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

Sunday, September 14, 2025

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 (No. 108) *Whate're My God Ordains Is Right* arr. Dan Forrest
Colleen Gillespie, piano

Prelude (No. 94) *How Firm a Foundation* arr. James Pethel
Brett Levi, organ

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God actually say, "You shall not eat of any tree in the garden"?' Genesis 3:1

And He will become a Sanctuary and a Stone of offense and a Rock of stumbling to both houses of Israel, a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
Isaiah 8:14

Say to those who have an anxious heart, 'Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. Isaiah 35:4-6a

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound.
Isaiah 61:1

'I believe; help my unbelief!' Mark 9:24b

"It's a funny thing about us human beings: not many of us doubt God's existence and then start sinning. Most of us sin and then start doubting His existence." J. Budziszewski

"Christ never failed to distinguish between doubt and unbelief. Doubt is can't believe. Unbelief is won't believe. Doubt is honesty. Unbelief is obstinacy. Doubt is looking for light. Unbelief is content with darkness."
Henry Drummond

"Even doubting thoughts and feelings that border on sin are better laid out before the gracious eyes of the Lord than nursed in our hearts. God will not be shocked! He knows our inmost thoughts anyway!" Iain Duguid

"There is a vast difference between a struggling faith (Mk. 9:24) and (a) stubborn unbelief (Mk. 3:3-6)." Jerry Bridges

"Satan has been a liar from the beginning. His constant goal is to get believers to turn their backs on the promises of God and pursue apparently rosier dreams." Iain Duguid

Today's flowers are given in celebration of Craig and Scarlett Goodman's 24th and Steve and Mary Laughter's 57th wedding anniversaries.

Worship for the Lord's Day – September 14, 2025

Welcome and Announcements

Adoration of God

***Call to Worship** Psalm 46:10-11
'Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the Earth!' The Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

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

Invocation

Elder Dan Veazey

Affirmation of Our Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith
Chapter XIV. Of Saving Faith

III. "This faith is different in degrees, weak or strong; may be often and many ways assailed and weakened, but gets the victory; growing up in many to the attainment of a full assurance through Christ, Who is both the author and finisher of our faith."

***Hymn of Providence** No. 128 *God Moves in a Mysterious Way*
(stanzas 1-3: all, stanza 4: men, stanza 5: women, stanza 6: all)

Confession of Sin and Means of Grace

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Reflection

Speak, O Lord arr. John Ferguson

*The Reading of God's Word

Luke 7:18-28

The Message from God's Word

"Disappointed?"
Pastor Steve Mirich

*Hymn of Response

I Will Trust My Savior Jesus

Offertory Prayer

Offertory (No. 679)

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus arr. Phillip Keveren
Katie Stuckey, cello, and Grace Matson, piano

Response and Blessing

Sending Hymn No. 616

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms (stanzas 1&3)

*Benediction

Philippians 4:6-7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

*Doxology

Postlude

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing arr. Anna Laura Page
Brett Levi, organ

*Indicates when the congregation stands (if able)