

# 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.

**April 12, 2026 | 10:45 AM**

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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** *Risen Today* arr. Dan Forrest  
Ben Macdonald, piano

**Prelude** *Good Christian Men, Rejoice and Sing!* arr. Karin E. Ford  
Brett Levi, organ

*You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.* Psalm 16:11

*'All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and whoever comes to Me I will never cast out... No one can come to Me unless the Father Who sent Me draws him.'* John 6:37, 44a

*'You did not choose Me, but I chose you.'* John 15:16a

*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

*In Him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of Him Who works all things according to the counsel of His will.* Ephesians 1:11

“The sovereignty of God [does] not make the pursuit of sinners pointless – it makes it hopeful. Nothing in man can stop this sovereign God from saving the worst of sinners.” John Piper

“God chose you for worship. The ultimate purpose of predestination is praise! You have been chosen for this goal: the proclamation of His excellencies and your extravagantly affectionate and inexpressibly joyful delight in them.”  
Sam Storms

“I am persuaded that the doctrine of predestination is one of the ‘softest pillows’ upon which the Christian can lay his head, and one of the ‘strongest staffs’ upon which he may lean, in his pilgrimage along this rough road.”  
C.H. Spurgeon

“True joy comes only from God and He shares this joy with those who walk in fellowship with Him.” Jerry Bridges

“God created us so that the joy He has in Himself might be ours. God doesn’t simply think about Himself or talk to Himself. He enjoys Himself! He celebrates with infinite and eternal intensity the beauty of who He is as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And we’ve been created to join the party!” Sam Storms

“It always seems inexplicable to me that those who claim free will so very boldly for man should not also allow some free will to God. Why should not Jesus Christ have the right to choose His own bride?” C.H. Spurgeon

**Gene and Anne Kirkley give today’s flowers in memory of loved ones and in celebration of 58 years of marriage.**

## Worship for the Lord’s Day – April 12, 2026

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Adoration of God

**\*Call to Worship** Psalm 33:1-5  
*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.*

**\*Hymn of Praise** No. 310 *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

**Invocation** Elder Tony Blomesma

**Affirmation of Our Faith** Westminster Confession of Faith  
*Chapter X: Of Effectual Calling*

*I. All those whom God has predestined to life, and only those, He is pleased to effectually call at His appointed and accepted time, by His Word and Spirit, out of that state of sin and death in which they are by nature, to come to grace and salvation by Jesus Christ. In this call, He enlightens their minds spiritually, in a way effective to salvation, so that they understand the things of God. He takes away their heart of stone and gives to them a heart of flesh; He renews their wills; and by His almighty power He makes them determined to do what is good. This effectually draws them to Jesus Christ, yet in such a way that they come completely freely, being made willing by His grace.*

**\*Hymn of Joy** *He Lives*

#### Confession of Sin and Means of Grace

##### Pastoral Prayer

**Choral Reflection** *Jesus Paid It All* arr. Robert Sterling

**\*The Reading of God’s Word** Luke 10:21-24

**The Message from God’s Word** “Jesus’s Joy”  
Pastor Steve Mirich

**\*Hymn of Response** *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

##### Offertory Prayer

**Offertory** *Wonderful Grace of Jesus* arr. Mary McDonald  
Katie Stuckey, piano, and Brett Levi, organ

#### Response and Blessing

**\*Sending Hymn** No. 267 *The Day of Resurrection!* (stanza 3)

**\*Benediction** Romans 15:13  
*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*

**\*Resurrection Doxology** *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

**Postlude** *Alleluia! Alleluia!* arr. Albin C. Whitworth  
Brett Levi, organ

\*Indicates when the congregation stands (if able)