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CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
May 11, 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.

*"Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him.
And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us."
1 John 3:24*

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on 1John 3:24 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 65:1-4

*[1] Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed. [2]
O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come. [3] When iniquities prevail
against me, you atone for our transgressions. [4] Blessed is the one you choose
and bring near, to dwell in your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness
of your house, the holiness of your temple!*

Invocation

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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Scripture Reading

Psalm 66

Ken Knecht, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

Ken Knecht, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Choir

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
let there be peace, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Andrew Kinzler, Deacon

Can true believers be infallibly assured that they are in the estate of grace, and that they shall persevere therein unto salvation?

Such as truly believe in Christ, and endeavor to walk in all good conscience before him, may, without extraordinary revelation, by faith grounded upon the truth of God's promises, and by the Spirit enabling them to discern in themselves those graces to which the promises of life are made, and bearing witness with their spirits that they are children of God, be infallibly assured that they are in the estate of grace, and shall persevere therein unto salvation.

Hymn

“Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul”

Dear refuge of my weary soul, on Thee, when sorrows rise,
on Thee, when waves of trouble roll, my fainting hope relies.
To Thee I tell each rising grief, for Thou alone canst heal;
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief for every pain I feel.

But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail, I fear to call Thee mine;
the springs of comfort seem to fail, and all my hopes decline.
Yet, gracious God, where shall I flee? Thou art my only trust;
and still my soul would cleave to Thee though prostrate in the dust.

Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face, and shall I seek in vain?
And can the ear of sov'reign grace be deaf when I complain?
No, still the ear of sov'reign grace attends the mourner's prayer;
O may I ever find access to breathe my sorrows there.

Thy mercy seat is open still, here let my soul retreat;
with humble hope attend Thy will, and wait beneath Thy feet.
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with humble hope attend Thy will, and wait beneath Thy feet.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin,
but in You there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy.
We are spiritually poor, but You are rich and in Jesus Christ came to be
merciful to the poor. Strengthen our faith and trust in You.
We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us.
We are weak in faith; strengthen us.
We are cold in love; warm us, and make our hearts fervent for You
that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Individual Prayer of Confession (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 2:13-14

*[13] And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the
uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with
him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, [14] by cancel-
ing the record of debt that stood against us with its legal
demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.*

Hymn

“Abide With Me”

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide; the darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers, fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile; and, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee, on to the close Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence, every passing hour. What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless; ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness.
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory? I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes; shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; in life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

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Scripture Reading

1 John 3:19-24

Sermon

"The Confident Heart"

Pastor Coyle

Hymn

“Be Thou My Vision”

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art-
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight;
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tow'r:
raise Thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
"The Confident Heart"
1 John 3:19-24

I. Blessed Assurance (v.19-20)

II. Bold Asking (v.21-22)

III. Obvious Abiding (v.23-24)

1. How does God's greatness help when your heart condemns and when it assures?
2. What do your prayers reveal about your confidence in God?
3. How do John 15:1-11 and Galatians 5:16-26 confirm John's point on abiding by the Spirit?
4. How does this passage aid our assurance of eternal life (the theme of this letter)?

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