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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
July 20, 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.

*"In him we live and move and have our being."
Acts 17:28*

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on Acts 17:28 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Isaiah 40:26, 28-29

[26] Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing.

[28] Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

[29] He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.

Invocation

Hymn

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, His praise forth-tell, come ye before Him and rejoice.

The Lord ye know is God indeed; without our aid He did us make;
we are His folk, He doth us feed, and for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise, approach with joy His courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless His name always, for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good, His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

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Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:9-31

William Fennell, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

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Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Mike Lieblich, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith Chapter 2.1

It pleased God, in his eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus,
his only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man,
the Prophet, Priest, and King, the Head and Savior of his church,
the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world:
unto whom he did from all eternity give a people,
to be his seed, and to be by him in time redeemed,
called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,

refrain: *O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heav’n along, O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising moon in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice,

refrain

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
that givest man both warmth and light,

refrain

And all ye men of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care,

refrain

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One,

refrain

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Eternal God, in Whom we live and move and have our being,
Whose face is hidden from us by our sins,
and Whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:
cleanse us from all our offenses,
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,
that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to You,
confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace,
and finding in You our refuge and strength;
through Jesus Christ Your Son. Amen.

Individual Prayer of Confession (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 55:6-9

[6] “Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; [7] let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. [8] For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. [9] For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Hymn

“Behold Our God”

Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice. All creation rises to rejoice.

Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One Who knows all things? Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

chorus: *Behold our God, seated on His throne.
Come, let us adore Him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare,
come, let us adore Him!*

Who has felt the nails upon His hands, bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave, Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

chorus

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Scripture Reading

Acts 17:16-34

Sermon

“Reasoning with the Greeks”

Rev. Justin Hilliard

Hymn

“Arise, O God, and Shine”

Arise, O God, and shine in all Thy saving might,
and prosper each design to spread Thy glorious light;
let healing streams of mercy flow
that all the earth Thy truth may know.

Bring distant nations near to sing Thy glorious praise;
let every people hear and learn Thy holy ways.
Reign, mighty God, assert Thy cause,
and govern by Thy righteous laws.

Put forth Thy glorious power, that everyone may see
and earth present her store, in converts born to Thee.
God, our own God, His Church will bless,
and fill the world with righteousness.

To God, the only Wise, the one immortal King,
let hallelujahs rise, from every living thing;
let all that breathe, on every coast,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“Reasoning with the Greeks”
Acts 17:16-34

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