

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 30, 2025



ADORATION



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP | Psalm 33:1-12

Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.
Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre;
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!
Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

**For the word of the LORD is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.
He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.**

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,
and by the breath of his mouth all their host.
He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap;
he puts the deeps in storehouses.

**Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!**

For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.
The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;
he frustrates the plans of the peoples.
The counsel of the LORD stands forever,
the plans of his heart to all generations.

**Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF ADORATION

Page 3 | *All You That Fear Jehovah's Name*

All You That Fear Jehovah's Name (#9)

All you that fear Jehovah's name,
his glory tell, his praise proclaim;
you children of his chosen race,
stand in awe before his face,
stand in awe before his face.

The suffering One he has not spurned,
who unto him for help has turned;
from him he has not hid his face,
but answered his request in grace,
but answered his request in grace.

O Lord, your goodness makes me raise
amid your people songs of praise;
before all them that fear you, now
I worship you and pay my vow,
I worship you and pay my vow.

For all the meek you will provide;
they shall be fed and satisfied;
all they that seek the Lord shall live
and never-ending praises give,
and never-ending praises give.

The Lord's unfailing righteousness
all generations shall confess;
from age to age shall men be taught
what wondrous works the Lord has wrought,
what wondrous works the Lord has wrought.

CONFESSION



CONFESSION OF SIN

**Our Father,
forgive us for thinking small thoughts of you
and for ignoring your greatness.**

**Lord Jesus,
forgive us for forgetting that you rule the nations
and our lives as well.**

**Holy Spirit,
forgive us for minimizing your power and squandering your gifts.**

**We confess our blindness to your glory, Lord,
our shallow confession, tepid conviction, and timid repentance.**

Have mercy upon us, for Jesus' sake.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON | *from Romans 4:21-25, 5:1-5*

As the covenant people of God, we approach the throne of grace with confidence, fully convinced that God is able to do what he has promised; and this faith will be counted as righteousness to those who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

Page 5 | *Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee*

Lord with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee (#180)

Lord, with glowing heart I'd praise thee
for the bliss thy love bestows,
for the pard'ning grace that saves me,
and the peace that from it flows.
Help, O God, my weak endeavor;
this dull soul to rapture raise;
thou must light the flame, or never
can my love be warmed to praise.

Praise, my soul, the God that sought thee,
wretched wand'rer far astray;
found thee lost, and kindly brought thee
from the paths of death away.
Praise, with love's devoutest feeling,
him who saw thy guilt-born fear,
and, the light of hope revealing,
bade the blood-stained cross appear.

Praise thy Savior God that drew thee
to that cross, new life to give,
held a blood sealed pardon to thee,
bade thee look to him and live.
Praise the grace whose threats alarmed thee,
roused thee from thy fatal ease;
praise the grace whose promise warmed thee,
praise the grace that whispered peace.

Lord, this bosom's ardent feeling
vainly would my lips express:
low before thy footstool kneeling,
deign thy suppliant's pray'r to bless.
Let thy love, my soul's chief treasure,
love's pure flame within me raise;
and, since words can never measure,
let my life show forth thy praise.

Text: Francis Scott Key (1819) | Tune: FABEN
Composer: John Henry Wilcox (1849)

FORMATION AND COMMISSION



CATECHESIS | **New City Catechism**

Q 13. Can anyone keep the law of God perfectly?

A. Since the fall, no mere human has been able to keep the law of God perfectly, but consistently breaks it in thought, word, and deed.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER | Bill Hepler, Elder

READING OF THE WORD | **Mark 8:1-21**

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

#733 | Thomas Ken (1709; alt.)

SERMON

Jesus Renews His Efforts to Illumine His Disciples | Rev. John Kinser

TITHES & OFFERINGS

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER †

Cups in the outer ring contain grape juice; remaining cups contain wine.

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CLOSING HYMN

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise;
Cause our eyes to see,
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

Fairest Lord Jesus (#170)

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine!

1677 Munster Gesangbuch | Crusader's Hymn | Schlessische
Volkslieder, Leipzig, 1842
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O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (#164)

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin,
he sets the pris'ner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean,
his blood availed for me.

He speaks and, list'ning to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosen'd tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

Text: Charles Wesley (1739; Alt.; alt. 1961)
Tune: AZMON; Composer: Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829; Arranger: Lowell Mason (1839)
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CALENDAR & EVENTS

Details about events available at cpcissaquah.org

SUNDAY

9a - Sunday School

10:15a - Morning Worship (*also livestreamed*)

6p - Evening Prayer

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, April 4 | Women's Ministry - Growing Together as Disciples series

6:15 - Dinner | 7:00 - Speakers Ashley Lind and Sylvia Winans

VBS Registration now open! Wednesday, June 25-Saturday, June 28

Spread the word! Sign up online!

HOLY WEEK | APRIL 17-20

Maundy Thursday

6:30p | Communion Service

Good Friday

6:30p | Tenebrae Service

Resurrection Sunday

9a | Fellowship Breakfast

Families, please bring a main (eggs, casserole, meat, etc.) AND a side (fruit, breakfast bread, yogurt, etc.) Couples/singles bring one of those.

10:15a | Morning Worship (one service)



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