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

March 22, 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

Pre-Prelude

The Power of the Cross arr. Faye Lopez
Colleen Gillespie, piano

Prelude

Lamb of God arr. Joel Raney
Laura Stone, flute, and Katie Stuckey, piano

'But My servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land into which he went, and his descendants shall possess it.' Numbers 14:24

'But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.' Matthew 6:33

'Whoever loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.' Matthew 10:37-39

'And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: the ones who, when they hear the Word, immediately receive it with joy. And they have no root in themselves, but endure for a while; then, when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the Word, immediately they fall away. And others are the ones sown among thorns. They are those who hear the Word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the Word, and it proves unfruitful.' Mark 4:16-19

'Remember Lot's wife.' Luke 17:32

"No one can sum up all God is able to accomplish through one solitary life, wholly yielded, adjusted, and obedient to Him." D.L. Moody

"Christ is not valued at all, unless He is valued above all." Augustine

"A wife who is 85% faithful to her husband is not faithful at all. There is no such thing as part-time loyalty to Jesus Christ." Vance Havner

"Whatever stands in opposition to Christ, or in completion with Him for our love and service, we must cheerfully quit it, though ever so dear to us." Matthew Henry

"If you look up into His face and say, 'Yes, Lord, whatever it costs,' at that moment He'll flood your life with His presence and power." Alan Redpath

"One should also count the cost of *not* following Jesus... If the option is unconditional surrender to Jesus or Satan, the former is the only one that will prove to be the wise choice." David Garland

"Jesus is not offering a makeover. He's calling for a takeover, very different from the easy kind of Christianity light that we're so familiar with."

John MacArthur

The flowers this Sunday are given in thanks to God for the 58 years of marriage of Hap and Marty Harple.

Worship for the Lord's Day – March 22, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

Adoration of God

*Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-6

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the Earth! Sing to the Lord, bless His Name; tell of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples! For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the Heavens. Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

*Hymn of Praise No. 263

Lift High the Cross (stanzas 1-3,5)

Invocation

Elder Jim Katsch

Affirmation of Our Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 47. What is forbidden in the first commandment?

A. "The first commandment forbids the denying, or not worshipping and glorifying, the true God as God, and our God; and the giving of that worship and glory to any other, which is due to him alone."

Q. 48. What are we specially taught by these words, *before me*, in the first commandment?

A. "These words, *before me*, in the first commandment teach us, that God, who sees all things, takes notice of, and is much displeased with, the sin of having any other God."

Hymn of Discipleship No. 264

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Confession of Sin and Means of Grace

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Reflection

All of Our Tomorrows arr. Molly Ijames
The Covenant Choir with Ella Tokar, soprano

*The Reading of God's Word

Luke 9:57-62

The Message from God's Word

"Excuses, Excuses, Excuses"
Pastor Steve Mirich

*Hymn of Response

Our God Will Go Before Us

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone
by Thomas Shepherd, Ella and Lyla Tokar

Response and Blessing

*Sending Hymn No. 580

Lead On, O King Eternal (stanza 3)

*Benediction

1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

*Doxology

Postlude

Toccata on "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" by David Cherwien
Brett Levi, organ

*Indicates when the congregation stands (if able)