



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

December 31, 2023

◆Call to Worship:

Psalm 65:1-5

Leader Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed.

People O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come.

Leader When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions.

People **Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!**

Leader By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas;

◆Prayer for God's Blessing

◆Hymn of Adoration: #219

"O Worship the King"

Call to Confession:

Revelation 21:5-8

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. But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

1 John 3:2-3

Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

◆Hymn of Praise: #466

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

◆Our Statement of Faith:

—from Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 21

Q. What is true faith?

A. True faith is

not only a knowledge and conviction
that everything God reveals in his Word is true;
it is also a deep-rooted assurance,
created in me by the Holy Spirit through the gospel,
that, out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ,
not only others, but I too,
have had my sins forgiven,
have been made forever right with God,
and have been granted salvation.

Congregational Prayer

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Hymn of Preparation: #72B

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

◆Scripture

~ Old Testament: Isaiah 8:5-10

~ New Testament: Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon:

"God With Us"

◆Hymn of Response: #471

"The Sands of Time Are Sinking"

◆Benediction

◆Doxology: #571

"Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

◆Please stand if you are able