# **Covenant Presbyterian Church, PCA**

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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

Lord of the Dance arr. Joel Raney Laura Stone, flute, and Katie Stuckey, piano

Prelude Hosanna, Loud Hosanna arr. Joel Raney Katie Stuckey, piano, and Brett Levi, organ with the Covenant Choir

'And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to Heaven? You will be brought down to Hades. For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I tell you that it will be more tolerable on the Day of Judgment for the land of Sodom than for you.' Matthew 11:23-24

As He was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of His disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the King Who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in Heaven and glory in the highest!' And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, 'Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.'And when He drew near and saw the city, He wept over it, saying, 'Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.' Luke 19:37-42

The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. 1 John 3:8b

You believe that God is One; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! James 2:19

"There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them." C.S. Lewis

"Nowhere in the New Testament are believers ever depicted as living in servile fear of demons; that is precisely the state from which they have been delivered by the gospel." Melvin Tinker

"The difference between heart belief and head belief is the difference between salvation and damnation." George Sweeting

"God's Word does not merely impart information; it actually creates life. It's not only descriptive; it's effective too, God speaking is God acting." Michael Horton

"Fears are loud and demanding. Even when you know they are irrational, they can still control you. It is hard to argue with feelings that are so intense, and easy to be loval to our inaccurate interpretations." Edward Welch

"The fear of the Lord tends to take away all other fears. This is the secret of Christian courage and boldness." Sinclair Ferguson

Marty Harple gives today's flowers to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Hap and their 58 years of marriage.

## Welcome and Announcements

#### Adoration of God

#### \*Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-6

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the Earth! Sing to the Lord, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples! For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the Heavens. Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

\*Hymn of Praise No. 235

Elder Rod Caldwell

Affirmation of Our Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

# 0.26. How does Christ execute the office of a king?

A. Christ executes the office of a King, in subduing us to Himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all His and our enemies.

\*Hymn of Worship No. 296 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

## **Confession of Sin and Means of Grace**

**Pastoral Prayer** 

Invocation

**Choral Reflection** *Is He Worthy? arr. Dan Forrest* The Covenant Choir with soloists Wendy Garcia and Bill Stuckey

*The Reading of God's Word	Luke 4:31-37
The Message from God's Word	"Even Demons Believe" Pastor Steve Mirich
*Hymn of Response	The Power of the Cross
Offertory Prayer	

Offertory *Amazing Grace* arr. Duane Funderburk, instrumental ensemble

## **Response and Blessing**

\*Closing Hymn No. 263

Lift High the Cross

\*Benediction Ephesians 3:20-21 Now to Him Who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

\* Doxology

Postlude

Fanfare by William Mathias Brett Levi, organ