



Covenant Presbyterian Church

THE LORD'S DAY, January 24, 2021



Prelude

"Psalm 103" (Tune: Before the Throne of God Above)

Praise God, my soul! With all my heart let me exalt His holy name.
Forget not all His benefits; His praise, my soul, in song proclaim.
The LORD forgives you all your sins, and heals your sickness and distress;
Your life He rescues from the grave, and crowns you in His tenderness
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He satisfies your deep desires from his unending stores of good,
So that, just like the eagle's strength, your youthful vigor is renewed.
The LORD is known for righteous acts and justice to downtrodden ones.
To Moses he made known his ways, His mighty deeds to Israel's sons.
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The LORD is merciful and kind, to anger slow, and full of grace.
He will not constantly reprove, or in His anger hide His face.
He does not punish our misdeeds, or give our sins their just reward.
How great His love – as high as heaven – to-wards all those who fear the LORD!
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As far as east is from the west so far His love has borne away
Our many sins and trespasses and all the guilt that on us lay.
Just as a father loves his child so God loves those who fear His name.
For He remembers we are dust, and well He knows our feeble frame.
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Each human life is like the grass, and like a meadow flower it grows.
Its place will never be recalled once over it the tempest blows.
But everlasting is God's love for those who fear him, and their seed ~
For those who keep his covenant, and carefully his precepts heed.
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Pastor's Welcome

Prayer of Invocation and Praise

*Call to Worship

*Hymn of Praise

Psalm 118:1

"The Lord is My Salvation"

The grace of God has reached for me; and pulled me from the raging sea.
And I am safe on this solid ground: the Lord is my salvation.
I will not fear when darkness falls, His strength will help me scale these walls.
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun: the Lord is my salvation.

*Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love.
My debt is paid and the victory won: the Lord is my salvation.*

My hope is hidden in the Lord, He flow'rs each promise of His Word.
When winter fades, I know spring will come: the Lord is my salvation.
Lord is our salvation. In times of waiting, times of need,
when I know loss, when I am weak I know His grace will renew these days:

**For those who are able, please stand during these times.*

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And when I reach the final day, He will not leave me in the grave.
But I will rise, Christ will call me home: the Lord is my salvation.

*Glory be to God, the Father, Glory be to God, the Son,
Glory be to God, the Spirit; The Lord is my salvation.*

*Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism Question #2

Leader: *What authority from God directs us how to glorify and enjoy Him?*
People: The only authority for glorifying and enjoying Him is the Bible, which is the word of God and is made up of the Old and New Testaments.

*Hymn of Confession Confession of Sin

"All for Jesus" (T565)

Dear Father, we are thankful that Your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our frivolous attitude towards life, our callousness toward suffering, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasure of heaven, our neglect of Your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what You Love, and do what You command. Make us holy through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8:33-35

Scripture Reading

John 18:1-27

Pastoral Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Offertory Hymn

"Speak, O Lord"

Prayer of Illumination

Psalm 119:131-132

Sermon

1 Peter 1:3-9

"The Only Hope"
Mr. James Thompson

*Hymn of Response

"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.
Who holds our days within His hand? What comes apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal; O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore the rock of Christ:

Unto the grave, what will we sing? Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore.

*Benediction

II Corinthians 13:14

*Hymn of Benediction

"Our God Reigns" (C372, verse 1)

*Postlude