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

September 6, 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

Piano Meditation *For the Beauty of the Earth* arr. Faye López
Zoe Thompson, piano

Prelude *In Heavenly Love Abiding* arr. Allen Pote
Brett Levi, and Katie Stuckey, piano

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction. Proverbs 1:7

The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is safe.
Proverbs 29:25

The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep His Commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.
Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

Then those who feared the Lord spoke with one another. The Lord paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before Him of those who feared the Lord and esteemed His Name. "They shall be Mine, says the Lord of Hosts, in the day when I make up My treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him." Malachi 3:16-18

For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.
Galatians 1:10

"Let them fear death who do not fear sin." Thomas Watson

"The saddest road to hell is the one that runs under the pulpit, past the Bible, and through the middle of warnings and invitations." J.C. Ryle

"We don't fear God because He's bad. We stand in utter awe before Him because He's so good it's scary." J. Budziszewski

"The fear of the Lord tends to take away all other fears. This is the secret of Christian courage and boldness." Sinclair Ferguson

"We fear men so much, because we fear God so little. One fear cures another. When man's terror scares you, turn your thoughts to the wrath of God." William Gurnall

"Men love everything but righteousness and fear everything but God."
Vance Havner

"We are more concerned about looking stupid (a fear of people) than we are about acting sinfully (fear of the Lord)." Edward Welch

Today's flowers are given by John and Mary Ann Paget to the glory of God and in celebration of their 27th wedding anniversary.

Worship for the Lord's Day – September 6, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

Adoration of God

***Call to Worship** Psalm 33:1-5, 8
Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright. Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre; make melody to Him with the harp of ten strings! Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts. For the Word of the Lord is upright, and all His work is done in faithfulness. He loves righteousness and justice; the Earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord. Let all the Earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the World stand in awe of Him!

***Hymn of Praise** No. 92 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Invocation Elder Jim Katsch

Affirmation of Our Faith *The Apostles' Creed*
Trinity Hymnal, pg. 845

Hymn of Abiding Love No. 402 *Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide*
(stanza 1: **all**, stanza 2: **women**, stanza 3: **men**, stanzas 4 and 5: **all**)

Confession of Sin and Means of Grace

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Reflection *How Firm a Foundation* arr. Dan Forrest

***The Reading of God's Word** Luke 12:4-7

The Message from God's Word "What Are You Afraid Of?"
Pastor Steve Mirich

***Hymn of Response** *Isaiah 43*

Offertory Prayer

Offertory *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* arr. James P. Colman
Wendy Garcia, mezzo-soprano, and Brett Levi, piano

Response and Blessing

***Sending Hymn** No. 616 *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* (stanzas 1 and 3)

***Benediction** Romans 8:38-39
For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Doxology

Postlude *O God Beyond All Praising* arr. Stan Pethel
Brett Levi, and Katie Stuckey piano

*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.