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CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
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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.

The First Sunday in Advent
Hope

*And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him."
Mark 16:6*

Prelude

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

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Luke 1:68-69

*[68] "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has visited and redeemed his people*

*[69] and has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David.*

Invocation

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.

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Today's Advent Readers are Zachary and Alina Wagers

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.**

[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

Hymn

"Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
 Amen, amen.

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Scripture Reading

Job 19:23-29

Carl Monroe, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

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Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

"Come, Come Immanuel"

Choir

Come, come Immanuel, a child and yet a King.
 Born to reign forever Praise to Thee we sing.
 Come, come Immanuel and set Thy people free,
 from fear and sin release us; find our rest in Thee.
 Come, come Immanuel, the Savior promised long.
 Let every heart prepare a throne and every voice a song.
 Come, come Immanuel, let all go forth and tell
 the story of the tiny King born in Israel.
 Open the heavens wide, God sends a Son.
 He is a tiny babe, the blessed Holy One.
 Come, come Immanuel, the Son of God to earth.
 Let all who know and love Him celebrate the birth.
 O come, come Immanuel, the time is drawing near.
 Salvation now is close at hand; the Son of God is here!

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

David Matlock, Deacon

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

"Amazing Grace!"

Amazing grace! - how sweet the sound - that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun.

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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 of Confession (silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 2:8-10

*[8] For by grace you have been saved through faith.
And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,*

[9] not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

*[10] For we are his workmanship, created in Christ
Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand,
that we should walk in them.*

Hymn

"Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground"

Christ, of all my hopes the ground, Christ, the spring of all my joy,
still in You may I be found, still for You my pow'rs employ,
still for You my pow'rs employ.

Let Your love my heart inflame; keep Your fear before my sight;
be Your praise my highest aim; be Your smile my chief delight.

Fountain of o'erflowing grace, freely from Your fullness give;
till I close my earthly race, may I prove it "Christ to live,"
may I prove it "Christ to live."

Firmly trusting in Your blood, nothing shall my heart confound;
safely I shall pass the flood, safely reach Immanuel's ground,
safely reach Immanuel's ground.

Thus, O thus, an entrance give to the land of cloudless sky;
having known it "Christ to live," let me know it "gain to die,"
" let me know it "gain to die."

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Scripture Reading

Mark 15:42-16:8

Sermon

"The Burial and Resurrection of Jesus"

Pastor Reed

Hymn

"Thine Be the Glory"

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry, Thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes, where Thy body lay.

refrain: *Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son,
endless is the vict'ry,
Thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

refrain

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without Thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors, thro' Thy deathless love:
bring us safe thro' Jordan to Thy home above.

refrain

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline
“The Burial and Resurrection of Jesus”
Mark 15:42-16:8

I. The Burial.

II. The Resurrection.

III. The Responses.

1. What are the significant aspects recorded in Mark 16:42-46, Matthew 27:57-60, Luke 23:50-54 and John 19:38-42 concerning Joseph of Arimathea requesting and quickly burying Jesus' body?
2. Why did the women go to the tomb after the Sabbath, what was their concern (Mark 15:47; 16:1-3) and what did the women find when they arrived at the tomb (Mark 16:4-6)?
3. Why do you think Mark singles out Peter to be told of the resurrection along with the other disciples in Mark 16:7?
4. What were the responses to the resurrection (Mark 16:8) and why are these responses important?

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