



Welcome to Covenant Presbyterian Church!

We are delighted that you are worshiping with us this morning.

Thank you for joining us and may you experience

God's blessing in our worship.

The Lord's Day

January 8, 2023

♦ **Call to Worship:**

Psalm 89:1-5

Leader I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

People For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."

Leader You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: 'I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations.'"

People **Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!**

♦ **Prayer for God's Blessing**

♦ **Hymn of Adoration:** #234

"The God of Abraham Praise"

Call to Confession:

Romans 13:8-10

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

Colossians 1:11-14

"May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

♦ **Hymn of Praise:** #216

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

♦ **Our Statement of Faith:**

— Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 49

Q. How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?

A. **First, he pleads our cause**

in heaven

in the presence of his Father.

Second, we have our own flesh in heaven—

a guarantee that Christ our head

will take us, his members,

to himself in heaven.

Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth

as a further guarantee.

By the Spirit's power

we make the goal of our lives,

not earthly things,

but the things above where Christ is,

sitting at God's right hand.

Congregational Prayer

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Hymn of Preparation: #267

"O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire"

♦ **Scripture**

~ **Old Testament:** Haggai 2:1-9

~ **New Testament:** Philippians 3:20-21

Sermon:

"God With Us: Citizens of Heaven"

♦ **Hymn of Response:** #408

"For All the Saints"

♦ **Benediction**

♦ **Doxology:** #569

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heav'nly hosts:

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

♦ Please stand if you are able