

# Covenant Presbyterian Church, PCA

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

**Sunday, October 27, 2024**

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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 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* arr. Dan Forrest  
Ben Macdonald, piano

Prelude *Holy, Holy, Holy* arr. Christine D. Anderson  
Charlene Gebler, clarinet, and Katie Stuckey, piano

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.* Proverbs 3:5-6

*'Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. And He will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.'* Malachi 4:5-6

*'Whatever you ask in My name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it.'* John 14:13-14

*See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no 'root of bitterness' springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defile.* Hebrews 12:15

"Bitterness arises in our hearts when we do not trust in the sovereign rule of God in our lives." Jerry Bridges

"Anger and bitterness are two noticeable signs of being focused on self and not trusting God's sovereignty in your life. When you believe that God causes all things to work together for good to those who belong to Him and love Him, you can respond to trials with joy instead of anger or bitterness." John Broger

"The greatest answer to prayer is that I am brought into a perfect understanding with God, and that alters my view of actual things."

Oswald Chambers

"God will either give you what you ask, or something far better."

Robert Murray McCheyne

"God will fill the hungry because He Himself has stirred up the hunger. As in the case of prayer, when God prepares the heart to pray, He prepares His ear to hear. So in the case of spiritual hunger, when God prepares the heart to hunger, He will prepare His hand to fill." Thomas Watson

"Trials expose what our hearts truly trust in, and what our hopes are."

Mark Dever

"Trials are medicines which our gracious and wise Physician prescribes because we need them; and He proportions the frequency and weight of them to what the case requires. Let us trust in His skill and thank Him for His prescription." John Newton

**Carolyn Brewer gives today's flowers in memory of her husband, Donald, who would have been 87 on October 24<sup>th</sup>.**

## Order of Worship – October 27, 2024

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Adoration of God

##### \*Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-5

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His Holy Name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, Who forgives all your iniquity, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from the pit, Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, Who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

##### \*Hymn of Adoration No. 55

*To God Be the Glory*

##### Invocation

Elder Jim Katsch

##### Affirmation of Our Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism

##### Q. 98." What is prayer?"

A." Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, for things agreeable to His will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of His mercies."

##### \*Hymn of Renewal No. 634

*Sweet Hour of Prayer*

#### Confession of Sin and Means of Grace

##### Pastoral Prayer

##### Choral Reflection

*God Who Hears*  
by Eileen Berry and Molly Ijames

##### \*The Reading of God's Word

Luke 1:5-17

##### The Message from God's Word

"Dealing with Disappointment"  
Pastor Steve Mirich

##### \*Hymn of Response

*Abide With Me*  
by Indelible Grace

##### Offertory Prayer

##### Offertory

*Come, Ye Disconsolate* arr. Terre Johnson  
Brett Levi, bass, and Collette Levi, piano

#### Response and Blessing

##### \*Closing Hymn No. 640

*My Tribute*

##### \*Benediction

1 Peter 5:10-11

*And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, Who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To Him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

##### \*Doxology

##### Postlude

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* arr. Anna Laura Page  
Brett Levi, organ

\*Indicates when the congregation stands (if able)