

# Covenant

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Changing People and Places Through the Power of the Gospel*

**January 17, 2021**

### **Welcome Guests, Friends, & Family!**

*As a Reformed church, we are part of a long and enduring tradition that places worship as our highest calling. Therefore, we lean heavily on those who have gone before and see the value of creeds, catechisms, responsive readings, and other forms that are part of our heritage. However, our services are not highly liturgical, following a fixed pattern, nor spontaneous, but seek to follow a liturgical pattern that reenacts the gospel and renews us in God's grace. Rather than focusing on getting God to bless us, it focuses on the blessings, promises, and grace that we already have in Christ. Our basic gospel pattern is: We approach God based on His initiation and invitation, we see our sin and confess it, we are assured of forgiveness, we hear the good news, and we respond in faith and obedience.*

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### **REFLECTION** | God's people prepare for worship

*"Grumbling about horizontal difficulty is at once a complaint against the one who lords over those difficulties. And here's what's deadly about this. A life of quiet or not so quiet complaint hammers away at your confidence in the wisdom, goodness, and faithfulness of God. It causes you to rest less comfortably in his care. Why? Well, because you tend not to seek out and rely on someone whom you no longer trust."* - Paul Tripp

**Prelude:** O, The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

**PRAISE** | We praise our merciful & gracious God

**The Lord Gathers Us** – *Worship is dialogical, meaning it is a conversation between God and his people. Just as God is the initiator of grace in the Gospel, he continues to graciously summon his people to worship. We come and are graciously blessed and renewed by him through the Gospel.*

Leader:

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

People:

**For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands formed the dry land.**

All:

**Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.**

Psalm 95:1-7(ESV)

**Prayer** - *The first prayer of the service is meant to invoke the presence and favor of the Triune God in the name of Jesus, giving praise, and asking the Holy Spirit to help us put aside all our distractions and worship God in "Spirit and truth."*

**Songs of Praise** (below)

Crown Him with Many Crowns  
How Firm a Foundation  
All My Ways Are Known To You

# Crown Him with Many Crowns

D Bm G D/F# G A<sup>7</sup>/E D A

1. Crown Him with ma - ny crowns, the Lamb u - pon His throne.
2. Crown Him the Lord of life who tri - umphed o'er the grave,
3. Crown Him the Lord of love; Be - hold His hands and side,
4. Crown Him the Lord of peace, whose pow'r a scep - tre sways
5. Crown Him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time,

A D A/C# Bm D E E/D A/C# E<sup>7</sup>/B A D E<sup>sus4</sup> E<sup>7</sup> A

Hark! how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!  
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those He came to save!  
 rich wounds yet vi - si - ble a - bove in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
 from pole to pole that wars may cease and all be prayer and praise.  
 Cre - a - tor of the rol - ling spheres in - ef - fa - bly su - blime!

A/G D/F# D A/E D/F# G B<sup>7</sup>/F# E D/F# E/G# A

A - wake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee.  
 His glo - ries now we sing who died and rose on high,  
 No an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 His reign shall know no end, and round his pier - ced feet  
 All hail, Re - dee - mer, hail! For Thou has died for me;

A/G D/F# G D/F# Em<sup>7</sup> A D D/F# G D A<sup>sus4</sup> A<sup>7</sup> D G/D

and hail Him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 who died e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 but down-ward bends each bur - ning eye at my - ste - ries so bright.  
 fair flow'rs of pa - ra - dise ex - tend their fra - grance e - ver sweet.  
 Thy praise shall ne - ver, ne - ver fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

## How Firm a Foundation

*Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Is. 41:10*

G C G D G C

1. How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your  
 2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed; for I am your  
 3. "When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of  
 4. "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all-suf-

G D7 G F D/F# Em Am7 C

faith in his excellent Word! What more can he say than to  
 God, and will still give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you, and  
 sorrow shall not overflow; for I will be with you, your  
 ficient, shall be your supply; the flame shall not hurt you; I

G D G C G D7 G 7

you he has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?  
 cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.  
 troubles to bless, and sanctify to you your deepest distress.  
 on-ly design your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

5. "E'en down to old age all my people shall prove  
 my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
 and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,  
 like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.
6. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
 I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
 that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
 I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

# All My Ways Are Known to You

V/V/C/V/C/B/B/C/C

*You search out my path and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. — Psalm 139:3*

## Intro

A D/A F#m E

## Verse

A D A F#m E

1. In days of peace and days of rest, in times of loss and lone - li - ness, though
2. No trial has come be - yond Your hand. No step I walk be - yond Your plan. The
3. I do not fear the fi - nal night, for death will be the door to life. You

A D A D A E A

rich or poor, Your word is true, that all my ways are known to You.  
 path is dark out - side my view. Still all my ways are known to You.  
 take my hand and lead me through, for all my ways are known to You.

## Chorus

D A E A D A E

And O, what peace that I have found wher - e - ver I may be.

D A E F#m E D A E A F#m E

For all my ways are known to You. Halle-lujah, they are known to You.

## Bridge

A D A E A

O - pen up my eyes so I may see that You have made these ways for me.

D A E A

O - pen up my eyes so I may see that You, my God, will walk with me. (O - pen)

## RENEWAL | The Lord forgives his people

**Confessing our Sin** – *Confession is a time when we are truly honest with ourselves and God, and because he knows our every thought, there is no need to pretend. Thus we confess our sin and admit that we're not what we should be, nor what we will be.*

Leader: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.

**All: Father, we confess that when You take us into the wilderness and difficulties have come our way, we have become fearful and angry. Rather than trusting in Your care we have tried to solve our problems by ourselves in our own way. We recognize that rather than resting in Your comfort, we have run to our idols that have left us empty, disappointed, and discouraged. Give us grace to understand that You are good, that You love us, and in suffering there is no shortage of Your comfort in Christ. Help us be a people that see our hardships as an opportunity to glorify You and be a source of hope and comfort to those around us. Amen.**

### Private Confession

**Assurance of Pardoning Grace**—*During the assurance of pardon, God powerfully speaks to the hearts of Believers, reassuring them of His infinite love and forgiveness provided through faith in Christ.*

*My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense — Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.*  
1 John 2:1-2 (NIV)

**Prayer**—*The prayer of intercession follows the pattern found in Scripture, as we pray for Civil Authorities (1 Tim 2:1, 2), Christian ministry and mission (Matt. 9:36-38), Salvation of all people (1 Tim. 2:3-4), Sanctification of Believers (Eph. 6:18), and the afflicted (Jm. 5:13-16).*

### We Praise Our Merciful and Gracious God

Unashamed (below)

# Unashamed

V/V/C/V/C/B/C

*Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. — Hebrews 4:16*

## Verse

1. I have not much to offer You.  
 2. O Christ, my King of sympathy,  
 3. I can't explain this kind of love,

Not near what You deserve,  
 whose wounds secure my peace,  
 I'm humbled and amazed

come because Your cross has placed in me my worth.  
 tends to call me friend, Your mercy sets me free.  
 down from heaven's heights and greet me face to face.

## Chorus

And I know I'm weak, I know I'm un-wor-thy to call u-pon Your name.

But be-cause of grace, because of Your mer-cy, I stand here un-a-shamed.

## Bridge

Here I am, at Your feet, in my bro-ken-ness com-plete.

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## **PROCLAMATION** | God feeds his people

### **Scripture:** Mark 1:9-13

*We believe the Bible is the inerrant word of the true and living God, and our infallible rule for faith and practice.*

### **Sermon:** “Into The Wilderness”

*The sermon is meant by God’s design to be ancient, timeless truth from his Word, explained, expounded, and applied, so that all who are listening will understand it and be changed by it. It is the way in which God speaks to his church. As J.I. Packer has stated, “God has spoken in the Bible and He has not stuttered.”*

## **RESPONSE** | We respond with thanksgiving

**We Give** – *Our offering is not simply the way our church “pays the bills;” it is an act of worship where we respond to God’s grace and generosity and give back to the Lord His resources as tangible evidence of our love for Him.*

*We are grateful for your ongoing generosity to the church. It is your gifts that sustain our ministry here in Cherry Hill and around the world. Please remember that you can give on line by going to this link: <https://secure.egsnetwork.com/donate/CA64B97A627940A>. It is a secure and convenient way to continue your financial support.*

### **\*We Sing**

Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul (below)



# Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

*“Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.” — Proverbs 30:5*



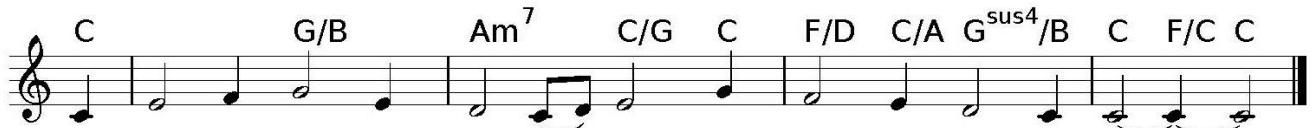
1. Dear re - fuge of my wea - ry soul, on Thee, when sor - rows rise,
2. But oh! When gloo - my doubts pre - vail, I fear to call Thee mine;
3. Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face, and shall I seek in vain?
4. Thy mer - cy seat is o - pen still, here let my soul re - treat;



On Thee, when waves of trou - ble roll, my fain - ting hope re - lies.  
 The springs of com - fort seem to fail, and all my hopes de - cline.  
 And can the ear of sov - 'reign grace be deaf while I com - plain?  
 With hum - ble hope at - tend Thy will, and wait be - neath Thy feet.



To Thee I tell each ri - sing grief, for Thou a - lone can heal;  
 Yet gra - cious God, where shall I flee? Thou art my on - ly trust;  
 No, still the ear of sov - 'reign grace at - tends the mour - ner's prayer;  
 Thy mer - cy seat is o - pen still, here let me soul re - treat;



Thy Word can bring a sweet re - lief for ev - 'ry pain I feel.  
 And still my soul would cleave to Thee, though pros - trate in the dust.  
 O may I e - ver find ac - cess to breathe my sor - rows there.  
 With hum - ble hope at - tend Thy will, and wait be - neath Thy feet.

**Benediction** | *Please stand as you are able*

*From the Latin “beneficiary,” meaning “to bless,” this is the pronouncement of God’s blessing as we are sent out into our places of influence.*

**We Go** – *Heeding his commission, we go to our places of influence to rescue other wandering and lost sheep like ourselves*