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Gospel Centered CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
January 9, 2022

Covenant's Mission Statement
Covenant seeks to glorify God by
<u>Establishing</u> Disciples biblically,
<u>Engaging</u> Culture redemptively,
<u>Expanding</u> Christ's Church faithfully.

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 families to build community.

"This God - his way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him." Psalm 18:30

Prelude

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Psalm 18:30 printed above.

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Revelation 15:3-4

- ³ And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, "Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!
- 4 Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed."

Invocation

Hymn

"Forever Settled in the Heavens"

Forever settled in the heavens Thy Word, O Lord, shall firmly stand; Thy faithfulness shall never fail; the earth abides at thy command.

Thy word and works unmoved remain, Thine every purpose to fulfil; All things are thine and thee obey, and all as servants wait thy will.

I should have perished in my woe had not I loved thy law divine; That law I never can forget; O save me, Lord, for I am thine.

The wicked would destroy my soul, but in thy truth is refuge sure; Exceeding broad is thy command, and in perfection shall endure.

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Hymn

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing, help us to praise. Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come, and reign over us, Ancient of days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword, our prayer attend. Come, and Thy people bless, and give Thy Word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour. Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three eternal praises be, hence evermore. His sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

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- ⁶ "I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.
- ⁷ Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you.
- ⁸ For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.
- 9 I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours.
- ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them.
- ¹¹ And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.
- ¹² While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.
- ¹³ But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.
- ¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.
- ¹⁵ I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.
- ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.
- ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.
- ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.
- ¹⁹ And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Congregational Prayer

Jeff Nissen, Ruling Elder

Corporate Profession of Faith

Psalm 19:7-11

- ⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;
- ⁸ the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;
- 9 the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.
- ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.
- ¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

"Sing with Songs of Joy" by Handel/Hopson

Choir

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Tom Fox, Deacon

Hymn

(sheet music pg. 8)

"All I Have Is Christ"

I once was lost in darkest night yet thought I knew the way; the sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave. I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will and if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still.

But as I ran my hell bound race, indiff'rent to the cost You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross; and I beheld God's love displayed, You suffered in my place, You bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace! Hallelujah! All I have is Christ: Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!

Now Lord I would be Yours alone and live so all might see the strength to follow Your commands could never come from me. O Father use my ransomed life in any way You choose and let my song forever be my only boast is You. Hallelujah! All I have is Christ: Hallelujah! Jesus is my life! Hallelujah! All I have is Christ: Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!

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Corporate Confession of Sin

God of all truth, we confess that we have not been truthful people: we have been careless with our words, scheming in our thoughts and deceptive in our deeds.

You always speak truth, but we have spoken lies; You always keep Your promises, but we have broken ours.

According to Your promise in Christ Jesus, forgive our sins, and by the Spirit of truth help us to reflect Your trustworthy character. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Hymn

"Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!"

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul; friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole.

refrain: Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Friend! Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him; tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, He, my strength, my vict'ry wins. **refrain**

Jesus! what a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll, even when my heart is breaking, He, my comfort, helps my soul. **refrain**

Jesus! what a guide and keeper! While the tempest still is high, storms about me, night o'er-takes me, He, my pilot, hears my cry. *refrain*

Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find, He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine. **refrain**

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Scripture Reading

Psalm 12

- ¹ Save, O LORD, for the godly one is gone; for the faithful have vanished from among the children of man.
- ² Everyone utters lies to his neighbor; with flattering lips and a double heart they speak.
- ³ May the LORD cut off all flattering lips, the tongue that makes great boasts,
- 4 those who say, "With our tongue we will prevail, our lips are with us; who is master over us?"
- ⁵ "Because the poor are plundered, because the needy groan, I will now arise," says the LORD; "I will place him in the safety for which he longs."
- ⁶ The words of the LORD are pure words, like silver refined in a furnace on the ground, purified seven times.

⁷You, O LORD, will keep them; you will guard us from this generation forever.

⁸ On every side the wicked prowl, as vileness is exalted among the children of man.

Sermon Pastor Coyle

"A Song in Confusion"

Hymn

"How Firm a Foundation"

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent Word! What more can He say than to you He has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed; for, I am your God, and will still give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; for I will be with you, your troubles to bless, and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply; the flame shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.

"E'en down to old age all My people shall prove My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love; and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn, like lambs they shall still in My bosom be borne.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

<u>Sermon Outline</u> "A Song in Confusion" Psalm 12

I. Living Among Liars.

II. Listening to the Lord.

"All I Have Is Christ"



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