

# 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, August 31, 2025**

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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 *Holy, Holy, Holy* arr. Joel Raney  
Sarah Barfield and Ben Macdonald, piano

Prelude *Hallelujah! What a Savior!* arr. Molly Ijames  
Mike Wert, trombone, and Katie Stuckey, piano

*And He marveled because of their unbelief.* Mark 6:6

*For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.* Romans 12:3

*For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.* Ephesians 2:8-9

*Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.* Hebrews 11:1

*But He gives more grace. Therefore it says, 'God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.'* James 4:6

*But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong. God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.* 1 Corinthians 1:27-29

"Faith is to believe what we do not see, and the reward of this faith is to see what we believe." Augustine

"Humility isn't pretending we're unworthy because it's spiritual – it's recognizing we're unworthy because it's true...The worse we realize we are, the greater we realize God's grace is." Randy Alcorn

"Let us then ascribe the whole work of grace to the pleasure of God's will. God did not choose us because we were worthy, but by choosing us He makes us worthy." Thomas Watson

"Beware in your prayer, above everything, of limiting God, not only by unbelief, but by fancying that you know what He can do." Andrew Murray

"Humility, then, is a recognition that we are at the same time 'worm Jacob' and a mighty threshing sledge – completely weak and helpless in ourselves, but powerful and useful by the grace of God." Jerry Bridges

"Man is never sufficiently touched and affected by the awareness of his lowly state until he has compared himself with God's majesty." John Calvin

**Jim and Nancy Wert give today's flowers in thanksgiving for 68 years of marriage. To God be the glory.**

## Worship for the Lord's Day – August 31, 2025

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Adoration of God

**\*Call to Worship** Revelation 4:8b-11  
*'Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!' And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him Who is seated on the throne, Who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before Him Who is seated on the throne and worship Him Who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, 'Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they existed and were created.'*

**\*Hymn of Adoration** No. 100 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

**Invocation** Elder Jim Katsch

**Affirmation of Our Faith** Westminster Shorter Catechism

**Q. 86. What is faith in Jesus Christ?**

A. "Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation, as He is offered to us in the gospel."

**\*Hymn of Faith** No. 705 *I Know Whom I Have Believed* (stanzas 1-3, 5)

#### Confession of Sin and Means of Grace

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Choral Reflection** *Goodness of God* arr. Jay Rouse

**\*The Reading of God's Word** Luke 7:1-10

**The Message from God's Word** "Marvelous Faith"  
Pastor Steve Mirich

**\*Hymn of Response** *Is He Worthy?*

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offertory** *Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound* arr. Dale Wood  
Brett Levi, organ

#### Response and Blessing

**Closing Hymn** No. 693 *Blessed Assurance* (stanzas 1, 3)

**\*Benediction** 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12  
*To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of His calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by His power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

**\*Doxology**

**Postlude** *Toccata Brillante (We Will Glorify)* arr. Fred Bock  
Brett Levi, organ

\*Indicates when the congregation stands (if able)