

# 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, September 1, 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 *Trust and Obey* arr. Kenon D. Renfrow  
Collette Levi, piano

Prelude *Processional on Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*  
arr. David Cherwien/Greg Hostetler, trumpet and Brett Levi, organ

*'Call to Me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.'* Jeremiah 33:3

*For You, O God, have tested us; You have tried us as silver is tried. You brought us into the net; You laid a crushing burden on our backs; You let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet You have brought us out to a place of abundance.* Psalm 66:10-12

*Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush Him; He has put Him to grief; when His soul makes an offering for guilt, He shall see His offspring; He shall prolong His days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in His hand. Out of the anguish of His soul he shall see and be satisfied; by His knowledge shall the Righteous One, My servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and He shall bear their iniquities.* Isaiah 53:10-11

*This Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.* Acts 2:23

"The evil Satan causes is only by the permission of God...It would be unbiblical and irrelevant to attribute to Satan (or sinful man) the power to frustrate the designs of God." John Piper

"Trust in God, not explanations from God, is the pathway through suffering." Ray Ortlund

"If I had not felt certain that every trial was ordered by infinite love and mercy, I could not have survived my accumulated sufferings." Adoniram Judson

"Of course, one must take 'sent to try us' the right way. God has not been trying an experiment on my faith or love in order to find out their quality. He knew it already. It was I who didn't." C.S. Lewis

"No physician ever weighed out medicine to his patients with half so much care and exactness as God weighs out to us every trial. Not one grain too much does He ever permit to be put in the scale." Henry Ward Beecher

"Trials always change our relationship with God. Either they drive us to Him, or they drive us away from Him. The extent of our fear of Him and our awareness of His love for us determine in which direction we will move." Jerry Bridges

**Geoffrey and Barbara Toman give today's flowers to the Glory of God and in celebration of their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.**

## Order of Worship – September 1, 2024

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Adoration of God

**\*Call to Worship** Psalm 34:1-3  
*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!*

**\*Hymn of Praise** No. 97 *We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator*

**Invocation** Elder Jim Katsch

**Affirmation of Our Faith** *The Westminster Confession of Faith*  
Chapter III of God's Eternal Degree

I. God from all eternity did by the most wise and holy counsel of His own will, freely and unchangeably ordain whatsoever comes to pass; yet so as thereby neither is God the author of sin; nor is violence offered to the will of the creatures, nor is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather established.

**\*Hymn of Assurance** No. 691 *It Is Well with My Soul*

#### Confession of Sin and Means of Grace

##### Pastoral Prayer

**Musical Reflection** *Prayer for Healing* by Molly Ijames and Eileen Berry

**\*The Reading of God's Word** Zechariah 13:7-9, Matthew 26:30-35

**The Message from God's Word** "Trust God When..."  
Pastor Steve Mirich

**\*Hymn of Response** *Isaiah 43*  
by Indelible Grace

##### Offertory Prayer

**Offertory** *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* arr. Lloyd Larson  
Brett Levi, organ

#### Response and Blessing

**\*Closing Hymn** No. 726 *Spirit of the Living God*

**\*Benediction** 1 Peter 5:10-11

**\*Doxology**

**Postlude** *How Firm a Foundation* arr. Anna Laura Page  
Brett Levi, organ

\*Indicates when the congregation stands (if able)