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CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
November 23, 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.

*“Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!”*

Psalm 107:1

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on Psalm 107:1 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 100

*[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.*

Invocation

Hymn

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to His feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me His praise should sing?
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
praise Him, still the same forever, slow to chide, and swift to bless;
praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame He knows;
in His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes;
praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, widely as His mercy goes.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise the High Eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore Him; you behold Him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before Him, dwellers all in time and space,
praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise with us the God of grace.
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The Sacrament of Baptism

Brason Tyler Young

Hymn

“It Is Well with My Soul”

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, “It is well, it is well with my soul.”

refrain: *It is well with my soul;
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed His own blood for my soul.

refrain

My sin - O the bliss of this glorious thought! - my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more; praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

refrain

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend; "Even so" - it is well with my soul.

refrain

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“Receive the Glory”
(Bob Kauflin, Harold Ross)

Choir

Not to us, but to Your name alone be all the glory, the glory forever.
For Your faithfulness and steadfast love receive the glory,
the glory belongs to You.

All that we've accomplished You have done for us;
and any fruit we harvest is a gift from Your hand.
We are only jars of clay that hold a priceless treasure,
and we exist to give You pleasure, O God!

Only by Your mercy can we come to You;
though we deserved Your judgement, You have called us by name.
So, we glory in the cross of Christ that made us Yours forever
that joined our lives together to sing.

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Mike Lieblich, Deacon

This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand,
and by which we are saved, if we hold fast:
That Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was
buried, that He was raised on the third day, and that He appeared first
to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful
witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.
Jesus is the first and the last, the beginning and the end;
He is our Lord and our God.

“All Sufficient Merit”

All sufficient merit shining like the sun,
a fortune I inherit by no work I have done.
My righteousness I forfeit at my Savior's cross
where all sufficient merit did what I could not.

In love He condescended eternal now in time,
a life without a blemish, the Maker made to die.
The law could never save us; our lawlessness had won,
until the pure and spotless Lamb had finally come.

chorus: It is done, it is finished. No more debt I owe.
Paid in full, all sufficient merit now my own.

I lay down my garments, any empty boast,
good works now all corrupted by the sinful host.
Dressed in my Lord Jesus, a crimson Robe made white,
no more fear of judgment; His righteousness is mine.

chorus

All sufficient merit, firm in life and death,
the joy of my salvation shall be my final breath.
When I stand accepted before the throne of God
I'll gaze upon my Jesus and thank Him for the cross.
Yes, I'll thank You for the cross.

chorus

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O LORD, You will not restrain Your mercy from me;
Your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!
For evils have encompassed me beyond number;
my iniquities have overtaken me, and I cannot see;
they are more than the hairs of my head; my heart fails me.
Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me.
Forgive my sin and help me to believe that through Jesus, I am forgiven.

Individual Prayer of Confession (silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8:1-4

- [1] There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*
- [2] For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.*
- [3] For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,*
- [4] in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.*

Hymn

*“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”
(to the tune AURELIA "The Church's One Foundation")*

Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise;
with joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise!
By Him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;
sing to the Lord of harvest a song of happy love.

By Him the clouds drop fatness, the deserts bloom and spring;
the hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing.
He filleth with His fullness all things with large increase;
He crowns the year with goodness, with plenty, and with peace.

Heap on His sacred altar the gifts His goodness gave,
the golden sheaves of harvest, the souls He died to save.
Your hearts lay down before Him when at His feet you fall,
and with your lives adore Him who gave His life for all.

To God the gracious Father, Who made us "very good,"
to Christ, who, when we wandered, restored us with His blood,
and to the Holy Spirit, Who doth upon us pour
His blessed dews and sunshine, be praise forevermore.

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Scripture Reading

Psalm 95

Sermon

"A Heart of Thanksgiving"

Pastor Reed

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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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“A Heart of Thanksgiving”
Psalm 95

I. Remember the LORD.

II. Remember the Past.

III. Remember to be Thankful.

1. What does Psalm 95 teach us about the Lord that enables us to put our trust in Him?
2. Psalm 95 recalls Israel’s past in the wilderness where the people “went astray in their heart.” How does remembering the past encourage us to trust God today?
3. This Psalm begins with joy and thanksgiving (Psalm 95: 1-2). How does remembering the Lord (who He is and what He has done) and remembering His faithfulness in the past move us to be joyful and thankful in the present?

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