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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
November 26, 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, and
relational by encouraging the church family to build community.

*“Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now,
not only as in my presence but much more in my absence,
work out your own salvation with fear and trembling,
for it is God who works in you, both to will
and to work for his good pleasure.”*

Philippians 2:12-13

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on Philippians 2:12-13 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 135:1-3

*[1] Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD,
give praise, O servants of the LORD,
[2] who stand in the house of the LORD,
in the courts of the house of our God!
[3] Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;
sing to his name, for it is pleasant!*

Invocation

Hymn

“Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah”

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glor'ous praises, of my God thru all my days.
Put no confidence in princes, nor for help on man depend;
He shall die, to dust returning, and his purposes shall end.

Happy is the man that chooses Israel's God to be his aid;
He is blest whose hope of blessing on the Lord his God has stayed.
Heav'n and earth the Lord created, seas and all that they contain;
He delivers from oppression, righteousness He will maintain.

Food He daily gives the hungry, sets the mourning pris'ner free,
Raises those bowed down with anguish, makes the sightless eyes to see.
Well Jehovah loves the righteous, and the stranger He befriends,
Helps the fatherless and widow, judgment on the wicked sends.

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glor'ous praises of my God thru all my days.
Over all God reigns forever, thru all ages He is King;
Unto Him, thy God, O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing.

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The Sacrament of Baptism

Emersyn Sue Guenther
Covenant daughter of Jason and Makenzie Guenther

Hymn

“O Great God”

O great God of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart.
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow'r.
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war.
You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,
did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me
through the Gospel of Your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace.
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed.
O great God of highest heav'n, glorify Your Name through me.

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Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 36:22-27

Carl Monroe, Ruling Elder

[22] “Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came.

[23] And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes.

[24] I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land.

[25] I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

[26] And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

[27] And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

Congregational Prayer

Carl Monroe, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

David Matlock, Deacon

[1] *Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him.*

[2] *By this we know that we love the children of God, when we Love God and obey his commandments.*

[3] *For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.*

[4] *For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.*

[5] *Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?*

Hymn

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

More love to Thee, O Christ, more love to Thee!
Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee;
this is my earnest plea,

refrain: *more love, O Christ, to Thee,
more love to Thee, more love to Thee!*

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;
now Thee alone I seek; give what is best:
this all my prayer shall be,
refrain

Let sorrow do its work, send grief and pain;
sweet are Thy messengers, sweet their refrain,
when they can sing with me,
refrain

Then shall my latest breath whisper Thy praise;
this be the parting cry my heart shall raise,
this still its prayer shall be,
refrain

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature - prone to evil and slothful in good - and all our shortcomings and offenses against You.

You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love.

O Lord, have mercy on us, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased You.

Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of Your dear Son.

And O most holy and loving Father, send Your purifying grace into our hearts, we beseech You, that we may henceforth live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Micah 7:18-20

[18] Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love.

[19] He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

[20] You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

Hymn

“Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord”

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

refrain: *Grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that is greater than all our sin.*

refrain

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold,
threaten the soul with infinite loss;
grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,
points to the Refuge, the mighty cross.

refrain

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,
what can avail to wash it away?
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide;
whiter than snow you may be today.

refrain

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Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:48-6:1

Rev. Justin Hilliard

[5:48] You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

[6:1] “Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

Hymn

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down:
fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;
visit us with Thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in Thee inherit, let us find the promised rest:
take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
pray, and praise Thee, without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be:
let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee;
changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Notes
“*Be Perfect. Beware.*”
Matthew 5:48-6:1

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