



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

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP  
THE LORD'S DAY  
December 25, 2022  
10:30 a.m.**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Prelude**

**† Call to Worship**

**Luke 1:46-47**

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, <sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

**† 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**

**TH #26**

**"Tell Out, My Soul, The Greatness of the Lord"**

**Confession of Sin**

O God, whose chosen dwelling is the heart that longs for Your presence and humbly seeks Your love, we come to You to acknowledge and confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved You with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, or for the good we have left undone. Because You, O Lord, are full of compassion, gracious, slow to anger, and plentiful in mercy, there is forgiveness with You. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, bind up that

which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us the word that we need, and let Your word abide with us until it has wrought in us Your holy will. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Silent Confession

### **Assurance of Pardon**

**Isaiah 53:4-6**

<sup>4</sup> Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup> 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 wounds we are healed. <sup>6</sup> 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**

**#305 (TH #221)**

**“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”**

### **† Confession of Faith**

**Westminster Confession  
Chapter 8 Section 2**

#### **Of Christ the Mediator**

The Son of God, the second person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon him man's nature, with all the essential properties, and common infirmities thereof, yet without sin; being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the virgin Mary, of her substance. So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. Which person is very God, and very man, yet one Christ, the only Mediator between God and man.

Pastoral Prayer

## **Scripture Reading**

**Ezekiel 34:25-31**

<sup>25</sup> “I will make with them a covenant of peace and banish wild beasts from the land, so that they may dwell securely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods. <sup>26</sup> And I will make them and the places all around my hill a blessing, and I will send down the showers in their season; they shall be showers of blessing. <sup>27</sup> And the trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield its increase, and they shall be secure in their land. And they shall know that I am the Lord, when I break the bars of their yoke, and deliver them from the hand of those who enslaved them. <sup>28</sup> They shall no more be a prey to the nations, nor shall the beasts of the land devour them. They shall dwell securely, and none shall make them afraid. <sup>29</sup> And I will provide for them renowned plantations so that they shall no more be consumed with hunger in the land, and no longer suffer the reproach of the nations. <sup>30</sup> And they shall know that I am the Lord their God with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, declares the Lord God. <sup>31</sup> And you are my sheep, human sheep of my pasture, and I am your God, declares the Lord God.”

## **Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

### **“The Covenant of Peace”**

Worship with Tithes & Offerings

† **Doxology**

**#567 (TH #731)**

### **“Doxology”**

† Prayer of Dedication

† **Closing Hymn**

**#319 (TH #208)**

### **“O Come All Ye Faithful”**

† Benediction

# **SERMON OUTLINE**

**Dec. 25, 2022**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Ezekiel 34:25-31**

**“The Covenant of Peace”**

## Introduction

- I. The Covenant of Peace (v. 25)
- II. The Restoration of Israel (v.26-28)
- III. A Plant of Renown (v. 29)
- IV. The Result of the Reign of Christ (v. 30-31)

## Conclusion

## **Devotional Readings**

December 26- 31, 2022

Ezekiel 34:25-36:15 The Covenant of Peace

Monday: Read Ezekiel 34:25; Isaiah 55:3; Jeremiah 31:31-33; Zechariah 6:13; Hosea 13:20

How will the Covenant of Peace manifest itself with the people of Israel?

Tuesday: Read Ezekiel 34:26; Deuteronomy 28:12; Psalms 68:9; Isaiah 44:3, Malachi 3:10

What are “the showers in their season” promised to Israel?

Wednesday: Read Ezekiel 34:27-29; Leviticus 26:4; Isaiah 4:2; John 15:5-18

What is the “plant of renown” that Ezekiel refers to in verse 29?

Thursday: Read Ezekiel 34:30-31; Isaiah 8:9-10; Matthew 1:23, 28:20

What will be the result of the Lord’s deliverance of Israel?

Friday: Read Ezekiel 35:1-15; Jeremiah 15:6

What happens to those who reject the Lord and His people?

Saturday: Read Ezekiel 36:1-15; Psalms 125:1; Hebrews 12:22

What is the place of Mount Zion in God’s plan for His people?

# Tell Out, My Soul

## LUKE 1:46-55

Unison A D G D A D

1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!  
2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his name!  
3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!  
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his Word!

A Bm<sup>7</sup> G D Em F#

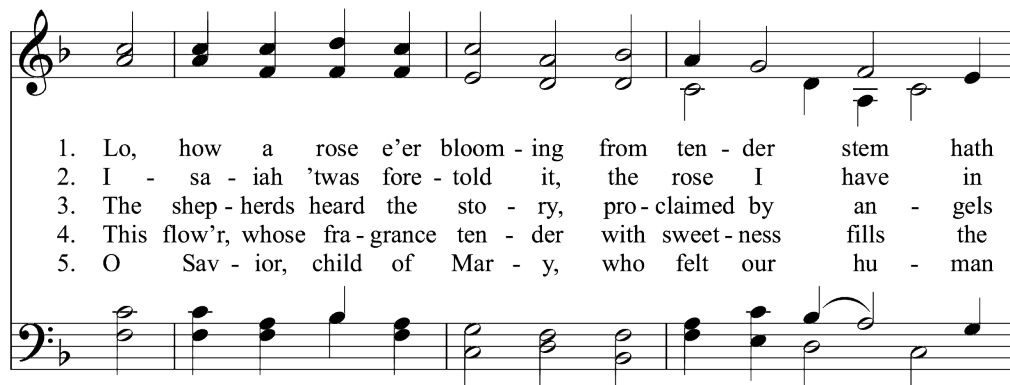
Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spir - it voice;  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.  
Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.

## Tell Out, My Soul

ten - der to me the prom - ise of his Word;  
 his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;  
 Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,  
 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord

in God my Sav - ior shall my heart re - jice.  
 his ho - ly name, the Lord, the Might - y One.  
 the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.  
 to chil - dren's chil - dren and for - ev - er - more!

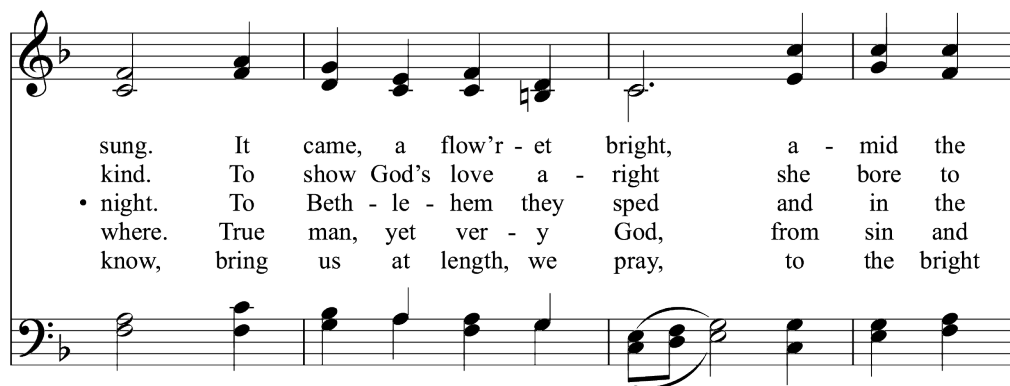
## Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming



1. Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath  
 2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the rose I have in  
 3. The shep - herds heard the sto - ry, pro - claimed by an - gels  
 4. This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the  
 5. O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man



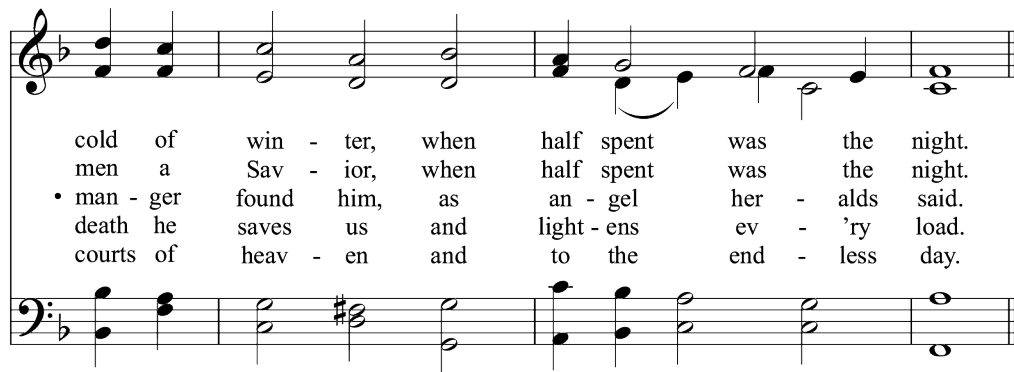
sprung, of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing, as men of old have  
 mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the vir - gin moth - er  
 • bright, how Christ, the Lord of glo - ry, was born on earth this  
 air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - 'ry -  
 woe; O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, who dost our weak - ness



sung. It came, a flow'r - et bright, a - mid the  
 kind. To show God's love a - right she bore to  
 • night. To Beth - le - hem they sped and in the  
 where. True man, yet ver - y God, from sin and  
 know, bring us at length, we pray, to the bright



THE BIRTH OF CHRIST



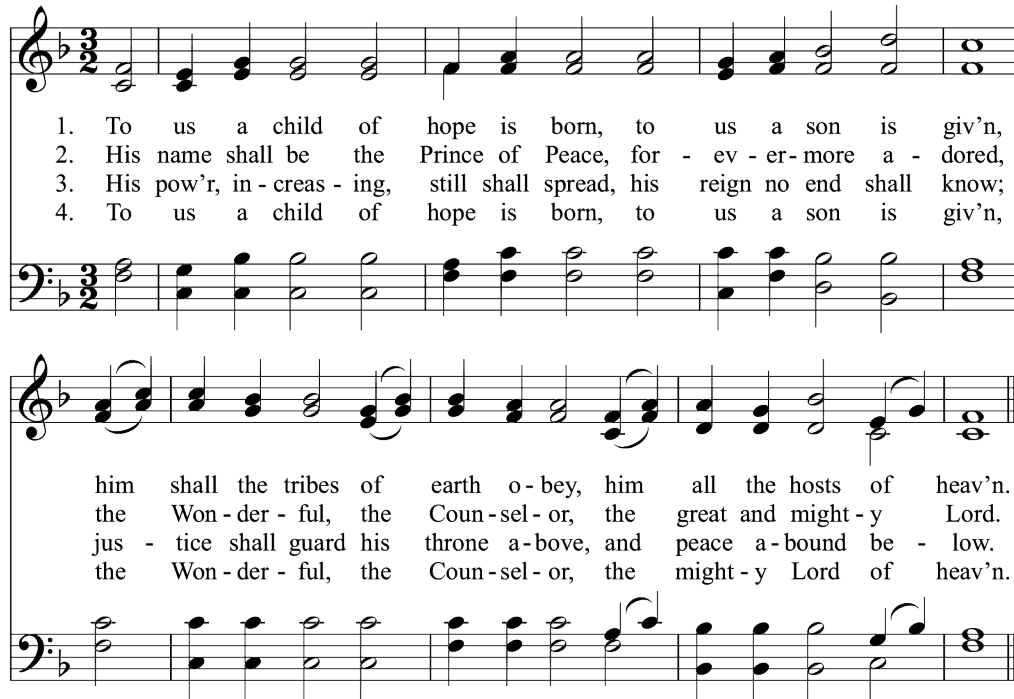
cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.  
 men a Sav - ior, when half spent was the night.  
 • man - ger found him, as an - gel her - alds said.  
 death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.  
 courts of heav - en and to the end - less day.

German hymn, ca. 1500  
 St. 1–2, tr. Theodore Baker, 1894  
 St. 3–4, tr. Harriett R. Spaeth, 1875  
 St. 5, tr. John C. Mattes, 1914

ES IST EIN' ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN 7.6.7.6.6.7.6.  
 German melody, 15th cent.  
 Harm. Michael Praetorius, 1609

To Us a Child of Hope Is Born

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1. To us a child of hope is born, to us a son is giv'n,  
 2. His name shall be the Prince of Peace, for - ev - er - more a - dored,  
 3. His pow'r, in - creas - ing, still shall spread, his reign no end shall know;  
 4. To us a child of hope is born, to us a son is giv'n,  
 him shall the tribes of earth o - bey, him all the hosts of heav'n.  
 the Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, the great and might - y Lord.  
 jus - tice shall guard his throne a - bove, and peace a - bound be - low.  
 the Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, the might - y Lord of heav'n.

John Morison, 1781; alt.

I DO BELIEVE C.M.  
 Traditional English melody

## 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.

## O Come, All Ye Faithful

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1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant,  
 2. God of God, Light of Light;  
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing:

O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem; come and be - hold him  
 lo, he ab - hors not the vir - gin's womb; ver - y God, be -  
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove; glo - ry to God, all  
 Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n; Word of the Fa - ther,

Refrain

born the King of an - gels;  
 got - ten not cre - at - ed;  
 glo - ry in the high - est; O come, let us a - dore him; O come, let  
 late in flesh ap - pear - ing;

us a - dore him; O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Latin hymn  
 Attr. to John Francis Wade, 1751  
 Tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1841; alt.

ADESTE FIDELES Irreg., ref.  
 John Francis Wade, *Cantus Diversi*, 1751