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.

Sunday, July 20, 2025

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 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus arr. Marianne Kim

Laura Stone, flute, and Katie Stuckey, piano

Prelude Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart arr. Herman Voss

Katie Stuckey, piano and Brett Levi, organ

'I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will feast the soul of the priests with abundance, and My people shall be satisfied with My goodness, declares the Lord.' Jeremiah 31:13b-14

For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. Psalm 30:5

For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. 2 Corinthians 4:17-18

Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. 2 Timothy 3:12

'He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.' Revelation 21:4

"Take a saint, and put him into any condition, and he knows how to rejoice in the Lord." Walter Cradock

"We are not called to rejoice at suffering in and of itself. Suffering is bad, suffering is hard, and suffering often comes at the hands of wicked people. Therefore, we do not rejoice in suffering because we love the suffering in and of itself. We rejoice in suffering because we look forward to what God is able to do through our suffering." Heath Lambert

"In the hands of a loving God, sorrow and suffering become the doorways into the greatest and most indestructible joys." David Powlison

"In our sufferings for Christ there is joy, not so when we suffer for our sins." John Trapp

"The pleasure of sin is brief while the sorrow it produces lasts; the sorrow of repentance is brief, while the joy it produces lasts." John MacArthur

"God examineth with trials, the devil examineth with temptations, the world examineth with persecutions." Henry Smith

"The depths of our misery can never fall below the depths of mercy." Richard Sibbes

Today's flowers are given by Vicki Leary to the glory of our God and in gratitude for the caring, Christian family of Covenant.

Order of Worship - July 20, 2025

Welcome and Announcements

Adoration of God

*Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the Earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His presence with singing! Know that the Lord, He is God! It is He Who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name! For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

*Hymn of Praise No. 1

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Invocation

Elder Jim Katsch

Psalm 100

Affirmation of Our Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 1. What is the chief end of man?

A. "Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever."

*Hymn of Faith No. 571

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Confession of Sin and Means of Grace

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Reflection

I Set My Hope On Jesus arr. Sean Paul

*The Reading of God's Word

Luke 6:20-26

The Message from God's Word

"Joy in Jesus"

Pastor Steve Mirich

*Hymn of Response

My Worth Is Not in What I Own

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Take the Name of Jesus with You arr. John Innes
Brett Levi, organ

Response and Blessing

*Closing Hymn

When We All Get to Heaven

*Benediction

Romans 15:13, 1 Peter 5:10-11

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

*Doxology

Postlude

Lead On, O King Eternal arr. Carolyn Hamlin Brett Levi, organ

*Indicates when the congregation stands (if able)