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

Sunday, March 9, 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 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* arr. Faye Lopez
Beth Taws, piano

Prelude *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* arr. Carolyn Hamlin
Brett Levi, organ

I have stored up Your Word in my heart, that I might not sin against You.

Psalm 119:11

And He humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every Word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. Deuteronomy 8:3

It is the Lord your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by His name you shall swear... You shall not put the Lord your God to the test, as you tested Him at Massah. Deuteronomy 6:13, 16

For because He Himself has suffered when tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted. Hebrews 2:18

For we do not have a High Priest Who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One Who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Hebrews 4:15

“Every time we say yes to temptation, we make it harder to say no the next time.” Jerry Bridges

“God delights in our temptations and yet hates them. He delights in them when they drive us to prayer; He hates them when they drive us to despair.”
Martin Luther

“Every temptation, directly or indirectly, is the temptation to doubt and distrust God.” John MacArthur

“Satan gives Adam an apple (fruit) and takes away Paradise. Therefore in all temptations let us consider not what he offers, but what we shall lose.”
Richard Sibbes

“The focus of Satan’s efforts is always the same: to deceive us into believing that the passing pleasures of sin are more satisfying than obedience.”
Sam Storms

“You are in danger of desiring the blessing more than you desire God, and when that happens you may be easy prey for Satan to offer you a shortcut.”
Iain Duguid

“Trials expose what our hearts truly trust in, and what our hopes are.”
Mark Dever

**Today’s flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Diana Caldwell’s nephews, Zack and Jake Wilking.**

Order of Worship – March 9, 2025

Welcome and Announcements

Adoration of God

***Call to Worship** Psalm 95:6-9
Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, when your fathers put Me to the test and put Me to the proof, though they had seen My work.

***Hymn of Praise** No. 598 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Invocation Elder Dan Veazey

Affirmation of Our Faith Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 106. What do we pray for in the sixth petition?

A. “In the sixth petition, which is, *And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil*, we pray that God would either keep us from being tempted to sin, or support and deliver us when we are tempted.”

***Hymn of Guidance** No. 599 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Confession of Sin and Means of Grace

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Reflection *I’ll Worship Only at the Feet of Jesus* arr. Jay Rouse

***The Reading of God’s Word** Luke 4:1-13

The Message from God’s Word “The Testing of Temptation”
Pastor Steve Mirich

***Hymn of Response** *Before the Throne of God Above*

Offertory Prayer

Offertory No. 305 *Arise, My Soul, Arise* arr. Dan Forrest
Ben Macdonald, piano

Response and Blessing

***Closing Hymn** *Victory in Jesus*

***Benediction** Philippians 4:19-20
And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

***Doxology**

Postlude *Toccata on “How Firm a Foundation”* by Claude Murphree
Brett Levi, organ

*Indicates when the congregation stands (if able)