

Preparing Your Heart for Worship

January 9, 2022

“And he who was seated on the throne said, ‘Behold, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ And he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.’”

– Revelation 21:5-7

† CALL TO WORSHIP*From Psalm 100*

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

Congregation: Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Pastor: Know that the LORD, he is God!

Congregation: It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Pastor: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

Congregation: Give thanks to him; bless his name!

Together: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

† *Please stand if able*

+ HYMNS OF PRAISE

“Praise to the Lord (Joyful, Joyful)”

Praise to the Lord the Almighty
The King of creation
O my soul praise Him
For He is thy health and salvation
Come all you hear now to His temple draw near
Join me in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord
Above all things so wondrously reigning
Sheltering you under his wings
And so gently sustaining
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
Sent by his gracious ordaining

Praise to the Lord
Who will prosper your work and defend you
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily
attend you
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriends you

Chorus:
Joyful joyful we adore Thee
God of glory Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flow’rs before Thee
Op’ning to the Sun above

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Praise to the Lord
O let all that is in me adore Him
All that has life and breath
Come now with praises before Him
Let the Amen sound from His people again
Gladly forever adore Him

“Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor”

Christ the sure and steady anchor
In the fury of the storm
When the winds of doubt blow through me
And my sails have all been torn
In the suffering in the sorrow
When my sinking hopes are few
I will hold fast to the anchor
It shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor
While the tempest rages on
When temptation claims the battle
And it seems the night has won
Deeper still then goes the anchor
Though I justly stand accused
I will hold fast to the anchor
It shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor
Through the floods of unbelief
Hopeless somehow O my soul now
Lift your eyes to Calvary
This my ballast of assurance
See His love forever proved
I will hold fast to the anchor
It shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor
As we face the wave of death
When these trials give way to glory
As we draw our final breath
We will cross that great horizon
Clouds behind and life secured
And the calm will be the better
For the storms that we endured
Christ the shore of our salvation
Ever faithful ever true
We will hold fast to the anchor
It shall never be removed

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (9:00 service)

Jennifer Hopkins

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(11:00 service)***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Because Christ Jesus died in your place,
for your sins, you are forgiven.

People: Hallelujah! Praise God!

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Children ages 3 through 4th grade dismiss with their
teachers for Sunday school. They will return at the end
of the service.*

+OFFERTORY**+HYMN OF ASSURANCE**

"In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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SERMON TEXT

John 13:1-17

1 Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. 2 During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, 3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, 4 rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. 5 Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. 6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" 7 Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." 8 Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." 9 Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 10 Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is

completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you.” 11 For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

12 When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? 13 You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. 14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. 16 Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. 17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

Leader: This is the word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: “The Obliteration of the Modern Self and the Calling To Something Better”

Rev. Dr. Alec Flynt

John 13:1-17

THE LORD'S SUPPER

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 1. What is your only comfort in life and death?

A. That I with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Savior Jesus Christ; who, with his precious blood, has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation, and therefore, by his Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready, henceforth, to live unto him.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen.

Prayer of Humble Access

I do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in my own goodness, but only in your righteousness credited to me. I am not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose manner is always to show mercy. Grant me, therefore, O Lord, the grace to commune now with Christ by faith, that I may evermore live with him and he in me. Amen.

COMMUNION MUSIC

“Our Father”

The words of Christ
Passed down through generations
The Son of God teaching us to pray
Echoed words
Father have Your will Your way in me
Completely

We wholly trust
You're faithful in provision
Amazing grace mercy for our sins
May we forgive
The way that You've forgiven us oh Lord
So we can sing

Our Father
Hallowed be Your Name
Forever our God be exalted
Your kingdom come and in us
Let Your will be done
Our Father

Lead us from the valley of temptation
Deliver us from the evil one
Lord You reign and here we stand
Victorious in Your Name
Together we pray

Yours is the kingdom and power and glory
God of authority ancient of days
Yours is the wisdom and honour
Forever and always
We pray

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the Kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

+DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

+BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, January 9 –

Youth Apologetics Series, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 11 –

Crichton Table, 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 12 –

Community Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.

J-term Classes, 6:00-7:15 p.m.

Thursday, January 13 –

Men's Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.

Ladies' Bible Study 9:30 a.m. & 6:45 p.m.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friendship Pads – Friendship pads are at the end of each aisle. Please sign and pass.

Weekly Email – If you’d like to be added to the weekly email, please email karen@covenantpresmobile.org

Thursday Ladies Bible Study – We will return next week, January 13th at 9:30 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. If you would like to join, please email kitty@covenantpresmobile.org

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ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT.

J-Term Wednesday Night Classes – From January 12th to February 2nd, we'll be offering two separate 4-week classes in place of regular small group studies. Class time is from 6:00-7:15. Classes will be on:

Parenting with Freedom – this will be a Parenting class, oriented around how to bring the principles and truth of the Gospel into your roll as parents.

We will meet in Fellowship Hall

She's Baptist, I'm Methodist, Now we're

Presbyterian? Think about this class as a “Mere Presbyterianism.” What do we believe, where do we come from, where are we going? You're here now, might as well find out what roots us in who we are.

We will meet in the Sanctuary.

Childcare will be available for 5th grade and younger. Dinner will be provided, so please email marty@covenantpresmobile.org each week by Monday to reserve your child's spot.

New Member Class – If you would like to know more about what it means to become a member at Covenant, please join us for a new member class on January 23rd from 3-5 pm. RSVP to Karen@covenantpresmobile.org.

Youth Registration for RYM – Attention youth and parents: it's time to register for RYM camp. RYM is our week-long youth retreat and is some of the most fun your student will have this year. Middle school RYM is June 26-July 1 and high school is July 11-16. For registration and more information, email rob@covenantpresmobile.org.