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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day
October 26, 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.

*For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith,
as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith." Romans 1:17*

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship
by reflecting on Romans 1:17 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Ephesians 3:10-12

[10] so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. [11] This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, [12] in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

Invocation

Opening Hymn

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same,
and He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is for ever.

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Corporate Profession of Faith

Romans 1:16-17

[16] For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

[17] For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

"Your Grace Still Amazes Me"

Choir

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Scott Freydl, Deacon

“The Five Solas of the Reformation”

Introduction

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 32:44-47
Psalm 33:4-9
2 Timothy 3:14-17

Carl Monroe, Ruling Elder

Explanation of “**Sola Scriptura**”

Hymn

“Forever Settled in the Heavens”

Forever settled in the heavens Thy Word, O Lord, shall firmly stand;
Thy faithfulness shall never fail; the earth abides at thy command.

Thy word and works unmoved remain, Thine every purpose to fulfil;
All things are thine and thee obey, and all as servants wait thy will.

I should have perished in my woe had not I loved thy law divine;
That law I never can forget; O save me, Lord, for I am thine.

The wicked would destroy my soul, but in thy truth is refuge sure;
Exceeding broad is thy command, and in perfection shall endure.

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Father in heaven, we thank You for the freedom You have given us
through the life, death and resurrection of Your Son.
But we confess today that we often live like slaves.
Instead of living like You delight in us,
we avoid You in shame and guilt.
Instead of receiving your favor as a gift,
we try to earn it with our efforts.
Instead of accepting Your freedom,
we prefer our chains.
Instead of pursuing your purposes,
we cling to our short-sighted agendas.
Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us.
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 2:24-25

*[24] He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By
his wounds you have been healed. [25] For you were
straying like sheep, but have now returned to the
Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.*

Scripture Reading

Psalm 118:14-29
1 Timothy 2:5-6
1 Peter 1:18-21

William Fennell, Ruling Elder

Explanation of “**Solus Christus**”

Hymn

"In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I Stand.

In Christ alone Who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save;
till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied
for every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I'll live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
then bursting forth in glorious day up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am His and He is mine bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 7:6-8
Ephesians 2:1-10

J. C. Baker, Ruling Elder

Explanation of "**Sola Gratia**"

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

Psalm 32
Romans 3:21-26; 4:1-8

Jeff Nissen, Ruling Elder

Explanation of "**Sola Fidé**"

Hymn

“My Hope Is in the Lord”

My hope is in the Lord who gave himself for me,
and paid the price of all my sin at Calvary.

refrain: *For me He died, for me He lives,
and everlasting life and life He freely gives.*

No merit of my own His anger to suppress,
my only hope is found in Jesus’ righteousness.

refrain

And now for me He stands before the Father’s throne,
He shows His wounded hands, and names me as His own.

refrain

His grace has planned it all, ‘tis mine but to believe,
and recognize His work of love and Christ receive.

refrain

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Scripture Reading

Psalm 96
Romans 11:33-36

Ken Knecht, Ruling Elder

Explanation of **“Soli Deo Gloria”**

Closing Hymn

“Reformation Hymn”
(to the tune *“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”*)

The Word of God alone has final authority. Our conscience captive to His truth
not to men’s thoughts or creeds. God’s Word (God’s Word) alone (alone)
God’s Word has authority.

It is in Christ alone that we have been redeemed. Though all of us were once sin’s slave
Christ’s blood has set us free! In Christ (in Christ) alone (alone)
in Christ we have been redeemed.

It is by grace alone that we are freely saved. For all our works could never earn
the priceless gift God gave. By grace (by grace) alone (alone)
by grace we are freely saved.

It is by faith alone that we are justified. By trusting in Christ’s work for us
we’re righteous in God’s sight. By faith (by faith) alone (alone)
by faith we are justified.

The glory of God alone, our prize and passion be. For we were made to bring Him praise
now and eternally. We live (we live) to praise (to praise)
the glory of God alone.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

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