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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*  
October 27, 2024

**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

1 Peter 2:9-10

*[9] But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. [10] Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

Invocation

Opening Hymn

*"How Firm a Foundation"*

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He has said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;  
for, I am your God, and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;  
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design  
your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.

"E'en down to old age all My people shall prove  
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,  
like lambs they shall still in My bosom be borne.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

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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

*"A Jubilant Song"*

Choir

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Jonathan Goodwin, Deacon

**"The Five Solas of the Reformation"**

Introduction

Scripture Reading

Psalm 119:89-112; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21

William Fennell, Ruling Elder

Explanation of "**Sola Scriptura**"

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 Confession of Sin and Silent Prayer

O Father, we are gathered before You, the Maker of Heaven and Earth,  
whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite,  
to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed;  
we have not loved You with all our heart and soul, we have not loved You with all our mind and  
strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves.  
In Your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done  
and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred.  
But, please Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With You, O Lord, there is forgiveness.  
In Your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love You with a holy love. 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

Isaiah 42:1-9; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; Galatians 4:4-7

Josh Sanford, 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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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.*

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

Genesis 15:6; Romans 3:21-26; Galatians 3:20-21

Bill Scholl, Ruling Elder

Explanation of “**Sola Fidé**”

Hymn

*“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”*

My faith has found a resting place, from guilt my soul is freed;  
I trust the ever living One, His wounds for me shall plead.

**refrain:** *I need no other argument, I need no other plea,  
it is enough that Jesus died, and that He died for me.*

Enough for me that Jesus saves, this ends my fear and doubt;  
a sinful soul I come to Him, He'll never cast me out.

**refrain**

My heart is leaning on the Word, the written Word of God:  
salvation by my Savior's name, salvation through His blood.

**refrain**

My great physician heals the sick, the lost He came to save;  
for me His precious blood He shed, for me His life He gave.

**refrain**

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Scripture Reading

Psalm 24; Romans 11:36; 1 Corinthians 10:31

Jeff Nissen, 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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