 Covenant Presbyterian Church, PCA

**Sunday, March 16, 2025**

For the glory of God, Covenant Presbyterian Church

exists to worship God and equip His people for service.

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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.

**Preparation for Worship**

Pre-Prelude No. 655*Hiding in Thee* arr. Jay Rouse

 Collette Levi, piano

 Prelude No. 34 *The God of Abraham Praise* arr. Marianne Kim

 Greg Hostetler, trumpet and Brett Levi, organ

*And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, ‘Is the Lord among us or not?’* Exodus 17:7

*‘It is the Lord your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by His name you shall swear… You shall not put the Lord your God to the test, as you tested Him at Massah.’* Deuteronomy 6:13, 16

*Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place— the Most High, Who is my Refuge— no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent. For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.* Psalm 91:9-11

*My son, do not lose sight of these—keep sound wisdom and discretion, and they will be life for your soul and adornment for your neck. Then you will walk on your way securely, and your foot will not stumble.* Proverbs 3:21-23

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*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.* Romans 12:2

“Don’t dig up in doubt what you planted in faith.” [Elisabeth Elliot](https://gracequotes.org/author-quote/elisabeth-elliot/)

“No detail of your life is too insignificant for your heavenly Father’s attention; no circumstance is so big that He cannot control it.” [Jerry Bridges](https://gracequotes.org/author-quote/jerry-bridges/)

“Trusting God does not mean believing that He will do all that you want, but rather believing that He will do everything He knows is good.”[Ken Sande](https://gracequotes.org/author-quote/ken-sande/)

“Every temptation, directly or indirectly, is the temptation to doubt and distrust God.”[John MacArthur](https://gracequotes.org/author-quote/john-macarthur/)

“Satan gives Adam an apple (fruit), and takes away Paradise. Therefore in all temptations let us consider not what he offers, but what we shall lose.”

[Richard Sibbes](https://gracequotes.org/author-quote/richard-sibbes/)

“The focus of Satan’s efforts is always the same: to deceive us into believing that the passing pleasures of sin are more satisfying than obedience.”

[Sam Storms](https://gracequotes.org/author-quote/sam-storms/)

“You are in danger of desiring the blessing more than you desire God, and when that happens you may be easy prey for Satan to offer you a shortcut.”

[Iain Duguid](https://gracequotes.org/author-quote/iain-duguid/)

**Chris Phillips gives today’s flowers in celebration of their families’ March birthdays for Rosalyn, Ryan, Sean and Anna Phillips.**

**Order of Worship – March 16, 2025**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Adoration of God**

**\*Call to Worship**  Psalm 18:1-3

*I love You, O Lord, my Strength.**The Lord is my Rock and my Fortress and my Deliverer, my God, my Rock, in whom I take refuge, my Shield, and the Horn of my Salvation, my Stronghold. I call upon the Lord, Who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.*

**\*Hymn of Praise** No. 2 *O Worship the King*

**Invocation** Elder Jim Katsch

**Affirmation of Our Faith** Westminster Shorter Catechism

**Q. 47. What is forbidden in the first commandment?**

A. “The first commandment forbids the denying, or not worshipping and glorifying, the true God as God, and our God; and the giving of that worship and glory to any other, which is due to Him alone.”

**\*Hymn of Worship** No. 175 *A Wonderful Savior Is Jesus My Lord*

**Confession of Sin and Means of Grace**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Musical Reflection** *Wonderful, Merciful Savior* arr. Bruce Greer

**\*The Reading of God’s Word**  Luke 4:5-13

**The Message from God’s Word**  “Trust and Obey- not Test and Rebel”

 Pastor Steve Mirich

**\*Hymn of Response** *I Will Trust My Savior Jesus*

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offertory**  *I Need Thee Every Hour* arr. Robert Lau

 Greg Hostetler, trumpet and Brett Levi, organ

**Response and Blessing**

**\*Closing Hymn** No. 449 *We Rest on Thee*

**\*Benediction** Philippians 4:6-7

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

**\* Doxology**

**Postlude**  *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. Paul Manz

 Brett Levi, organ

 **\*Indicates when the congregation stands (*if able*)**