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For the glory of God, Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to worship God and equip His people for service.

November 8, 2026 | 10:45 AM

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

Prelude *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* arr. Mary McDonald
Collette Levi, piano

Choral Introit *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* arr. Gordon Young
The Covenant Choir

For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God. Deuteronomy 4:24

But who can endure the day of His coming, and who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord. Malachi 3:2-3

John answered them all, saying, 'I baptize you with water, but He Who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of Whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in His hand, to clear His threshing floor and to gather the wheat into His barn, but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire.' Luke 3:16-17

'Now is My soul troubled. And what shall I say? "Father, save Me from this hour?" But for this purpose I have come to this hour.' John 12:27

'I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.' John 16:33

"Christ is the cause of the greatest division, but He is also the medium of the greatest union." C.H. Spurgeon

"We don't want to be personally or institutionally offensive, but we cannot buffer the offense of the cross." John MacArthur

"What peace can they have who are not at peace with God?" Matthew Henry

"Jesus did not die just to give us peace and a purpose in life; He died to save us from the wrath of God." Jerry Bridges

"The servant of Christ must never be surprised if he has to drink of the same cup with His Lord." J.C. Ryle

"Did Christ finish His work for us? Then there can be no doubt but He will also finish His work in us." John Flavel

"We mistakenly look for tokens of God's love in happiness. We should instead look for them in His faithful and persistent work to conform us to Christ." Jerry Bridges

Today's flowers are given by Terry and Loretta Buettner to the glory of God and in remembrance of their fathers, Harlan Nelson and Warren Buettner. Both men were born in 1921 and served as decorated veterans of World War II.

Worship for the Lord's Day – November 8, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

Adoration of God

***Call to Worship** Psalm 147:1-5; Hebrews 12:28-29
Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting. The Lord builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of the stars; He gives to all of them their names. Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure. 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.

***Hymn of Praise** No. 715 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

Invocation Elder Tony Bloemsma

Affirmation of Our Faith Westminster Shorter Catechism
Q. 27. Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist?
A. "Christ's humiliation consisted in His being born, and that in a low condition, made under the Law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time."

***Hymn of Worship** No. 246 *Man of Sorrows! What a Name*

Confession of Sin and Means of Grace

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Reflection *God of Grace and God of Glory* arr. Paul T. Langston

***The Reading of God's Word** Luke 12:48-53

The Message from God's Word "Why Did Jesus Come?"
Pastor Steve Mirich

***Hymn of Response** *Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery*

Offertory Prayer

Offertory *Out of the Ivory Palaces* by Henry Barraclough
Brett Levi bass-baritone, and Collette Levi, piano

Response and Blessing

***Sending Hymn** No.441 *Jesus Shall Reign* (stanzas 1, 4-5)

***Benediction** 1 Peter 5:10-11
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** No. 731

Postlude *How Firm a Foundation* arr. Carolyn Hamlin
Brett Levi, organ

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

****An elder and his wife will be available near the front of the sanctuary should you desire prayer after the service.**