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

Sunday, November 3, 2024

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 Sacrifice of Love (Medley)* arr. M. Ham
Colleen Gillespie, piano

Prelude *How Great Thou Art* arr. Carolyn Hamlin
Brett Levi, organ

'If My people who are called by My name humble themselves, and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.' 2 Chronicles 7:14

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 'Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.' Matthew 3:1-2

And He did not do many mighty works there, because of their unbelief.
Matthew 13:58

'Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.'
Matthew 18:4

'He must increase, but I must decrease.' John 3:30

No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what He had promised. Romans 4:20-21

And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who were disobedient? So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.
Hebrews 3:18-19

"A season of silence is the best preparation for speech with God."
Samuel Chadwick

"There is a vast difference between a struggling faith and [a] stubborn unbelief." Jerry Bridges

"All sin results from failure to act in faith." John MacArthur

"Repentance is the true turning of our life to God, a turning that arises from a pure and earnest fear of Him; and it consists in the mortification of the flesh and the renewing of the Spirit." John Calvin

"Repentance confesses to God, 'God, forgive me. The allure of this temptation was more real to me than the beauties of Your promises and presence.'"
Bryan Chapell

"Repenting is telling Christ exactly why you need Him." David Osborne

"Unbelief is the root of evil and the essence of evil. All our sinning grows out of unbelief in the living God and what He has said to us in Scripture."
John Piper

Thanks be to God for 50 years of marriage, Bill and Lindy Pankhurst.

Order of Worship – November 3, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

Adoration of God

***Call to Worship** Psalm 105:1-4
Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples! Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works! Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice! Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His presence continually!

***Hymn of Praise** No. 125 *Let All Things Now Living*

Invocation Elder Dan Veazey

Affirmation of Our Faith Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 87. "What is repentance unto life?"

A. "Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience."

***Hymn of Testimony** No. 460 *Amazing Grace!*

Confession of Sin and Means of Grace

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Reflection *O Give Thanks*
by Joseph M. Martin

***The Reading of God's Word** Luke 1:13-25

The Message from God's Word "Struggling to Believe"
Pastor Steve Mirich

***Hymn of Response** *My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness*
by Stuart Townend & Keith Getty

Offertory Prayer

Offertory No. 675 *Only Trust Him* arr. Dan Forrest
Katie Stuckey and Brett Levi, piano

Response and Blessing

***Closing Hymn** No. 481 *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* (stanzas 1 and 3)

***Benediction** Numbers 6:24-26
The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

***Doxology**

Postlude *Great Is the Lord* arr. Keith Christopher
Brett Levi, organ

**Indicates when the congregation stands (if able)*