Worship for The Lord's Day

Covenant Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 22, 2026 | 10:45 AM

Preparation for Worship

Trinity Chime

Prelude *Processional*
composed by Martin Shaw
Brett Levi, organ

Choral Introit *A Song of Thanksgiving*
arranged by Sue Farrar
The Covenant Choir

A song of thanksgiving, a song full of praise,
A song of rejoicing our voices we raise
To God our Father and Jesus the King;
A song of thanksgiving, our praises we sing.

A song of thanksgiving, a song full of praise,
A song of rejoicing our voices we raise
All angels sing their joyous strain,
In songs of thanksgiving they join our refrain.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven.
The one eternal God, Who heav'n and earth adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore!

A song of thanksgiving, a song full of praise,
A song of rejoicing our voices we raise
All ye who love the Lord rejoice!
A song of thanksgiving, lift up your voice!

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The Life of the Church

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Steve Mirich

Adoration of God

† Call to Worship Psalm 118 (selected verses)

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;* ***for His steadfast love endures forever!* *Let Israel say,* ***"His steadfast love endures forever."*** *Let the house of Aaron say,* ***"His steadfast love endures forever."*** *Let those who fear the Lord say,* ***"His steadfast love endures forever."*** *You are my God, and I will give thanks to You; You are my God; I will extol You. Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;* ***for His steadfast love endures forever!***

† Hymn of Praise No. 125 *Let All Things Now Living*

Invocation Tom Kasischke, Elder

Affirmation of Our Faith *The Westminster Shorter Catechism*

Q. 87. What is repentance unto life?
***A. Repentance unto life is a saving grace, by which a sinner, being truly aware of their sinfulness, understands the mercy of God in Christ, grieves for and hates their sins, and turns from them to God, fully intending and striving for a new obedience.**

† Hymn of Worship No. 98 *Now Thank We All Our God*

Confession of Sin and Means of Grace

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Reflection *O Most High (Psalm 92)*
composed by Jonathan Reid
based on Psalm 92:1–4, 12–15

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
To sing praises to Your name, O Most High!
To declare Your steadfast love in the morning,
And Your faithfulness by night (it is good).

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
To sing praises to Your name, O Most High!
To the music of the harp and the lyre,
For You have made me glad, made me glad!

The righteous flourish like a tree,
Planted in the house of the Lord,
They flourish in the courts of God,
They are evergreen,
At Your works they sing for joy!

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
To sing praises to Your name, O Most High!
To declare that the Lord is upright,
He is my Rock, He is holy.

It Is good to give thanks to the Lord.

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† The Reading of God's Word Luke 13:1–5

The Message from God's Word "Why, God?"
Pastor Steve Mirich

† Hymn of Response *Goodness of God*

Verse 1
I love You, Lord,
Oh Your mercy never fails me;
All my days I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head,
I will sing of the goodness of God.

Chorus
And all my life You have been faithful,
And all my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able,
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

Verse 2
I love Your voice,
You have led me through the fire,
And in darkest nights You are close like no other;
I've known You as a Father, I've known You as a Friend,
And I have lived in the goodness of God.
(Repeat chorus twice)

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† Offertory Prayer

Offertory *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*
arranged by Albin Whitworth
Brett Levi, organ

Response and Blessing

† Sending Hymn *Give Thanks*

Give thanks with a grateful heart;
Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ, His Son. (repeat)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong;"
Let the poor say, "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. (repeat)

Give Thanks! Give Thanks!

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† Benediction Colossians 3:15-17

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. Amen.

† Doxology No. 731

Postlude *Nun danket alle Gott*, Op. 65, No. 13
composed by Sigfrid Karg-Ellert
Brett Levi, organ

* The congregation responds reading the **bold** print.

† The congregation stands, if able.

An elder will be available for prayer at the front following worship.

Welcome to Covenant! May you be still as we trust in our Heavenly Father and rest in the peace Christ has purchased for us and given to us in the gift of the Holy Spirit. Please prepare yourself for worship by prayerfully reading and meditating on the Scriptures and quotes below.

Oh, how abundant is Your goodness, which You have stored up for those who fear You and worked for those who take refuge in You, in the sight of the children of mankind! Psalm 31:19

And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or His parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in Him. John 9:2-3

Or do you presume on the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed. Romans 2:4-5

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. 2 Peter 3:9

"The Christian who has stopped repenting has stopped growing." A.W. Pink

"God uses calamities to remind all people that death is often an imminent surprise for which they need to be prepared!" John MacArthur

"The coming of God's reign either demands repentance or brings judgment." D.A. Carson

"God is always trying to give good things to us, but our hands are too full to receive them." Augustine

"If I had not felt certain that every trial was ordered by infinite love and mercy, I could not have survived my accumulated sufferings."
Adoniram Judson

"Our heavenly Father never takes anything from His children unless He means to give them something better." George Müller

"Trials always change our relationship with God. Either they drive us to Him, or they drive us away from Him. The extent of our fear of Him and our awareness of His love for us determine in which direction we will move." Jerry Bridges

Today's flowers are given by Jean Oates to the glory of God and in memory of her husband, Ronald Oates.

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