



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

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP  
THE LORD'S DAY  
December 4, 2022  
10:30 a.m.**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Prelude**

**✠ Call to Worship**

**Psalms 98:1-6**

<sup>1</sup> Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things! His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him. <sup>2</sup> The Lord has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations. <sup>3</sup> He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. <sup>4</sup> Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! <sup>5</sup> Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody! <sup>6</sup> With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!

**✠ 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**

**#299 (TH #195)**

**"Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"**

**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 Isaiah 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**

**#300 (TH #196)**

**“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”**

### **✠ Confession of Faith**

**WCF Ch. 32, Sec. 1**

### **“Of the State of Men after Death, and of the Resurrection of the Dead”**

The bodies of men, after death, return to dust, and see corruption: but their souls, which neither die nor sleep, having an immortal subsistence, immediately return to God who gave them: the souls of the righteous, being then made perfect in holiness, are received into the highest heavens, where they behold the face of God, in light and glory, waiting for the full redemption of their bodies.

## **Pastoral Prayer**

### **Scripture Reading**

**Ezekiel 32:1-32**

<sup>1</sup>In the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, on the first day of the month, the word of the Lord came to me: <sup>2</sup>“Son of man, raise a lamentation over Pharaoh king of Egypt and say to him: “You consider yourself a lion of the nations, but you are like a dragon in the seas; you burst forth in your rivers, trouble the waters with your feet, and foul their rivers. <sup>3</sup> Thus says the Lord God: I will throw My net over you with a host of many peoples, and they will haul you up in my dragnet. <sup>4</sup> And I will cast you on the ground; on the open field I will fling you, and will cause all the birds of the heavens to settle on you, and I will gorge the beasts of the whole earth with you. <sup>5</sup> I will strew your flesh upon the mountains and fill the valleys with your carcass. <sup>6</sup> I will drench the land even to the mountains with your flowing blood, and the ravines will be full of you. <sup>7</sup> When I blot you out, I will cover the heavens and make their stars dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give its light. <sup>8</sup> All the bright lights of heaven will I make dark over you, and put darkness on your land, declares the Lord God. <sup>9</sup> “I will trouble the hearts of many peoples, when I bring your destruction among the nations, into the

countries that you have not known. <sup>10</sup> I will make many peoples appalled at you, and the hair of their kings shall bristle with horror because of you, when I brandish my sword before them. They shall tremble every moment, every one for his own life, on the day of your downfall. <sup>11</sup> “For thus says the Lord God: The sword of the king of Babylon shall come upon you. <sup>12</sup> I will cause your multitude to fall by the swords of mighty ones, all of them most ruthless of nations. “They shall bring to ruin the pride of Egypt, and all its multitude shall perish. <sup>13</sup> I will destroy all its beasts from beside many waters; and no foot of man shall trouble them anymore, nor shall the hoofs of beasts trouble them. <sup>14</sup> Then I will make their waters clear, and cause their rivers to run like oil, declares the Lord God. <sup>15</sup> When I make the land of Egypt desolate, and when the land is desolate of all that fills it, when I strike down all who dwell in it, then they will know that I am the Lord. <sup>16</sup> This is a lamentation that shall be chanted; the daughters of the nations shall chant it; over Egypt, and over all her multitude, shall they chant it, declares the Lord God.” <sup>17</sup> In the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, the word of the Lord came to me: <sup>18</sup> “Son of man, wail over the multitude of Egypt, and send them down, her and the daughters of majestic nations, to the world below, to those who have gone down to the pit: <sup>19</sup> ‘Whom do you surpass in beauty? Go down and be laid to rest with the uncircumcised.’ <sup>20</sup> They shall fall amid those who are slain by the sword. Egypt is delivered to the sword; drag her away, and all her multitudes. <sup>21</sup> The mighty chiefs shall speak of them, with their helpers, out of the midst of Sheol: ‘They have come down, they lie still, the uncircumcised, slain by the sword.’ <sup>22</sup> “Assyria is there, and all her company, its graves all around it, all of them slain, fallen by the sword, <sup>23</sup> whose graves are set in the uttermost parts of the pit; and her company is all around her grave, all of them slain, fallen by the sword, who spread terror in the land of the living. <sup>24</sup> “Elam is there, and all her multitude around her grave; all of them slain, fallen by the sword, who went down uncircumcised into the world below, who spread their terror in the land of the living; and they bear their shame with those who go down to the pit. <sup>25</sup> They have made her a bed among the slain with all her multitude, her graves all around it, all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword; for terror of them was spread in the land of the living, and they bear their shame with those who go down to the pit; they are placed among the slain. <sup>26</sup> “Meshech-Tubal is there, and all her multitude, her graves all around it, all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword; for they spread their terror in the land of the living. <sup>27</sup> And they do not lie with the mighty, the fallen from among the uncircumcised, who went down to Sheol with their weapons of war, whose swords were laid under their heads, and whose iniquities are upon their bones; for the terror of the mighty men was in the land of the living. <sup>28</sup> But as for you, you shall be broken and lie among the uncircumcised, with those who are slain by the sword. <sup>29</sup> “Edom is there, her kings and all her princes, who for all their might are laid with those who are killed by the sword; they lie with the uncircumcised, with those who go down to the pit. <sup>30</sup> “The princes of the north are there, all of them, and all the Sidonians, who have gone down in shame with the slain, for all the terror that they caused by their might; they lie uncircumcised with those who are slain by the sword, and bear their shame with those who go down to the pit. <sup>31</sup> “When Pharaoh sees them, he will be comforted for all his multitude, Pharaoh and all his army, slain by the sword, declares the Lord God. <sup>32</sup> For I spread terror in the land of the living; and he shall be laid to rest among the uncircumcised, with those who are slain by the sword, Pharaoh and all his multitude, declares the Lord God.”

**Sermon**

**Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan**

**“The Destiny of the Enemies of God and of His People”**

**Worship with Tithes & Offerings**

✝ **Doxology**

**#567 (TH #731)**

✝ **Prayer of Dedication**

✝ **Hymn of Preparation**

**#297 (TH #198)**

**“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”  
(vs. 1,4,5,6)**

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

✝ **Closing Hymn**

**#308 (TH#207)**

**“Good Christian Men, Rejoice”**

✝ **Benediction**

# **SERMON OUTLINE**

**Dec. 4, 2022**

**10:30 a.m.**

**“The Destiny of the Enemies of God and of His People**

Introduction

1. The Dragon is Slain (vv. 1-16)

2. The Dragon is Cast into the Pit with His Companions (vv. 17-32)

Conclusion

## 299 Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her  
 2. Joy to the earth! The Sav - ior reigns: let men their songs em -  
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the  
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions

King; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him room,  
 ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
 ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow  
 prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his  
 and heav'n and na - ture sing,

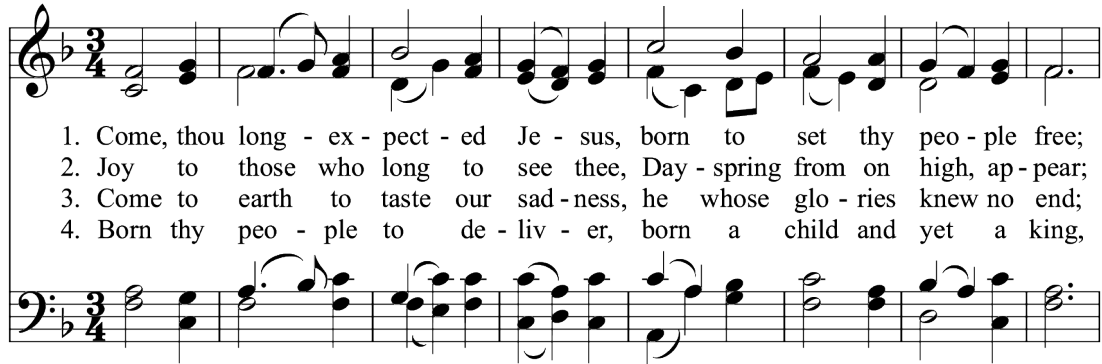
and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

## Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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1. Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
 2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Day - spring from on high, ap - pear;  
 3. Come to earth to taste our sad - ness, he whose glo - ries knew no end;  
 4. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
 come, thou prom - ised Rod of Jes - se, of thy birth we long to hear!  
 by his life he brings us glad - ness, our Re - deem - er, Shep - herd, Friend.  
 born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,  
 O'er the hills the an - gels sing - ing news, glad tid - ings of a birth:  
 Leav - ing rich - es with - out num - ber, born with - in a cat - tle stall;  
 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
 "Go to him, your prais - es bring - ing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."  
 this the ev - er - last - ing won - der, Christ was born the Lord of all.  
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

DOXOLOGIES

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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:

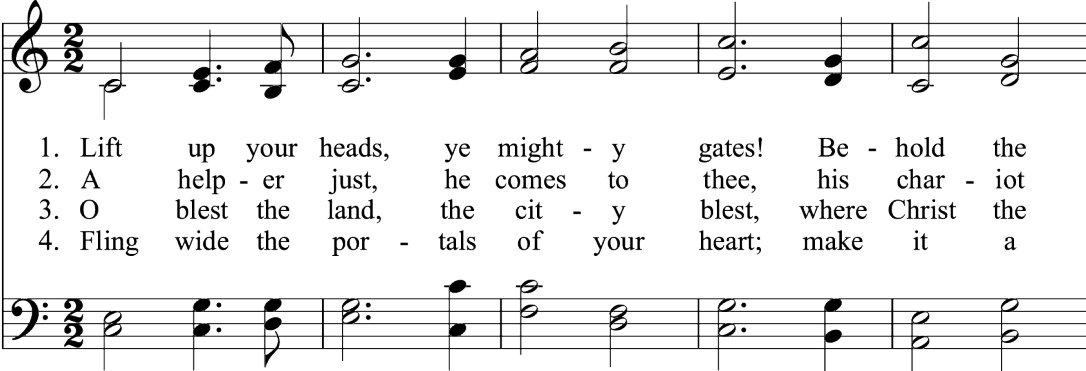
praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Thomas Ken, 1674

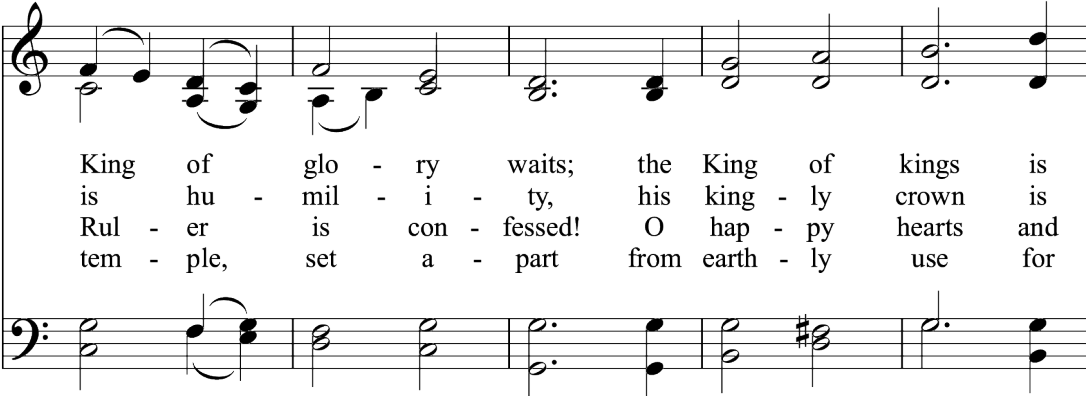
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Louis Bourgeois, 1551



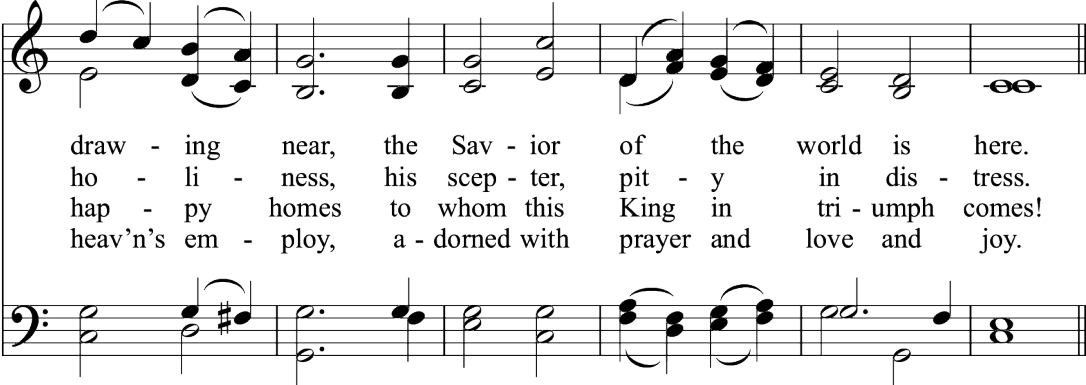
# 297 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!



1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold the  
 2. A help - er just, he comes to thee, his char - iot  
 3. O blest the land, the cit - y blest, where Christ the  
 4. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a



King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is  
 is hu - mil - i - ty, his king - ly crown is  
 Rul - er is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and  
 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for



draw - ing near, the Sav - ior of the world is here.  
 ho - li - ness, his scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress.  
 hap - py homes to whom this King in tri - umph comes!  
 heav'n's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.

5. Redeemer, come! I open wide  
 my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide!  
 Let me thy inner presence feel;  
 thy grace and love in me reveal.

6. So come, my Sov'reign, enter in!  
 Let new and nobler life begin!  
 Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on,  
 until the glorious crown be won.

## Good Christian Men, Rejoice

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1. Good Chris-tian men, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
 2. Good Chris-tian men, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
 3. Good Chris-tian men, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

earth and heav'n be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.  
 He hath o - pened heav-en's door, and man is bless - ed ev - er - more.  
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Medieval Latin carol  
 Tr. John Mason Neale, 1853; alt.  
 Alt. 1961

IN DULCI JUBILO 6.6.7.7.8.5.5.  
 German melody, 14th cent.  
 Arr. W. D., 1918