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

Sunday, September 29, 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 *Amazing Grace* arr. Cindy Berry
Beth Taws, piano

Prelude *Jesus Loves Me* arr. Marianne Kim
Laura Stone, flute and Katie Stuckey, piano

Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Your Law. Psalm 119:18
And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."
Luke 19:9-10

"Therefore let it be known to you that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will listen." Acts 28:28

You yourselves are our letter of recommendation, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all. And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts. 2 Corinthians 3:2-3

Luke, the beloved physician, greets you as does Demas. Colossians 4:14

Luke alone is with me. 2 Timothy 4:11a

"Christ never failed to distinguish between doubt and unbelief. Doubt is can't believe. Unbelief is won't believe. Doubt is honesty. Unbelief is obstinacy. Doubt is looking for light. Unbelief is content with darkness."
Henry Drummond

"When Ezra preached to the people in Nehemiah 8, the attitude with which the listeners came to hear him was crucial. We need to follow their example by committing ourselves to attend expectantly, listen carefully, and apply the Scriptures properly. Then we can leave the service with joyful hearts."
Alistair Begg

"Too often today we listen to be entertained instead of instructed, to be moved emotionally rather than moved to obedience." Jerry Bridges

"The Christian's life should put his minister's sermon in print." William Gurnall

"The Bible was not given to increase our knowledge but to change our lives."
D.L. Moody

"[We] may have knowledge of God and not be saved, but he can never be saved without knowledge of God." John Gerstner

"If any man is not sure that he is in Christ, he ought not to be easy one moment until he is sure. Dear friend, without the fullest confidence as to your saved condition, you have no right to be at ease, and I pray you may never be so. This is a matter too important to be left undecided." C.H. Spurgeon

Today's flowers are given by Michael and Teresa D'Lorenzo in memory of their mothers, Mary Louise Iacono and Ginny D'Lorenzo.

Order of Worship – September 29, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

Adoration of God

***Call to Worship** Psalm 145:1-7, 1 Chronicles 17:20
*I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever. **There is no One like You, O Lord.** Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable. **There is no One like You, O Lord.** One generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts. **There is no One like You, O Lord.** They will tell of the power of Your awesome works and will celebrate Your abundant goodness. **There is no One like You, O Lord.***

***Hymn of Praise** No. 302 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Invocation Elder Joe Maxey

Affirmation of Our Faith Westminster Confession of Faith
Chapter XIV Of Saving Faith

III. "This faith is different in degrees, weak or strong; may be often and many ways assailed and weakened, but gets the victory; growing up in many to the attainment of a full assurance through Christ, Who is both the Author and Finisher of our faith."

***Hymn of Worship** No. 650 *I Will Sing of My Redeemer*

Confession of Sin and Means of Grace

Pastoral Prayer

Musical Reflection *O God Beyond All Praising*
arr. Dan Forrest

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

The Message from God's Word "Are You Listening?"
Pastor Steve Mirich

***Hymn of Response** *Speak, O Lord*
by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Offertory Prayer

Offertory *Open My Eyes, That I May See* arr. Michael A. Johnson
Brett Levi, organ

Response and Blessing

***Closing Hymn** *There Is a Redeemer*

***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 *All Creatures of Our God and King* arr. Don Hustad
Brett Levi, organ

*Indicates when the congregation stands (if able)