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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, May 5, 2024

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 *Nearer My God to Thee* arr. Faye Lopez
Beth Taws, piano

Prelude *And Can It Be* arr. Carolyn Hamlin
Brett Levi, piano

'For I am the Lord Who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.' Leviticus 11:45

'When you spread out your hands, I will hide My eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.' Isaiah 1:15

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and the plate, that the outside also may be clean. Matthew 23:25-26

For although they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks to Him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Romans 1:21

"See that your chief study be about your heart, that there God's image may be planted, and His interest advanced, and the interest of the world and flesh subdued, and the love of every sin cast out, and the love of holiness succeed."
Richard Baxter

"Your ears listen for what your heart craves." Paul David Tripp

"I cannot learn to love my neighbor as myself till I learn to love God, and I cannot learn to love God except by learning to obey Him." C.S. Lewis

"Mercy is something we extend, not just something we intend." George Grant

"Our Lord told His disciples that love and obedience were organically united. The final test of love is obedience." A.W. Tozer

"There is a vast difference between a struggling faith...and (a) stubborn unbelief." Jerry Bridges

"It is impossible to be a follower of Christ while denying, disregarding, discrediting and disbelieving the words of Christ." David Platt

"You can always give without loving, but you can never love without giving." Amy Carmichael

Today's flowers are given by Jean Fryer with love and honor to her husband, Chris Fryer, in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

Order of Worship – May 5, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

Adoration of God

***Call to Worship** Psalm 34 (selected verses)
I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together! Those who look to Him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. The Angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and delivers them. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!

***Hymn of Praise #167** *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

Invocation Elder Tony Bloemsma

Affirmation of Our Faith Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 39."What is the duty which God requires of man?"

A. "The duty which God requires of man is obedience to His revealed will."

***Hymn of Obedience #672** *Trust and Obey*

Confession of Sin and Means of Grace

Pastoral Prayer

Musical Reflection *Prayer to Jehovah* by Molly Ijames

***The Reading of God's Word** Zechariah 7:8-15

The Message from God's Word "Pursuing Religion or Righteousness?"
Pastor Steve Mirich

***Hymn of Response** *I Will Trust My Savior Jesus*
by Maxwell|Tranter|Robinson|Thompson

Offertory Prayer

Offertory *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* arr. Diane Bish
Brett Levi, piano

Response and Blessing

***Closing Hymn #600** *He Leadeth Me*

***Benediction** Numbers 6:24-26
The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

*Doxology

Postlude *Postlude on Holy, Holy, Holy* arr. David Lowe
Brett Levi, organ

*Indicates when the congregation stands (if able)