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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
June 1, 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.

"We love because he first loved us."
1 John 4:19

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on 1John 4:19 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Ephesians 1:3-6

[3] Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, [4] even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love [5] he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, [6] to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

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

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice; praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen! Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend; His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen! Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore, His goodness we'll adore, singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen!

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Receiving Communicant Members

Atticus Monroe and Penny Monroe

Hymn

"Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.

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Scripture Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

William Fennell, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

William Fennell, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

"Grace Us, O Lord"

Choir

Grace us Almighty God. Grace us with Thy presence. Lord, as we worship, join us in this place.
Come Holy Spirit, grace us with Your power. Come, Lord Jesus. Grace us with Your grace.
As we gather here to worship we bring songs of thanks and praise.
Now we lift our hearts together and we celebrate as one the gift of grace.
Grace us Almighty God. Grace us with Thy presence. Lord, as we worship, join us in this place.
Come Holy Spirit, grace us with Your power. Come, Lord Jesus. Grace us with Your grace.

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Corporate Profession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism Question 42

What is the sum of the Ten Commandments?

The sum of the Ten Commandments is,
to love the Lord our God with all our heart,
with all our soul, with all our strength,
and will all our mind; and our neighbor as ourselves.

Hymn

“Spirit, Strength of All the Weak”

Spirit, strength of all the weak, giving courage to the meek,
teaching falt'ring tongues to speak; hear us, Holy Spirit.

Spirit, aiding all who yearn more of truth divine to learn,
and with deeper love to burn; hear us, Holy Spirit.

Spirit, fount of faith and joy, giving peace without alloy,
hope that nothing can destroy; hear us, Holy Spirit.

Source of love and light divine, with that hall'wing grace of thine,
more and more upon us shine; hear us, Holy Spirit.

Holy, loving, as thou art, come and live within our heart,
never from us to depart; hear us, Holy Spirit.

May we soon, from sin set free, where thy work may perfect be,
Jesus' face with rapture see: hear us, Holy Spirit.

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Scripture Reading

1 John 4:13-21

Sermon

“Abiding in Love”

Pastor Coyle

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Hymn

“O Great God”

O great God of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart.
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow'r.
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war.
You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,
did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me
through the Gospel of Your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace.
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed.
O great God of highest heav'n, glorify Your Name through me.

Invitation to The Lord's Supper

Corporate Confession of Sin

God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful
to our covenant with You and with one another.
We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience.
We have served our own self-interest instead of serving only You and Your people.
We have not loved You or loved our neighbor as You have commanded.
Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of our covenant with You
and one another. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Individual Prayer of Confession (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Joel 2:12-13

[12] "Yet even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; [13] and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

Prayer of Blessing

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine; for Thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou; if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me, and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow; if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death; and praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;
and say, when the death-dew lies cold on my brow: if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow: if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
"Abiding in Love"
1 John 4:13-21

I. The Spirit's Presence (v.13-16)

II. God's Love Perfected (v.17-21)

1. How does the Spirit's presence help and challenge as you think of loving fellow believers?
2. Does your life reflect abiding in the love of God? Why or why not?
3. How does your life reveal confidence or fear before God, particularly when you sin?
4. How does this passage aid our assurance of eternal life (the theme of this letter)?

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