

# 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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**Sunday, April 28, 2024**

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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.

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### Preparation for Worship

Pre-Prelude *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* arr. Matt Limbaugh  
Ben Macdonald, piano

Prelude *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* arr. Molly Ijames  
Rebecca Brake and Brett Levi, piano

*And Samuel said, 'Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams.'* 1 Samuel 15:22

*But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.'*

1 Samuel 16:7

*Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the heart.*  
Proverbs 21:2

*'And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.'* Matthew 6:16

*For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.* 2 Corinthians 7:10

*Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.* Colossians 3:23-24

"God searches the heart and understands every motive. To be acceptable to Him, our motives must spring from a love for Him and a desire to glorify Him. Obedience to God performed from a legalistic motive – that is a fear of the consequences or to gain favor with God – is not pleasing to God." Jerry Bridges

"Scripture never separates motive and behavior. The mirror of Scripture exposes both. The lamp of Scripture guides both. The grace and power of Jesus Christ change both root and fruit." David Powlison

"You are not acting as you ought to do when you are moved by any other motive than a single eye to your Lord's glory." C.H. Spurgeon

"Man sees your actions, but God your motives." Thomas a Kempis

"To correctly evaluate our hearts, we need to examine the thoughts and motives behind our words and actions." Karl Graustein

"A Pharisee is hard on others and easy on himself, but a spiritual man is easy on others and hard on himself." A.W. Tozer

**Today's flowers are given by Jean Oates to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ron Oates.**

## Order of Worship – April 28, 2024

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Adoration of God

**\*Call to Worship** Psalm 111:1-4  
*Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever. He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful.*

**\*Hymn of Praise #44** *How Great Thou Art*

**Invocation** Elder Rod Caldwell

**Affirmation of Our Faith** Westminster Shorter Catechism

**Q. 101. "What do we pray for in the first petition?"**

A. "In the first petition, which is, 'Hallowed be Thy Name,' we pray, that God would enable us and others to glorify Him in all that whereby He maketh Himself known, and that He would dispose all things to His own glory."

**\*Hymn of Obedience #688** *Have Thine Own Way, Lord!*

#### Confession of Sin and Means of Grace

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Musical Reflection** *Where Can I Go?* by Molly Ijames

**\*The Reading of God's Word** Zechariah 7:1-7

**The Message from God's Word** "Motive Matters"  
Pastor Steve Mirich

**\*Hymn of Response** *I Surrender All*

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offertory** *Songs Without Words Op. 67 No.2* by Felix Mendelssohn  
Charlene Gebler, clarinet and Rebecca Brake, piano

#### Response and Blessing

**\*Closing Hymn** *There Is a Redeemer*

**\*Benediction** Colossians 3:16-17  
*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.*

**\*Doxology**

**Postlude** *Toccata on To God Be the Glory* arr. Joel Raney  
Brett Levi, organ

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