

# Covenant

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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## 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

*"What is thy only comfort in life and death? Answer: That I with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Saviour 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 sincerely willing and ready, henceforth, to live unto him."*

– Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1

**Prelude:** "Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery"

**Helen Sneller, piano**  
by Matt Papa

**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.*

There is none like you among the gods, O LORD,  
nor are there any works like yours.  
All the nations you have made shall come  
and worship before you, O LORD,  
and shall glorify your name.  
For you are great and do wondrous things;  
you alone are God.  
Teach me your way, O LORD,  
that I may walk in your truth;  
unite my heart to fear your name.  
I give thanks to you, O LORD my God, with my whole heart,  
and I will glorify your name forever.  
For great is your steadfast love toward me;  
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

Psalm 86:8-13 (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)**

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less  
Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

## My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

No one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.  
1 Cor. 3:11

Capo 3: F(D) C(A) F(D) B♭(G)

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and  
2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un -  
3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the  
4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in

C(A) F(D) C(A) F(D)

right - eous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but  
chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my  
whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he  
him be found; dressed in his right - eous - ness a - lone, fault -

B♭(G) C(A) F(D) REFRAIN B♭(G)

whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all  
then is all my hope and stay.  
less to stand be - fore the throne.

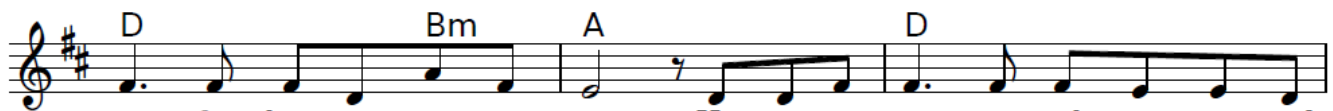
F(D) C(A) F(D) B♭(G) F(D) C<sup>7</sup>(A<sup>7</sup>) F(D) 7

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

# Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me



1. What gift of grace is Je - sus, my Re - dee - mer. There is no  
 2. The night is dark, but I am not for - sa - ken, for by my  
 3. No fate I dread, I know I am for - gi - ven, the fu - ture  
 4. With ev - 'ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus, for he has



more for hea - ven now to give. He is my joy, my righ - teous - ness and  
 side the Sa - vior, he will stay, I la - bor on in weak - ness and re -  
 sure, the price, it has been paid. For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my  
 said that he will bring me home. And day by day I know he will re -



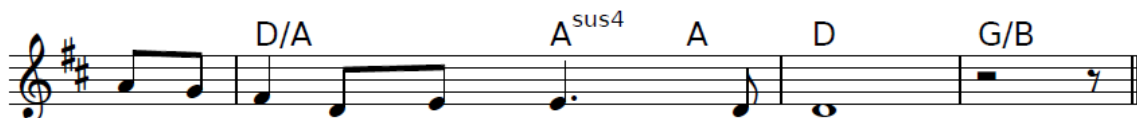
free - dom, my stead - fast love, my deep and boun - dless peace. To this I  
 joi - cing, for in my need, his po - wer is dis - played. To this I  
 par - don, and he was raised to o - ver - throw the grave. To this I  
 new me un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne. To this I



hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. For my life is whol - ly bound to  
 hold: my Shep - herd will de - fend me. Through the dee - pest val - ley he will  
 hold: my sin has been de - fea - ted. Je - sus now, and e - ver, is my  
 hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. All the glo - ry e - ver - more to



His. Oh how strange and di - vine, I can sing: all is mine!  
 lead. Oh the night has been won, and I shall o - ver - come!  
 plea. Oh the chains are re - leased, I can sing: I am free!  
 him. When the race is com - plete, still my lips shall re - peat:



Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
 Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
 Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
 Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

## 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.*

**Father, we confess that we have resisted your work in our lives and have become angry when trials and difficulties have come our way. We acknowledge that rather than resting in your compassion and comfort, we have run to idols that have left us empty, disappointed and discouraged. Give us grace to understand that you are good, and in suffering there is comfort through Christ. Help us be a people that see our challenges as a means of growth, and a source of hope and comfort to those around us. Amen.**

### Private Confession

### Words of Encouragement

*"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)

### We Praise Our Merciful and Gracious God

The Precious Blood (below)

# The Precious Blood

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## Verse

1. Be - fore the cross I kneel and see the meas - ure of my sin, how  
 2. And who am I that I should know this trea - sure of such worth, my

3 You be - came a curse for me, though You were in - no - cent. The  
 Sav - ior's pure a - ton - ing blood, shed for the wrath I'd earned. For

5 mag - ni - tude of Your great love was shown in full de - gree, when  
 sin has stained my ev - 'ry deed, my ev - 'ry word and thought. What

7 righteous blood, the crim - son spill, rained down from Cal - va - ry. Oh, the  
 wondrous love that makes me one, Your price - less blood has bought.

## Chorus

10 pre - cious blood that flowed from Mer - cy's side, washed a - way my sin when  
 13 Christ my Savior died. Oh, the precious blood of Christ the cruci - fied, it  
 17 speaks for me be - fore Your throne, where I stand jus - ti - fied. A

## Bridge

21 crown of thorns, pierced hands and feet, a bod - y bruised,  
 26 and Mer - cy's plea. A crown of thorns, pierced hands and feet,  
 32 a bod - y bruised, and Mer - cy's plea.

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

**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

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

**Sermon:** “Comfortable or Comforted?”

*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](#). It is a secure and convenient way to continue your financial support.*

**\*We Sing**

'Tis so Sweet to Trust In Jesus (below)

# 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

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*The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Gal. 2:20*

G C G D A<sup>7</sup> D

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to take him at his word;  
 2. O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to trust his cleans - ing blood;  
 3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Je - sus, just from sin and self to cease;  
 4. I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, pre - cious Je - sus, Sav - ior, Friend;

G C G C G D G

just to rest up - on his prom - ise; just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."  
 just in sim - ple faith to plunge me 'neath the heal - ing, cleans - ing flood!  
 just from Je - sus sim - ply tak - ing life and rest, and joy and peace.  
 and I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.

REFRAIN  
 G D<sup>7</sup> Em G D G D A<sup>7</sup> D

Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!

G C G C G D G<sup>7</sup>

Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust him more!



**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*