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*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.*

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### **The Lord's Day**

December 3, 2023

#### ◆Call to Worship:

Leader Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob!

People **That he may teach us his ways and that we may  
walk in his paths! For out of Zion shall go the  
law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.**

Leader O house of Jacob, come let us walk in the light of the  
LORD!

Isaiah 2:3, 5

#### ◆Prayer for God's Blessing

#### ◆Hymn of Adoration: #100B

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

#### Call to Confession:

Isaiah 40:3-4

A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight  
in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and  
every mountain and hill be made low..."

#### Prayer of Confession

#### Assurance of Pardon:

Isaiah 40:1-2

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to  
Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been  
completed, that her sin has been paid for.

#### ◆Hymn of Praise: #298

"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

#### ◆Our Scriptural Profession of Faith

— from Romans 8:1, 28, 38-39

We believe there is no condemnation  
for those who are in Christ Jesus;  
for we know that all things work together for good  
for those who love God,  
who are called according to God's purpose.

We are convinced that neither death, nor life,  
nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### Congregational Prayer

#### Worship with Tithes and Offerings

#### Hymn of Preparation: #271

"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

#### ◆Scripture

~ Old Testament: Genesis 15:1-6

~ New Testament: Luke 1:5-25

#### Sermon:

"God with the Skeptic"

#### ◆Hymn of Response: #390

"Christ is Coming!"

#### ◆Benediction

#### ◆Doxology: #567

"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

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#### ◆Please stand if you are able