



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

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY
December 18, 2022
10:30 a.m.**

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

† Call to Worship

Psalm 100:1-5

¹Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! ²Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! ³Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. ⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! ⁵For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

† 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

311 (TH #203)

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Confession of Sin

Holy and righteous God, we confess that like Isaiah, we are a people of unclean lips. But it is not only unclean lips we possess. We are people with unclean hands and unclean hearts. We have broken Your law times without number, and are guilty of pride, unbelief, self-centeredness, and idolatry.

Affect our hearts with the severity of our sin and the glory of Your righteousness as we now acknowledge our sins in Your holy presence. We have had other gods before You. We have taken Your name in vain. We have not kept Your Day holy. We have murdered in our hearts. We have committed adultery with our eyes. We have stolen what is not ours and coveted what belongs to others. We have lied to You and to others. God, we have sinned against Your mercy times without number. Our iniquities have gone over our heads. If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? How shall we answer You? We lay our hands on our mouths. We have no answer to your righteous wrath and just judgment, except for the one you have provided for us through the death of Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 53:5,6

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

† **Hymn of Assurance**

#307 (TH #217)

“All My Heart This Night Rejoices”

† **Confession of Faith**

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-24

¹¹ “For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out.¹² As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. ¹⁶ I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. ¹⁷ “As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. ¹⁸ Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? ¹⁹ And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet? ²⁰ “Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹ Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²² I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³ And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

“The Good Shepherd”

Worship with Tithes & Offerings

† **Doxology**

“Doxology”

#567 (TH #731)

† Prayer of Dedication

† **Hymn of Preparation**

#525 (TH #599)

“Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us”

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Closing Hymn

#310 (TH#223)

“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”

† **Benediction**

SERMON OUTLINE
Dec. 18, 2022
10:30 a.m.

Ezekiel 34:11-24
“The Good Shepherd”

Introduction

- I. The Lord is the Shepherd of Israel (v.11-12)
- II. The Lord Will Gather His People (v.13-16)
- III. The Lord Will Protect His People (v.17-22)
- IV. The Lord’s Servant David will be the Prince of His People (v.23-24)

Conclusion

Devotional Readings

December 19-24, 2022

Monday: Read Ezekiel 34:11-12; Psalms 23:1-2; Luke 15:2; John 10:3;
1 Peter 2:25

How does God promise to act toward His people?

Tuesday: Read Ezekiel 34:13-14; Matthew 18:12; Isaiah 40:11; Micah 4:6
How will the Lord act like a Shepherd to His people?

Wednesday: Read Ezekiel 34:15-16; Psalms 72:4; Genesis 33:13;
Zephaniah 3:13

What kind of attitude does the Lord have toward the sheep of His pasture?

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Friday: Read Ezekiel 34:20-22; Micah 5:4; Proverbs 27:23;
Zechariah 11:7-9


What will the Lord do to rescue His flock?

Saturday: Read Ezekiel 34:23-24; Isaiah 11:1, 55:3-4; Revelation 22:16
How will David be a prince among his people since he had been dead for
400 years when Ezekiel wrote this?


Hark! the Herald Angels Sing



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!
 3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!




peace on earth, and mer-cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
 Late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,
 Mild, he lays his glo - ry by, born that man no more may die,


All My Heart This Night Rejoices



1. All my heart this night re-joice - es as I hear far and near
 2. Forth to - day the Con-qu'ror go - eth, who the foe, sin and woe,
 3. Shall we still dread God's dis - plea - sure, who, to save, free - ly gave
 4. He be - comes the Lamb that tak - eth sin a - way and for aye
 5. Hark! a voice from yon - der man - ger, soft and sweet, doth en - treat,



sweet - est an - gel voice - es. "Christ is born," their choirs are sing - ing
 death and hell, o'er - throw - eth. God is man, man to de - liv - er;
 • his most cher - ished Trea - sure? To re - deem us, he hath giv - en
 full a - tone - ment mak - eth. For our life his own he ten - ders;
 "Flee from woe and dan - ger. Breth - ren, from all ills that grieve you,



'til the air ev - 'ry - where now with joy is ring - ing.
 his dear Son now is one with our blood for - ev - er.
 • his own Son from the throne of his might in heav - en.
 and our race, by his grace, fit for glo - ry ren - ders.
 you are freed; all you need I will sure - ly give you."

6. Come, then, banish all your sadness,
 one and all, great and small;
 come with songs of gladness.
 Love him who with love is glowing;
 hail the star, near and far
 light and joy bestowing.

7. Dearest Lord, thee will I cherish.
 Though my breath fail in death,
 yet I shall not perish,
 but with thee abide forever
 there on high, in that joy
 which can vanish never.

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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

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

525

1. Sa - vior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need thy ten-der care;
 2. We are thine; do thou be - friend us, be the guar-dian of our way;
 3. Thou hast prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful tho' we be;
 4. Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us do thy will;

in thy pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use thy folds pre - pare.
 keep thy flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
 thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse and pow'r to free.
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with thy love our bos - oms fill.

Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear, O hear us when we pray;
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, let us ear - ly turn to thee;
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast loved us, love us still;

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While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

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1. While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, all seat - ed
 2. "Fear not," said he— for might - y dread had seized their
 3. "To you, in Da - vid's town this day, is born of
 4. "The heav'n - ly babe you there shall find to hu - man

on the ground, the an - gel of the Lord came down,
 trou - bled mind— "glad tid - ings of great joy I bring
 Da - vid's line the Sav - ior, who is Christ the Lord,
 view dis - played, all mean - ly wrapped in swath - ing bands,

and glo - ry shone a - round, and glo - ry shone a - round.
 to you and all man - kind, to you and all man - kind.
 and this shall be the sign, and this shall be the sign:
 and in a man - ger laid, and in a man - ger laid."

5. Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith
 appeared a shining throng
 of angels praising God, who thus
 addressed their joyful song,
 addressed their joyful song:

6. "All glory be to God on high,
 and to the earth be peace;
 good will henceforth, from heav'n to men,
 begin and never cease,
 begin and never cease!"