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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*  
January 26, 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.

*“Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever!  
For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth.”*

Job 19:24-25

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship  
by reflecting on Job 19:24-25 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Daniel 4:34-35

*[34] At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven,  
and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and praised  
and honored him who lives forever, for his dominion is an everlasting do-  
minion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation; [35] all  
the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does accord-  
ing to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the  
earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, “What have you done?”*

Invocation

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 will 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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The Sacrament of Baptism

Luke Patrick McCray  
Covenant child of Jason and Melinda McCray

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 Reading

Psalm 16

Bill Scholl, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

Bill Scholl, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Jeff Rooker, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Revelation 5

Worthy are You to take the scroll and to open its seals,  
for You were slain, and by Your blood You ransomed people  
for God from every tribe and language and people and nation,  
and You have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,  
and they shall reign on the earth. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor  
and glory and blessing!  
To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!

*“The Power of the Cross”*

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day:  
Christ on the road to Calvary. Tried by sinful men,  
torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.

**chorus:** *This, the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us,  
took the blame, bore the wrath: we stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face  
bearing the awesome weight of sin; every bitter thought,  
every evil deed crowning Your bloodstained brow.

**chorus**

Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath  
quakes as its Maker bows His head. Curtain torn in two,  
dead are raised to life; ‘Finished!’ the victory cry.

**chorus**

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,  
for through Your suffering I am free. Death is crushed to death,  
life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love.

**final chorus:** *This, the power of the cross: Son of God, slain for us.  
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.*

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## Corporate Confession of Sin

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to Your steadfast love;  
according to Your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin!  
For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.  
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that You have broken rejoice.  
Hide Your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Your presence,  
and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,  
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

## Individual Prayer of Confession (Silent Prayer)

## Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 53:4-6

*[4] Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. [5] But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. [6] All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

Hymn

*“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”*

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

**chorus:** *On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

**chorus**

His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

**chorus**

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found;  
dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

**chorus**

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Scripture Reading

Mark 12:18-27

Sermon

*“God of the Living”*

Pastor Reed

Hymn

*“Crown Him with Many Crowns”*

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;  
hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:  
awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,  
and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:  
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends His burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise:  
His reign shall know no end; and round His pierced feet  
fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;  
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:  
all hail, Redeemer, hail! for Thou hast died for me:  
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline  
*"God of the Living"*  
Mark 12:18-27

I. Man's Authority.

II. God's Authority

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