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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*  
March 16, 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.

*“So Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.”*

Hebrews 9:28

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship  
by reflecting on Hebrews 9:28 printed above.**

Call to Worship

Colossians 3:1-4

*[1] If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. [2] Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. [3] For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. [4] When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.*

Invocation

Hymn

*“Jesus Shall Reign”*

Jesus shall reign wher-e'er the sun does His successive journeys run;  
His kingdom spread from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

For Him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown His head;  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of ev'ry tongue dwell on His love with sweetest song;  
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on His name.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns; the pris'ner leaps to lose his chains;  
the weary find eternal rest, and all the sons of want are blessed.

Where He displays His healing power, death and the curse are known no more:  
in Him the tribes of Adam boast more blessings than their father lost.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring his grateful honors to our King;  
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud “Amen!”

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The Sacrament of Baptism

Kora Lanh Harrod

Millie Lieu Harrod

Covenant children of Chase and Leanna Ngo Harrod

Hymn

*“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*

Come, Thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;  
let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

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Scripture Reading

Daniel 7:13-14

Carl Monroe, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

Carl Monroe, Ruling Elder

*“Agnus Dei with How Great Thou Art”*

Choir

Alleluia. Alleluia. For the Lord, God Almighty reigns.  
Alleluia. Alleluia. Holy, holy are You, Lord God Almighty.  
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb.  
You are holy, holy are You, Lord God Almighty.  
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb.  
O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds Thy hands have made.  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder;  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:  
how great Thou are, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul my Savior God, to Thee.  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Holy, holy are You, Lord God, Almighty.  
Worthy is the Lamb, how great Thou art,  
Worthy is the Lamb, how great Thou art,  
Holy, holy are You Lord God Almighty.  
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb,  
Worthy is the Lamb, how great Thou art.  
How great Thou art. Worthy is the Lamb. Amen.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

David Matlock, Deacon

Corporate Profession of Faith

Philippians 3:20-4:1

*[3:20] But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior,  
the Lord Jesus Christ,*

*[21] who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body,  
by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.*

*[4:1] Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown,  
stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.*

Corporate Confession of Sin

Gracious God, we confess that we have longed too much  
for the comforts of this world.  
We have loved the gifts more than the giver.  
In Your mercy, help us to see that all the things we pine for are shadows,  
but You are substance; that they are quicksands, but You are mountain;  
that they are shifting, but You are anchor.  
We plead Your forgiveness on the merits of Jesus Christ.  
Accept His worthiness for our unworthiness,  
His sinlessness for our transgressions, His fullness for our emptiness,  
His glory for our shame, His righteousness for our dead works,  
His death for our life. We pray in Jesus name. Amen.

## Individual Prayer of Confession (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 2:1-2

*[1] My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.*

*[2] He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.*

Hymn

*“O Quickly Come, Dread Judge of All”*

O quickly come, dread Judge of all; for, awful though Thine advent be,  
all shadows from the truth will fall, and falsehood die, in sight of Thee:  
O quickly come, for doubt and fear like clouds dissolve when Thou art near.  
O quickly come, dread Judge of all; for, awful though Thine advent be.

O quickly come, great King of all; reign all around us and within;  
let sin no more our souls enthrall, let pain and sorrow die with sin:  
O quickly come, for Thou alone canst make Thy scattered people one.  
O quickly come, great King of all; reign all around us and within.

O quickly come, true Life of all, for death is mighty all around;  
on ev'ry home His shadows fall, on ev'ry heart His mark is found:  
O quickly come, for grief and pain can never cloud Thy glorious reign.  
O quickly come, true Life of all, for death is mighty all around.  
O quickly come, sure Light of all, for gloomy night broods o'er our way;  
and weakly souls begin to fall with weary watching for the day:  
O quickly come, for round Thy throne no eye is blind, no night is known.  
O quickly come, sure Light of all, for gloomy night broods o'er our way.

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Scripture Reading

Mark 13:24-37

Sermon

*“The Return of The Son of Man”*

Pastor Reed

Hymn

*“Rejoice, All Ye Believers”*

Rejoice, all ye believers, and let your lights appear;  
the evening is advancing, and darker night is near:  
the Bridegroom is arising, and soon He draweth nigh;  
up, pray, and watch, and wrestle: at midnight comes the cry.  
See that your lamps are burning; replenish them with oil;  
and wait for your salvation, the end of earthly toil.  
The watchers on the mountain proclaim the Bridegroom near;  
go meet Him as He cometh, with alleluias clear.  
Ye saints, who here in patience your cross and suff'rings bore,  
shall live and reign forever, when sorrow is no more:  
around the throne of glory the Lamb ye shall behold,  
in triumph cast before Him your diadems of gold.  
Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;  
arise, Thou sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere.  
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord to see  
the day of earth's redemption that brings us unto Thee.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline  
*"The Return of The Son of Man"*  
Mark 13:24-37

I. The Nature of His Return.

II. The Signs of His Return.

III. The Response to His Return

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