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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*  
January 4, 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 Samuel said, "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices,  
as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice,  
and to listen than the fat of rams."*

1 Samuel 15:22

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship  
by reflecting on 1 Samuel 15:22 printed above.**

Prelude

Call to Worship

Psalm 50:1-6

*[1] The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.  
[2] Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. [3] Our God comes; he does not keep silence; be-  
fore him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest. [4] He calls to the heavens above and to the  
earth, that he may judge his people: [5] "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by  
sacrifice!" [6] The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge!*

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

*"Holy, Holy, Holy!"*

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, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy, all the saints adore Thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy, though the darkness hide Thee, though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,  
only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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Scripture Reading

Hebrews 10:1-10

Jim Lewis, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

Jim Lewis, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

*"A New Psalm"*

Choir

Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things.

Sing to the Lord a new song, for He is the King of kings.

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.

Break forth into joyous song and sing His praise.

Sing praises to the Lord with lyre.

With the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn.

Make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

And let the sea roar and all that fills it.

The world and those who dwell in it.

Let the rivers clap their hands in heart felt praise.

Let the mountains sing together for joy.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Bryant Young, Deacon

*What is the duty which God requireth of man?*

The duty which God requireth of man, is obedience to his revealed will.

Hymn

*“The Man Is Blessed Who, Fearing God”  
(to the tune of “Forever Trusting in the Lord”)*

That man is blest who, fearing God, from sin restrains his feet,  
who will not stand with wicked men, who shuns the scorners' seat.

Yea, blest is he who makes God's law his portion and delight,  
and meditates upon that law with gladness day and night.

That man is nourished like a tree set by the rivers' side;  
its leaf is green, its fruit is sure, and thus his works abide.

The wicked like the driven chaff are swept from off the land;  
they shall not gather with the just, nor in the judgment stand.

The Lord will guard the righteous well, their way to Him is known;  
the way of sinners, far from God, shall surely be o'erthrown.

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Scripture

1 Samuel 15:1-35

Sermon

*“A King Rejected”*

Pastor Coyle

Hymn

*“Teach Me, O Lord, Your Way of Truth”*

Teach me, O Lord, Your way of truth, and from it I will not depart;  
that I may steadfastly obey, give me an understanding heart.

In Your commandments make me walk, for in Your law my joy shall be;  
give me a heart that loves Your will, from discontent and envy free.

Turn now my eyes from vanity, and cause me in Your ways to tread;  
O let Your servant prove Your word and thus to godly fear be led.

Turn away my reproach and fear; Your righteous judgments I confess;  
to know Your precepts I desire; revive me in your righteousness.

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The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Corporate Confession of Sin

Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to You and to one another,  
that we have sinned against You by what we have done and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not always had in us the mind of Christ.

You alone know how often we have grieved You by wasting Your gifts,  
by wandering from Your ways.

Forgive us, we pray You, most merciful Father; and free us from our sin.

Renew in us the grace and strength of Your Holy Spirit,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ Your Son our Savior. Amen.

Individual Prayer of Confession (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Ezekiel 36:25-27

*[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

*“His Mercy Is More”*

What love could remember, no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum  
thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

**chorus:** *Praise the Lord His mercy is more  
stronger than darkness new every morn’  
our sins they are many, His mercy is more.*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
what Father so tender is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor  
our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

**chorus**

What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment His life was the cost  
we stood ‘neath a debt we could never afford  
our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

**chorus**

**(2nd time chorus)** *Praise the Lord His mercy is more  
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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline  
*"A King Rejected"*  
1 Samuel 15:1-35

I. The Command (v.1-3)

II. The Compromise (v.4-9)

III. The Confrontation (v.10-23)

IV. The Consequence (v.24-35)

1. Where do you see compromise instead of heartfelt, complete obedience to the Word of God?
2. What good things might you be relying upon or pursuing that masks a lack of obedience?
3. How does the unchanging nature of the God both comfort and challenge?
4. Read Matthew 23:37-39. How does Christ respond in a similar way to Samuel? Why might this be significant?

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