



**Covenant Church  
Presbyterian Church in America  
Fayetteville, Arkansas**

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP  
THE LORD'S DAY**

**January 1, 2023  
10:30 a.m.**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**† Call to Worship**

**Psalm 90:1-2**

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. <sup>2</sup> Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

**† Invocation & Lord's Prayer**

**Unison**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

**† Hymn of Praise**

**#222**

**"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"**

**Confession of Sin**

**From John Knox's Liturgy of 1560**

Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into Your presence, because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from You, if You dealt with us as we deserve. We have sinned against You, O Lord, and we have offended You. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge You to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to You. And so we humbly ask You, for the sake of Christ Your Son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By Your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our life,

but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by You. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Silent Confession

### **Assurance of Pardon**

**I John 1:8-10**

<sup>8</sup> If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

### **† Hymn of Assurance**

**#179 (TH #494)**

**“Forgive Our Sins, as We Forgive”**

### **† Confession of Faith**

Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 34 & 35

Q 34: How was the covenant of grace administered under the Old Testament?

A: The covenant of grace was administered under the old testament, by promises, prophecies, sacrifices, circumcision, the Passover, and other types and ordinances, which did all foreshadow Christ then to come, and were for that time sufficient to build up the elect in faith in the promised messiah, by whom they then had full remission of sin, and eternal salvation.

Q 35: How is the covenant of grace administered under the new testament?

A: Under the new testament, when Christ the substance was exhibited, the same covenant of grace was and still is to be administered in the preaching of the Word, and the administration of the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper, in which grace and salvation are held forth in more fullness, evidence, and efficacy, to all nations.

Pastoral Prayer

## Scripture Reading

## Ezekiel 36:16-32

<sup>16</sup> The word of the Lord came to me: <sup>17</sup> “Son of man, when the house of Israel lived in their own land, they defiled it by their ways and their deeds. Their ways before me were like the uncleanness of a woman in her menstrual impurity. <sup>18</sup> So I poured out my wrath upon them for the blood that they had shed in the land, for the idols with which they had defiled it. <sup>19</sup> I scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed through the countries. In accordance with their ways and their deeds I judged them. <sup>20</sup> But when they came to the nations, wherever they came, they profaned my holy name, in that people said of them, ‘These are the people of the Lord, and yet they had to go out of his land.’ <sup>21</sup> But I had concern for my holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations to which they came.

<sup>22</sup> “Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. <sup>23</sup> And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Lord God, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. <sup>24</sup> I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. <sup>25</sup> I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. <sup>26</sup> And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup> And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. <sup>28</sup> You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. <sup>29</sup> And I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. And I will summon the grain and make it abundant and lay no famine upon you. <sup>30</sup> I will make the fruit of the tree and the increase of the field abundant, that you may never again suffer the disgrace of famine among the nations. <sup>31</sup> Then you will remember your evil ways, and your deeds that were not good, and you will loathe yourselves for your iniquities and your abominations. <sup>32</sup> It is not for your sake that I will act, declares the Lord God; let that be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel.

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

**“A New Spirit”**

Worship with Tithes & Offerings

† **Doxology**

**#567 (TH #731)**

**“Doxology”**

† Prayer of Dedication

† **Hymn of Preparation**

**#240 (TH #81)**

**“O Love of God, How Strong and True”**

**The Sacrament of the Lord’s Communion**

† **Hymn of Response**

**#246 (TH #95)**

**“Though Troubles Assail Us”**

† Benediction

# **SERMON OUTLINE**

**Jan. 1, 2023**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Ezekiel 36:16-32**

**“A New Spirit”**

## **Introduction**

- I. God will vindicate His name (v. 16-21)
- II. God will cleanse His people (v. 22-25)
- III. God will give them a new Spirit (v. 26-29)
- IV. God will make His people fruitful and humble (v. 30-32)

## **Conclusion**

## **Devotional Readings**

January 2-7, 2023

Monday: Read Ezekiel 36:16-21, Romans 2:24; Deuteronomy 7:7-8  
Why is God concerned about His name?

Tuesday: Read Ezekiel 36:22-23; Psalm 102:15, 126:2  
How does God plan to vindicate His name?

Wednesday: Read Ezekiel 36:24-27; Numbers 19:17-19; Psalm 51:7-10;  
Titus 3:5-6  
How does God promise to cleanse His people?

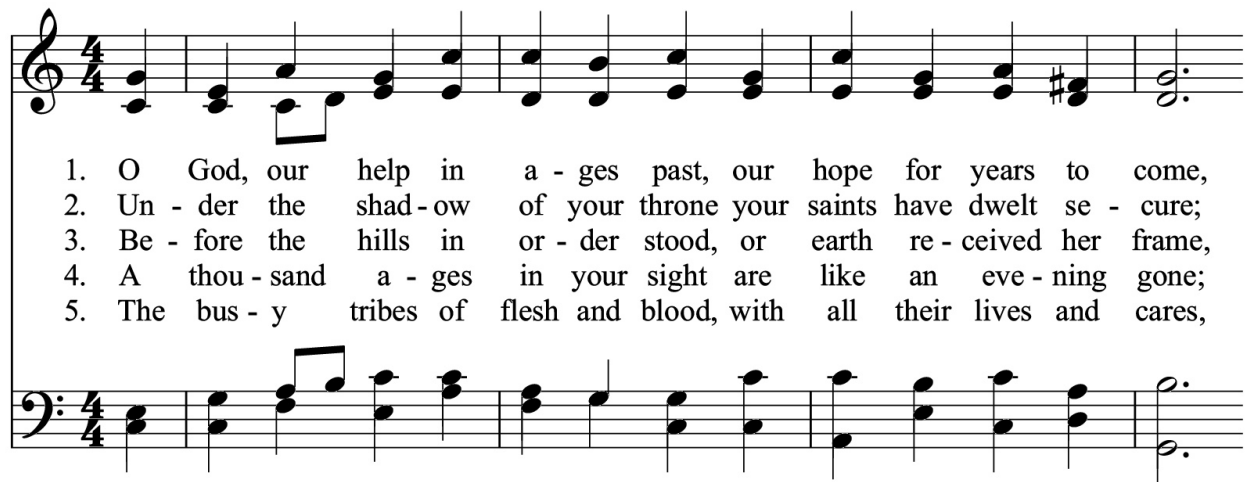
Thursday: Read Ezekiel 36:28-30; Leviticus 26:4  
What is the result of God's renewing grace?

Friday: Read Ezekiel 36:31-32; Deuteronomy 9:5  
What are the signs of true repentance and why does God grant it?

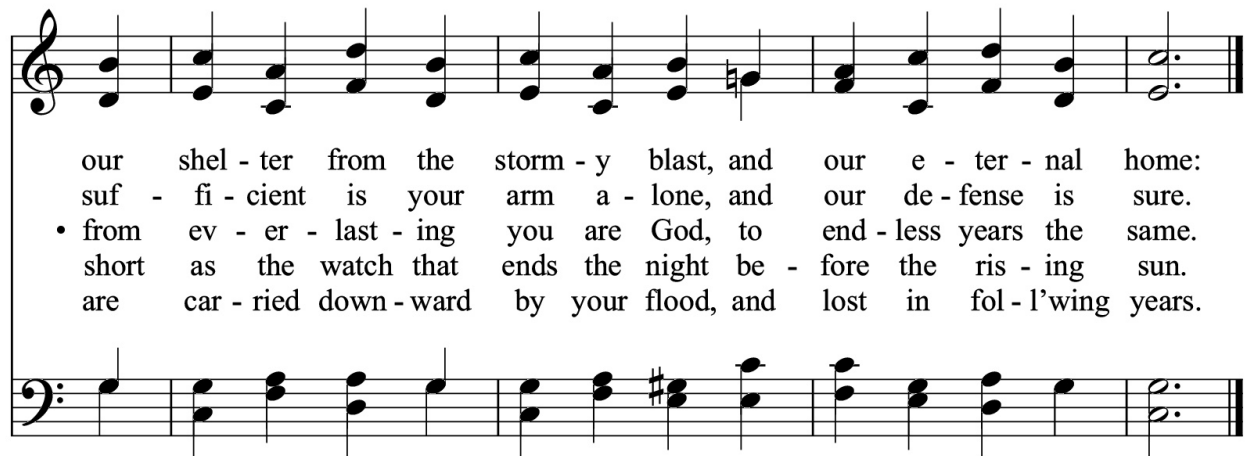
Saturday: Read Ezekiel 36:33-38; John 10:7-17  
What will be the result of the restoration of Israel?

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# O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
 2. Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
 3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,  
 4. A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone;  
 5. The bus - y tribes of flesh and blood, with all their lives and cares,



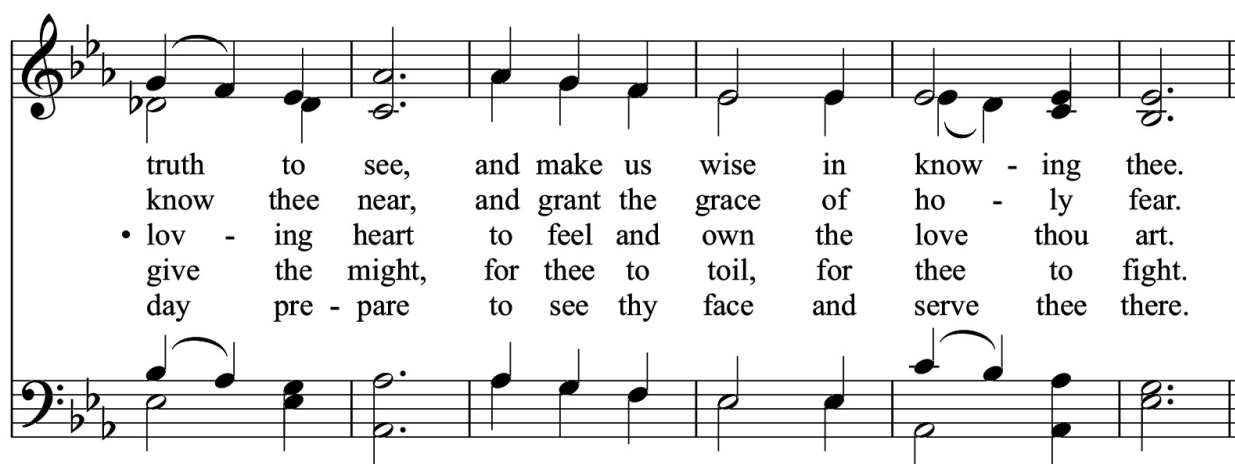
our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
 • from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
 are car - ried down - ward by your flood, and lost in fol - l'wing years.

6. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
 bears all its sons away;  
 they fly forgotten, as a dream  
 dies at the op'ning day.

7. O God, our help in ages past,  
 our hope for years to come:  
 O be our guard while troubles last,  
 and our eternal home.

From Psalm 90  
 Isaac Watts, 1719  
 Alt. 1990; mod.

ST. ANNE C.M.  
 Attr. to William Croft, 1678–1727  
 Tate and Brady, *Supplement to the New Version*, 1708



truth to see, and make us wise in know - ing thee.  
 know thee near, and grant the grace of ho - ly fear.  
 • lov - ing heart to feel and own the love thou art.  
 give the might, for thee to toil, for thee to fight.  
 day pre - pare to see thy face and serve thee there.

Thomas Benson Pollock, 1889  
 Alt. 1990

ST. CHRYSOSTOM 8.8.8.8.8.  
 Joseph Barnby, 1872

## Forgive Our Sins, as We Forgive

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1. "For - give our sins, as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray;  
 2. How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart  
 3. In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly know;  
 4. Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls, and bid re - sent - ment cease;  
 but you a - lone can give us grace to live the words we say.  
 that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
 how small the debts men owe to us; how great our debt to you.  
 then, rec - on - ciled to God and man, our lives will spread your peace.

Rosamond Herklots, 1905–1987  
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DUNFERMLINE C.M.  
 Scottish Psalter, 1615  
 Alternate tune: ST. COLUMBA



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## Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all

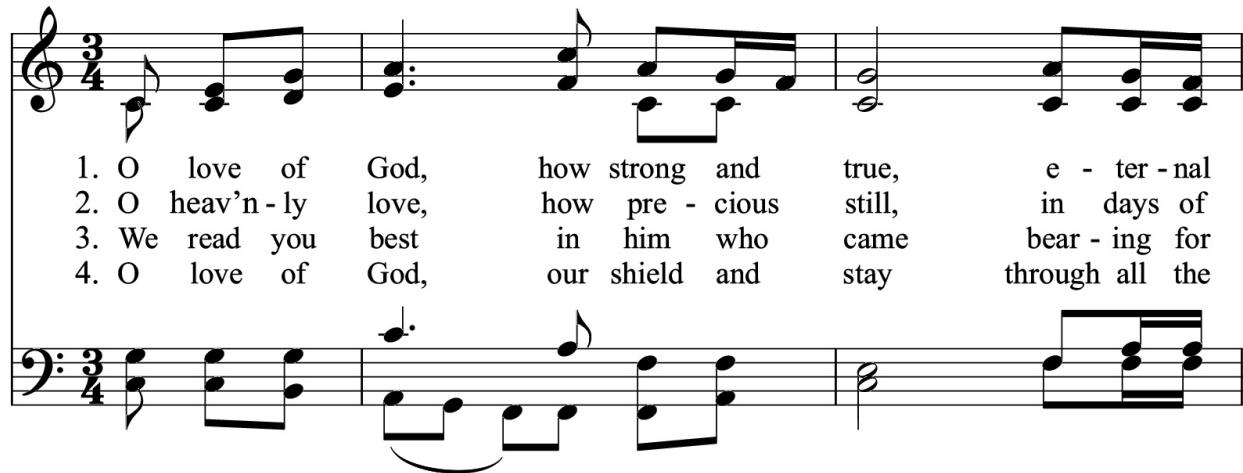
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:

praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

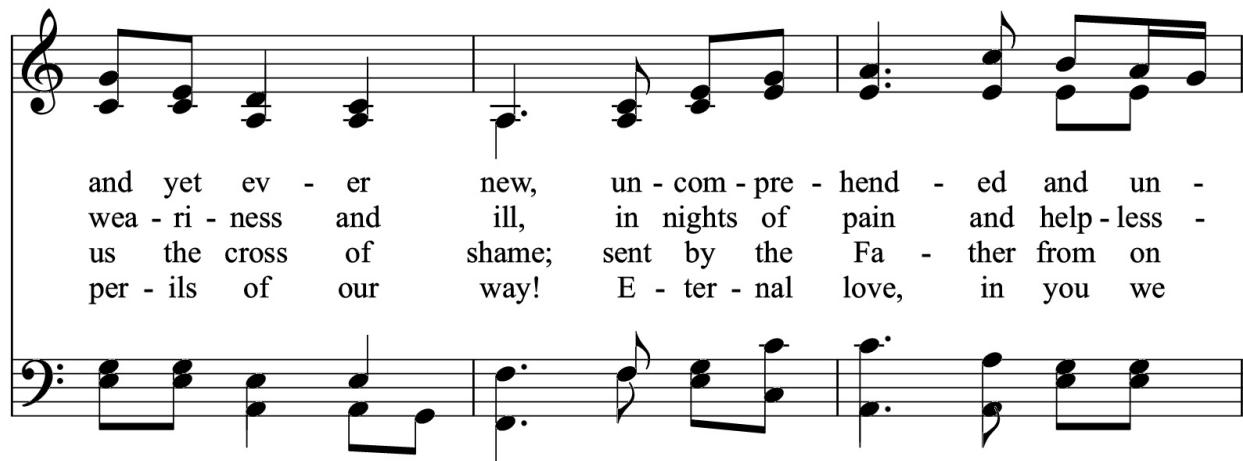
Thomas Ken, 1674

OLD HUNDREDTH L.M.  
Louis Bourgeois, 1551

## O Love of God, How Strong and True



1. O love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal  
 2. O heav'n - ly love, how pre - cious still, in days of  
 3. We read you best in him who came bear - ing for  
 4. O love of God, our shield and stay through all the



and yet ev - er new, un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -  
 wea - ri - ness and ill, in nights of pain and help - less -  
 us the cross of shame; sent by the Fa - ther from on  
 per - ils of our way! E - ter - nal love, in you we



bought, be - yond all knowl - edge and all thought!  
 ness, to heal, to com - fort, and to bless!  
 high, our life to live, our death to die.  
 rest, for - ev - er safe, for - ev - er blest.

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## Though Troubles Assail Us

1. Though trou - bles as - sail us and dan - gers af - fright,  
 2. The birds, with - out gar - ner or store - house, are fed;  
 3. When Sa - tan as - sails us to stop up our path,  
 4. No strength of our own and no good - ness we claim;

though friends should all fail us and foes all u - nite,  
 from them let us learn to trust God for our bread.  
 and cour - age all fails us, we tri - umph by faith.  
 yet, since we have known of the Sav - ior's great name,

yet one thing se - cures us, what - ev - er be - tide,  
 His saints what is fit - ting shall ne'er be de - nied  
 He can - not take from us, though oft he has tried,  
 in this our strong tow - er for safe - ty we hide:

the prom - ise as - sures us, "The Lord will pro - vide."  
 so long as 'tis writ - ten, "The Lord will pro - vide."  
 this heart - cheer - ing prom - ise, "The Lord will pro - vide."  
 the Lord is our pow - er, "The Lord will pro - vide."