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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
November 28, 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.

*The First Sunday in Advent
Hope*

“He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

Luke 1:32-33

Prelude

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Luke 1:32-33 printed above.

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Isaiah 40:9-11

*⁹ Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news;
lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news;
lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, “Behold your God!”*

*¹⁰ Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him;
behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.*

*¹¹ He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms;
he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.*

Invocation

Hymn

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him born the King of angels;

refrain: *O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

God of God, Light of Light;
Lo, He abhors not the Virgin's womb:
Very God, begotten, not created;
refrain

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God in the highest;
refrain

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning:
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing;
refrain

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Today's Advent Readers are Dan and Nancy Butkowski

Responsive Reading

Reader: Blessed is the man who hopes in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him.

Congregation: He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream.

Reader: It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green.

Congregation: it has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.

Advent Scripture Reading

Colossians 1:15-23

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.

²¹ And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,

²² he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,

²³ if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Prayer

Offertory

Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 11:17-19

Tom Paulus, Ruling Elder

*¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son,
¹⁸ of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named."
¹⁹ He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.*

Corporate Profession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
Dear desire of ev'ry nation, Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see Thee, Dayspring from on high, appear;
come, Thou promised Rod of Jesse, of Thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth;
"Go to Him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness, He whose glories knew no end;
by His life He brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;
this the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ You have given us a sure hope and future, yet we confess that we have set our hope on other things: money, family, success, pleasure.

Forgive us for breaking Your Law and putting these things ahead of You. By Your Spirit, help us to set our hope fully on Your promises and to lead holy lives as we await Christ's return. In Jesus name. Amen.

Individual Prayer of Confession (silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 1:13-14

*¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness
and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,*

¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Hymn

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"Lamb of God"

O Lamb of God, all worlds obeyed Your will
From dark and void their being came
O Lamb of God, Your glories echo still
Creation sings its Maker's praise
Eternal God, One with the Father
Before all time You dwelt in love
Eternal God, unlike all others
Yet You descended unto us.

O Lamb of God, in filthy manger lay
In humble dress You entered earth
O Lamb of God, Creator bows to save
The needy ones, helpless from birth
Incarnate Word, gift of the Father
To take our place and bear our sin
Incarnate Word led to the slaughter
You conquered death and rose again.

O Lamb of God now reigning on the throne
The Judge of all, faithful and true
O Lamb of God, You'll make Your power known
When all Your foes receive their due
Victorious King, when history's fading
You'll call Your Bride to take her place
Victorious King, Creation's waiting
For Your redeemed to see Your face.

- ¹ After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."*
- ² He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."*
- ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.*
- ⁴ On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar.*
- ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you."*
- ⁶ And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together.*
- ⁷ And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"*
- ⁸ Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.*
- ⁹ When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.*
- ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.*
- ¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."*
- ¹² He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."*
- ¹³ And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.*
- ¹⁴ So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."*

“The Provision of the Lamb Promised”

Hymn

“Hallelujah! Thine the Glory”

We praise Thee, O God!
for the days of our youth,
for the bright lamp that shineth—
the Word of Thy truth.

refrain: *Hallelujah! Thine the glory,
Hallelujah we sing;
Hallelujah! Thine the glory,
our praise now we bring.*

We praise Thee, O God!
for the Son of Thy love,
for Jesus who died
and is now gone above.

refrain

We praise Thee, O God!
for Thy Spirit of light,
Who has shown us our Savior
and scattered our night.

refrain

All glory and praise
to the Lamb that was slain,
Who has borne all our sins and
has cleansed ev'ry stain!

refrain

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“The Provision of the Lamb”
Genesis 22:1-14

I. The Test.

II. The Substitute.

III. The Promise.

LAMB OF GOD

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VERSE

Music and Words by Jason Hansen, Bob Kauflin,
and David LaChance, Jr.

C F C F

1. O Lamb of God, all worldso - beyed Your will, from dark and void their be - ing
 God in filth - y man - ger lay; In hum ble dress You en - tered
 God now reign ing on the throne, the Judge of all, fath - ful and

5 G C F C

— came O Lamb of God, Your glo - ries ech - o still Cre - a - tion
 — earth O Lamb of God, Cre - at - or bows to save the need - y
 — true O Lamb of God, You'll make Your pow - er known when all Your

8 F G Am

— sings its Mak - er's praise E - ter - nal God, One with the
 — ones help - less from birth In - car - nate Word, gift of the
 — foes re - cieve their due Vic - tor - ious King, when his - tory's

11 F C/E G f#maj7

Fa - ther, be - fore all time You dwelt in love E - ter - nal
 Fa - ther, to take our place and bear our sin In - car - nate
 fad - ing, You'll call Your Bride to take her place Vic - tor - ious

14 Am F C/E 1. F C/E G C

God, un - like all oth - ers, yet You de - scend - ed un - to us. 2. O Lamb of
 Word, led to the slaugh - ter, You con - quered death and rose a - gain. 3. O Lamb of
 King, Cre - a - tion's wait - ing For Your re -

19 2. F C/E G Am Dm C/E G C

deemed to see Your face, for Your re - deemed to see Your face.

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