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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*  
March 30, 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.

*“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. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.”*

1 John 2:1-2

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship  
by reflecting on 1 John 2:1-2 printed above.**

Call to Worship

2 Corinthians 4:6

*[6] For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

Invocation

Hymn

*“Give to Our God Immortal Praise”*

Give to our God immortal praise; mercy and truth are all His ways:  
wonders of grace to God belong; repeat His mercies in your song.

Give to the Lord of lords renown; the King of kings with glory crown:  
His mercies ever shall endure, when lords and kings are known no more.

He built the earth, He spread the sky, and fixed the starry lights on high:  
wonders of grace to God belong; repeat His mercies in your song.

He fills the sun with morning light; He bids the moon direct the night:  
His mercies ever shall endure, when suns and moons shall shine no more.

He sent His Son with pow’r to save from guilt and darkness and the grave:  
wonders of grace to God belong; repeat His mercies in your song.

Through this vain world He guides our feet, and leads us to His heav’nly seat:  
His mercies ever shall endure, when this vain world shall be no more.

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Scripture Reading

Psalm 32

Carl Monroe, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

Carl Monroe, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

“Psalm 121”

Choir

I lift my eyes unto the hills; from where does my help come?  
My help comes from the maker of the heavens and the earth.  
He will not let my foot be moved; He keeps my journey safe.

He is the shade at my right hand, my shelter in the storm;  
no sun by day, nor moon by night shall ever bring me harm.  
He will not slumber, will not sleep. He watches all my ways.

Oh my soul praise the Lord most high; strong to save He upholds my life.  
Forever more He will be my light; I lift my eyes unto the Lord most high.

I lift my eyes unto the hills from where does my help come from  
My help comes from the maker of the heavens and the earth.  
The God of Israel is my guide wherever I may go;  
and in His strength I will abide until He leads me home.

Oh my soul praise the Lord most high; strong to save He upholds my life.  
Forever more He will be my light; I lift my eyes unto the Lord most high.

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## Corporate Profession of Faith

## Westminster Confession of Faith 8.5

The Lord Jesus, by His perfect obedience, and sacrifice of Himself, which He, through the eternal Spirit, once offered up unto God, hath fully satisfied the justice of His Father; and purchased, not only reconciliation, but an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven, for all those whom the Father hath given unto Him.

## 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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## Corporate Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus, Give us a deeper repentance, a horror of sin, a dread of its approach. Help us to flee it. We have no Master but You, no law but Your will, no delight but Yourself, no wealth but what You give, no good but what You bless, no peace but what You bestow. We are nothing but what You make of us, we have nothing but what we receive from You. We can be nothing but that grace adorns us. Quarry us deep, dear Lord, and then fill us to overflowing with living water. Amen.

## Individual Prayer of Confession (Silent Prayer)

## Assurance of Pardon

## Ephesians 1:7-8

*[7] In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, [8] which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight.*

## Hymn

*“My Hope Is in the Lord”*

My hope is in the Lord who gave himself for me,  
and paid the price of all my sin at Calvary.

**refrain:** *For me He died, for me He lives,  
and everlasting life and life He freely gives.*

No merit of my own His anger to suppress,  
my only hope is found in Jesus' righteousness.

**refrain**

And now for me He stands before the Father's throne,  
He shows His wounded hands, and names me as His own.

**refrain**

His grace has planned it all, 'tis mine but to believe,  
and recognize His work of love and Christ receive.

**refrain**

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Sermon

*"The True Light and the Truth About Sin"*

Pastor Coyle

Hymn

*"Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me"*

What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer  
there is no more for heaven now to give.  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom,  
my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,  
for my life is wholly bound to His.  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,  
for by my side, the Savior he will stay.  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing  
for in my need, His power is displayed.  
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
through the deepest valley He will lead.  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,  
the future sure, the price it has been paid;  
for Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,  
and He was raised to overthrow the grave.  
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated;  
Jesus now and ever is my plea.  
Oh when the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,  
for He has said that He will bring me home;  
And day by day I know He will renew me  
until I stand with joy before the throne.  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
all the glory evermore to Him.  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline  
*"The True Light and the Truth About Sin"*  
1 John 1:5-2:2

I. The Message (v.5)

II. What It Means (v.6-2:2)

a. About Our Fellowship (v.6-7)

b. About Our Guilt (v.8-9)

c. About Our Conduct (v.10-2:2)

1. How do other writings of John help us better understand what he means in saying "God is light"?  
(see John 1:1-9; 3:16-21; 8:12; 12:35-36)
2. How might you be guilty of living according to one of these false claims?
3. How does Jesus motivate our striving for holiness?
4. How does this passage aid our assurance of eternal life (the theme of this letter)?

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