgives;
when we live as one we all share in the love
of the Son, with the Father, and the Spirit.

chorus

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
"The Church Faithfully Disciples"
Acts 18:24-28

I. The Need for Discipling (v.24-25)

II. The Means of Discipling (v.26)

III. The Fruit of Discipling (v.27-28)

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