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

Sunday, October 12, 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 *Like a River Glorious* arr. Faye Lopez
Colleen Gillespie, piano

Prelude *O God, Beyond All Praising* arr. Albert L. Travis
Brett Levi, organ

Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.
Proverbs 4:23

And He said, 'Go, and say to this people: "Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive. Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed.'" Isaiah 6:9-10

I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.
1 Corinthians 3:6-7

But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. 2 Corinthians 3:14-16

As it is said, "Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion." Hebrews 3:15

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

"It is hypocritical to pray for victory over our sins yet be careless in our intake of the Word of God." Jerry Bridges

"Sometimes more Bible knowledge only beads up on a hard heart, and prayer is often the only way to furrow the soil so the Word can take root."
Garrett Higbee

"Since Scripture imparts salvation, effective evangelism depends on the faithful proclamation of the Word. God will prepare the soil and bring forth the fruit. We must be faithful to plant the seed." John MacArthur

"The more Light that is given, the harder the human heart must become to reject it." Erwin Lutzer

"By delay of repentance, sin strengthens, and the heart hardens. The longer ice freezeth, the harder it is to be broken." Thomas Watson

"Where there is no fruit, there may be no root." Sam Storms

Today's flowers are offered to the glory of God.

Worship for the Lord's Day – October 12, 2025

Welcome and Announcements

Adoration of God

***Call to Worship** Psalm 111:1-4
Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever. He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful.

***Hymn of Praise** No. 44 *How Great Thou Art*

Invocation Elder Jim Katsch

Affirmation of Our Faith Westminster Shorter Catechism
Q. 90. How is the Word to be read and heard, that it may become effective to salvation?

A. "We must attend to the Word with diligence, preparation and prayer, receive it with faith and love, lay it up in our hearts, and practice it in our lives, so that it may become effective to salvation."

***Hymn of Faith** No. 642 *Be Thou My Vision*

Confession of Sin and Means of Grace

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Reflection *This Is My Word* by Pepper Choplin

***The Reading of God's Word** Luke 8:4-15
The Message from God's Word "Heart Condition"
Pastor Steve Mirich

***Hymn of Response** *Speak, O Lord*

Offertory Prayer

Offertory *As the Deer* arr. Douglas E. Wagner
Brett Levi, organ

Response and Blessing

Sending Hymn No. 726 *Spirit of the Living God*

***Benediction** Ephesians 3:17-19
So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

*Doxology

Postlude *Now Thank We All Our God* arr. Anna Laura Page
Brett Levi, organ

*Indicates when the congregation stands (if able)