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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day

November 21, 2021

Covenant's Mission Statement

Covenant seeks to glorify God by
Establishing Disciples biblically,
Engaging Culture redemptively,
Expanding Christ's Church faithfully.

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 families to build community.*

*“...give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”*

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on 1 Thessalonians 5:18 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Colossians 3:16-17

¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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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Scripture Reading

Hebrews 3:7-18

Bruce Hurlbut, Ruling Elder

*⁷ Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, “Today, if you hear his voice,
⁸ do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in
the wilderness,
⁹ where your fathers put me to the test and saw my works for forty years.
¹⁰ Therefore I was provoked with that generation, and said, ‘They always
go astray in their heart; they have not known my ways.’
¹¹ As I swore in my wrath, ‘They shall not enter my rest.’”*

- ¹² Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God.*
- ¹³ But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.*
- ¹⁴ For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.*
- ¹⁵ As it is said, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."*
- ¹⁶ For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses?*
- ¹⁷ And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness?*
- ¹⁸ And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient?*

Congregational Prayer

Bruce Hurlbut, Ruling Elder

Corporate Profession of Faith

Romans 8:28-30

- ²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.*
- ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.*
- ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Jeff Rooker, Deacon

Offertory

Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Hymn

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

(sheet music pg. 7)

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down, your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in Him my resting place, and He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold I freely give
the living water, thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live!"
I came to Jesus and I drank from that life giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
look unto me thy morn' shall rise and all thy days be bright."
I looked to Jesus and I found in Him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk 'til pilgrim days are done.

Corporate Confession of Sin

Holy Father, You see us as we are, and know our inmost thoughts. We confess that we are unworthy of Your gracious care. We forget that all life comes from You and that to You all life returns. We have not sought to do Your will with our whole hearts. We have not lived as grateful children, nor loved as Christ loved us. Apart from You, we are nothing. Only Your grace can sustain us. Lord, in Your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and make us whole. Set us free from our sin, and restore us to the joy of Your salvation now and forever. Amen.

Individual Prayer of Confession (silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5:20-21

*²⁰ Now the law came in to increase the trespass,
but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,
²¹ so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through
righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Hymn

“Let All Things Now Living”

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
His banners are o’er us, His light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
‘til shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces; the stars in their courses,
the sun in it’s orbit, obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim Him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing,
with glad adoration a song let us raise,
‘til all things now living unite in thanksgiving
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

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Scripture

Psalm 95

*¹ Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the
rock of our salvation!*

*² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful
noise to him with songs of praise!*

³ For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

*⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains
are his also.*

- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.*
- 6 Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD,
our Maker!*
- 7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep
of his hand. Today, if you hear his voice,*
- 8 do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in
the wilderness,*
- 9 when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though
they had seen my work.*
- 10 For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people
who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways."*
- 11 Therefore I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter my rest."*

Sermon

"A Heart of Thanksgiving"

Pastor Reed

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 heaven-
the 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

Sermon Outline
“A Heart of Thanksgiving”
Psalm 95

I. The Past.

II. The Lord.

III. The Response.

I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY

Words by Horatius Bonar
alt. by Kevin Twit
Music by Kevin Twit

Real Key

1. I heard the voice of, Je - sus say,
2. I heard the voice of, Je - sus say,
3. I heard the voice of, Je - sus say,

3 "Come un - to me and rest
"Be - hold I free dark - ly give,
"I am this dark world's light

5 Lay down O wear - y, one lay down,
The liv - ing wa - ter, thirs - ty one,
Look un - to me thy mom' shall rise,

7 Your head up and - on my breast."
Stoop down and thy drink days and be live!"
And all thy days bright."

9 I came to Je - sus, as I was,
I came to Je - sus, and I drank,
I looked to Je - sus, and I found,

11 So wear - y, worn, and sad
From that life - giv - ing stream
In Him my star, my sun

13 I found in Him my, rest - ing place, And He has made me glad
My thirst was quenched my, soul re - vived, And now I live in Him.
And in that light of, life I'll walk, 'Til pil - grim days are done.

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