



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

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY
December 11, 2022
5:00 p.m.**

Welcome & Announcements

✝ **Invocation**

✝ **Hymn of Praise** **#313 (TH #218)**
"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

Prayer Requests & Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading **Ezekiel 33:1-10**

The word of the Lord came to me: ² "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy, and say to them, even to the shepherds, Thus says the Lord God: Ah, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? ³ You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fat ones, but you do not feed the sheep. ⁴ The weak you have not strengthened, the sick you have not healed, the injured you have not bound up, the strayed you have not brought back, the lost you have not sought, and with force and harshness you have ruled them. ⁵ So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd, and they became food for all the wild beasts. My sheep were scattered; ⁶ they wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. My sheep were scattered over all the face of the earth, with none to search or seek for them. ⁷ "Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: ⁸ As I live, declares the Lord God, surely because my sheep have become a prey, and my sheep have become food for all the wild beasts, since there was no shepherd, and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves, and have not fed my sheep, ⁹ therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: ¹⁰ Thus says the Lord God, Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require my sheep at their hand and put a stop to their feeding the sheep. No longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, that they may not be food for them.

Sermon

“Bad Shepherds”

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

Hymn

“God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”

#314 (TH#211)

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

✠ Closing Hymn

“While By the Sheep We Watched at Night”

TH#215

✠ Prayer

✠ Benediction

Sermon Outline
December 11, 2022 PM Service

Ezekiel 34:1-10
“Bad Shepherds”

Introduction

1. Prophecy against false shepherds (v.1-2)
2. Crimes of the false shepherds (v.3-4)
3. The effect of false shepherds (v.5-6)
4. Judgement of false shepherds (v.7-10)

Conclusion

5. Oh, may we keep and ponder in our mind
 God's wondrous love in saving lost mankind!
 Trace we the babe, who hath retrieved our loss,
 from his poor manger to his bitter cross.
 Tread in his steps, assisted by his grace,
 till our imperfect state God doth replace.

6. Then may we hope, th'angelic throngs among,
 to sing, redeemed, a glad triumphal song;
 he that was born upon this joyful day
 around us all his glory shall display;
 saved by his love, incessant we shall sing
 eternal praise to heav'n's almighty King.

John Byrom, 1749; alt.

YORKSHIRE 10.10.10.10.10.10.
 John Wainwright, 1750

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

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1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
 2. Shep - herds in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
 3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
 4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in hope and fear,
 5. All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;

ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 God with man is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant Light:
 • seek the great De - sire of na - tions; ye have seen his na - tal star:
 sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:
 ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to th'e - ter - nal Three in One:

Refrain

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

James Montgomery, 1816, 1825

REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7.
 Henry Smart, 1867

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may,
 2. From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther, a bless - ed an - gel came;
 3. "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "let noth - ing you af - fright;
 4. The shep - herds at those tid - ings re - joic - ed much in mind,

re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior was born on Christ - mas day,
 and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same:
 this day is born a Sav - ior of a pure vir - gin bright,
 and left their flocks a - feed - ing, in tem - pest, storm, and wind,

to save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r when we were gone a - stray;
 how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name,
 to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's pow'r and might."
 and went to Beth - le - hem straight - way, the Son of God to find.

Refrain

O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and joy,

THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

The image shows a musical score for a carol. The top staff is a vocal melody in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of eight measures: G4 (half), A4-B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (quarter), G4 (half), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), and D4 (half). The lyrics 'O tid - ings of com - fort and joy.' are written below the notes. The bottom staff is a bass line accompaniment in the same key and time, consisting of eighth-note chords: G2-A2, B2-C3, D3-E3, F#3-G3, E3-D3, C3-B2, A2-G2, and F#2-G2. The piece ends with a double bar line.

English carol, 18th cent.

GOD REST YOU MERRY 8.6.7.6.8.6.ref.
English melody, 18th cent.

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While by the Sheep We Watched at Night

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. Is. 12:3

1. While by the sheep we watched at night, glad tid - ings brought an
 2. There shall be born, so he did say, in Beth - le - hem a
 3. There shall the child lie in a stall, this child who shall re -
 4. This gift of God we'll cher - ish well, that ev - er joy our

f REFRAIN *p* echo
 an - gel bright.
 child to - day.
 deem us all. How great our joy! Great our joy!
 hearts shall fill.

f *p* echo *f*
 Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy! Praise we the Lord in

echo *p*
 heav'n on high! Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!