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# Gospel Centered CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
November 19, 2023

# **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, andrelational by encouraging the church family to build community.

# "Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!" Psalm 100:4

Prelude

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Psalm 100:4 printed above.

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 107:1-2, 8-9

[1] Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

[2] Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble.

[8] Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!

[9] For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

Invocation

Hymn

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home: all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin; God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied: come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto His praise to yield; wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown: first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear: Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take His harvest home; from His field shall in that day all offences purge away; give His angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast, but the fruitful ears to store in His garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come to Thy final harvest home; gather Thou Thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin; there for ever purified, in Thy presence to abide: come, with all Thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

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Corporate Profession of Faith

Colossians 1:15-20

[15] He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.
[16] For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.
[17] And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
[18] And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.
[19] For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
[20] and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

# "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
women: the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
men: the shadow, in a weary land
women: a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
men: a home of rest, upon the way
from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

Upon that cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see

women: the very dying form of One Who suffered there for me:

men: the One who suffered there for me.

women: and from my smitten heart with tears two wonders I confess,

men: and from my heart, I confess
the wonders of His glorious love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, the shadow for my abiding place:

women: I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face;

men: I ask no other, than His face

women: content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss;

men: content to know, no gain nor loss

my sinful self, my only shame; my glory all the cross.

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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 and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 53:4-6

[4] Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. [5] But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. [6] All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Glorious things of Thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God; He whose word cannot be broken formed thee for His own abode: on the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose? With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love, well supply Thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove; who can faint, while such a river ever flows their thirst t'assuage? Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring, see the cloud and fire appear for a glory and a cov'ring, showing that the Lord is near: thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day, safe they feed upon the manna which He gives them when they pray.

Savior, if of Zion's city I, through grace, a member am, let the world deride or pity, I will glory in Thy Name: fading is the worldling's pleasure, all his boasted pomp and show; solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.

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# **Scripture Reading**

Romans 8:31-39

Dan Butkowski, Ruling Elder

[31] What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

[32] He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

[33] Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

[34] Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

[35] Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

[36] As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

[37] No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

[38] For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,

[39] nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. "Psalm of Praise and Thanksgiving" words and music by Mary McDonald Choir

Enter His presence, come forth with singing, come with thanksgiving, sing praises to His name! His goodness endures through all generations, His love and His mercy, forever the same!

Our joyful hymns we raise; we lift our voice in praise to the Lord, for He is holy: to the Father, Spirit, Son: all honor and praise to Thy great name we raise till Your heavenly kingdom comes!

Eyes will adore Him; knees bow before Him; tongues will confess that Jesus is Lord!

Come now before Him, love and adore Him, all generations in one accord!

Praise the Lord, for He is holy; praise the Father, Spirit, Son: all honor and praise to Thy great name we raise till Your heavenly Kingdom comes!

# Congregation please join and sing:

Come thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing, help us to praise:

Father all-glorious, o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

David Beuerman, Deacon

Scripture Reading Psalm 100 Pastor Reed

- [1] Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
- [2] Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!
- [3] Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- [4] Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!
- [5] For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Hymn

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, Who wondrous things hath done, in whom His world rejoices; Who from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father, now be given, the Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaventhe one eternal God whom earth and heav'n adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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**Scriptural Benediction** 

Postlude

# <u>Sermon Outline</u> "Reasons to Give Thanks" Psalm 100

I. Thankful for God's gifts.

II. Thankful for God, the Giver.

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