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Gospel Centered
CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day

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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.

*“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching,
for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.”*

2 Timothy 3:16

Prelude

During the prelude, prepare for worship by
reflecting on 2 Timothy 3:16 printed above.

Welcome

Call to Worship

Hebrews 12:28-29

Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

Invocation

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 pathways 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 has 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.

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
just to take Him at His word;
Just to rest upon His promise;
and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Refrain: Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
just to trust His cleansing blood;
and in simple faith to plunge me
'neath the healing, cleansing flood!
Refrain

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
just from sin and self to cease;
and from Jesus simply taking
life and rest, and joy and peace.
Refrain

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee,
Precious Jesus, Savior, friend;
and I know that Thou art with me,
wilt be with me to the end.
Refrain

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Corporate Profession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith Chapter 1, Paragraph 1

Although the light of nature and the works of creation and providence manifest the goodness, wisdom, and power of God, to such an extent that men are without excuse, yet they are not sufficient to give that knowledge of God and of His will which is necessary for salvation.

Therefore it pleased the Lord, at various times and in diverse ways, to reveal Himself and to declare His will to His church; and afterward - for the better preserving and propagating of the truth, and for the more sure establishment and comfort of the church against the corruption of the flesh and the malice of Satan and of the world - to commit this revelation wholly to writing.

Therefore the Holy Scripture is most necessary, God's former ways of revealing His will to His people having ceased.

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

Congregational Prayer

Jeff Nissen, Ruling Elder

Hymn

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 Early in the morning
 our song shall rise to Thee;
 Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
 God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
 casting down their golden crowns
 around the glassy sea;
 cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
 Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
 though the eye of sinful man
 Thy glory may not see;
 only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
 perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name
 in earth and sky and sea.
 Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
 God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His holy name. Amen

Individual Prayer of Confession (silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8:1-4

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Hymn

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ, my God:
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down:
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 29:1-29

Sermon

“The Primacy of God’s Word”

Pastor Reed

Sermon Outline

I. The Heart of Commitment (29:1-15).

II. The Root of Idolatry (29:16-28).

III. The Purpose of Special Revelation (29:29b).

Hymn

“God in the Gospel of His Son”

God, in the Gospel of His Son,
makes His eternal counsels known;
where love in all its glory shines,
and truth is drawn in fairest lines.

Here sinners of a humble frame
may taste His grace, and learn His name;
may read, in characters of blood,
the wisdom, pow’r, and grace of God.

The pris’ner here may break his chains;
the weary rest from all his pains;
the captive feel his bondage cease;
the mourner find the way of peace.

Here faith reveals to mortal eyes
a brighter world beyond the skies;
here shines the light which guides our way
from earth to realms of endless day.

O grant us grace, almighty Lord,
to read and mark Your holy Word;
Its truths with meekness to receive,
and by Its holy precepts live.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

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