



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

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY
January 15, 2023
10:30 a.m.**

Welcome & Announcements

† Call to Worship

Psalm 2:11-12

† 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

TPS #222

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Confession of Sin

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103:8-12

† Hymn of Assurance

TPS #75

“Psalm 75: We Give You Thanks, O God”

† Confession of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism Q & A #171

Q: How are they that receive the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper to prepare themselves before they come unto it?

A: They that receive the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper are, before they come, to prepare themselves thereunto, by examining themselves of their being in Christ, of their sins and wants; of the truth and measure of their knowledge, faith, and repentance; love to God and the brethren, charity to all men, forgiving those that have done them wrong; of their desires after Christ, and of their new obedience; and by renewing the exercise of these graces, by serious meditation, and fervent prayer.

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 38:1-23

¹The word of the Lord came to me: ²“Son of man, set your face toward Gog, of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him ³and say, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I am against you, O Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal. ⁴And I will turn you about and put hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you out, and all your army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed in full armor, a great host, all of them with buckler and shield, wielding swords. ⁵Persia, Cush, and Put are with them, all of them with shield and helmet; ⁶Gomer and all his hordes; Beth-togarmah from the uttermost parts of the north with all his hordes—many peoples are with you.

⁷“Be ready and keep ready, you and all your hosts that are assembled about you, and be a guard for them. ⁸After many days you will be mustered. In the latter years you will go against the land that is restored from war, the land whose people were gathered from many peoples upon the mountains of Israel, which had been a continual waste. Its people were brought out from the peoples and now dwell securely, all of them. ⁹You will advance, coming on like a storm. You will be like a cloud covering the land, you and all your hordes, and many peoples with you.

¹⁰ “Thus says the Lord God: On that day, thoughts will come into your mind, and you will devise an evil scheme ¹¹ and say, ‘I will go up against the land of unwallled villages. I will fall upon the quiet people who dwell securely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having no bars or gates,’ ¹² to seize spoil and carry off plunder, to turn your hand against the waste places that are now inhabited, and the people who were gathered from the nations, who have acquired livestock and goods, who dwell at the center of the earth. ¹³ Sheba and Dedan and the merchants of Tarshish and all its leaders will say to you, ‘Have you come to seize spoil? Have you assembled your hosts to carry off plunder, to carry away silver and gold, to take away livestock and goods, to seize great spoil?’

¹⁴ “Therefore, son of man, prophesy, and say to Gog, Thus says the Lord God: On that day when My people Israel are dwelling securely, will you not know it? ¹⁵ You will come from your place out of the uttermost parts of the north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great host, a mighty army. ¹⁶ You will come up against My people Israel, like a cloud covering the land. In the latter days I will bring you against My land, that the nations may know Me, when through you, O Gog, I vindicate My holiness before their eyes.

¹⁷ “Thus says the Lord God: Are you he of whom I spoke in former days by My servants the prophets of Israel, who in those days prophesied for years that I would bring you against them? ¹⁸ But on that day, the day that Gog shall come against the land of Israel, declares the Lord God, My wrath will be roused in My anger. ¹⁹ For in My jealousy and in My blazing wrath I declare, On that day there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel. ²⁰ The fish of the sea and the birds of the heavens and the beasts of the field and all creeping things that creep on the ground, and all the people who are on the face of the earth, shall quake at My presence. And the mountains shall be thrown down, and the cliffs shall fall, and every wall shall tumble to the ground. ²¹ I will summon a sword against Gog on all My mountains, declares the Lord God. Every man's sword will be against his brother. ²² With pestilence and bloodshed I will enter into judgment with him, and I will rain upon him and his hordes and the many peoples who are with him torrential rains and hailstones, fire and sulfur. ²³ So I will show My greatness and My holiness and make Myself known in the eyes of many nations. Then they will know that I am the Lord.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

“Gog”

Worship with Tithes & Offerings

† **Doxology**

#572 (TH #735)

“Gloria Patri”

† Prayer of Dedication

† **Hymn of Preparation**

#452 (TH #499)

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

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

† **Closing Hymn**

TPH #2B

“Psalm 2: Why Do Heathen Nations Rage?”

† Benediction

SERMON OUTLINE
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Ezekiel 38:1-23
“Gog”

Introduction

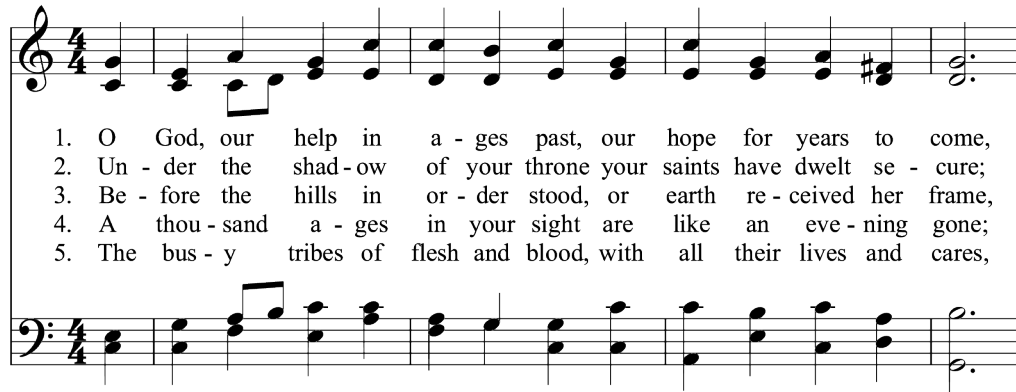
I. The Enemy of God and His People (v. 1-9)

II. The Tactics of the Enemy (v. 10-13)

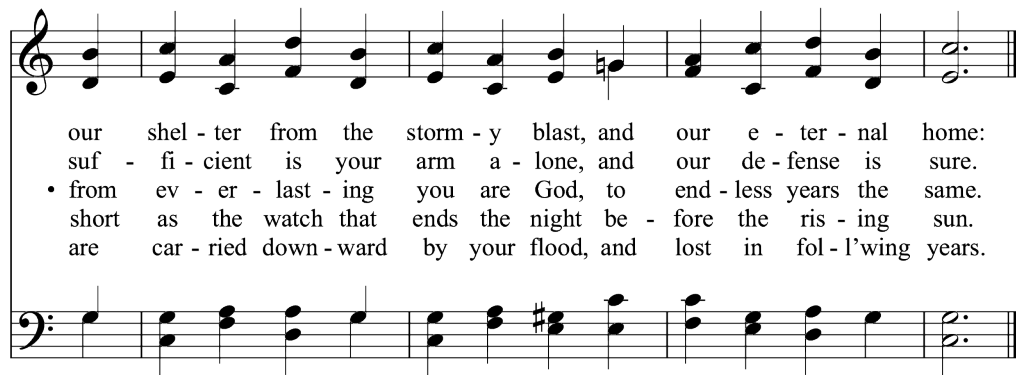
III. God Vindicates His Name and His People (v. 14-23)

Conclusion

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.

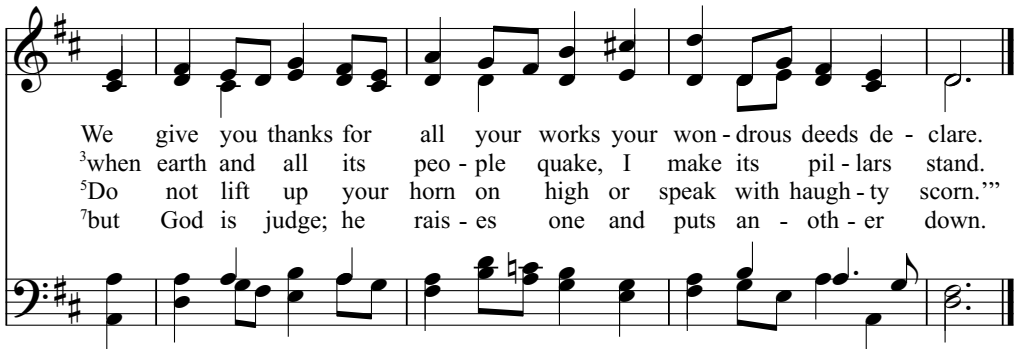
From Psalm 90
 Isaac Watts, 1719
 Alt. 1990; mod.

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

Psalm 75



1. ¹We give you thanks, O God, be - cause your name is near.
2. ²You say, "I set the time; I judge with e - ven hand;
3. ⁴"Boast not' I tell the proud; to vile men, 'Lift no horn.
4. ⁶For lift - ing up comes not from east or west or south;



We give you thanks for all your works your won - drous deeds de - clare.
³when earth and all its peo - ple quake, I make its pil - lars stand.
⁵Do not lift up your horn on high or speak with haugh - ty scorn."
⁷but God is judge; he rais - es one and puts an - oth - er down.

5. ⁸The LORD's hand holds a cup
with foaming wine, well-mixed;
he pours it out, and wicked ones
must drink it to the dregs.

6. ⁹But I fore'er proclaim,
and Jacob's God I'll praise.
¹⁰The wicked's horns I will cut off,
the righteous I will raise.

Gloria Patri

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Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in

the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er

shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

2nd cent.; tr.

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex) Irreg.
Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
 3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling;
 4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

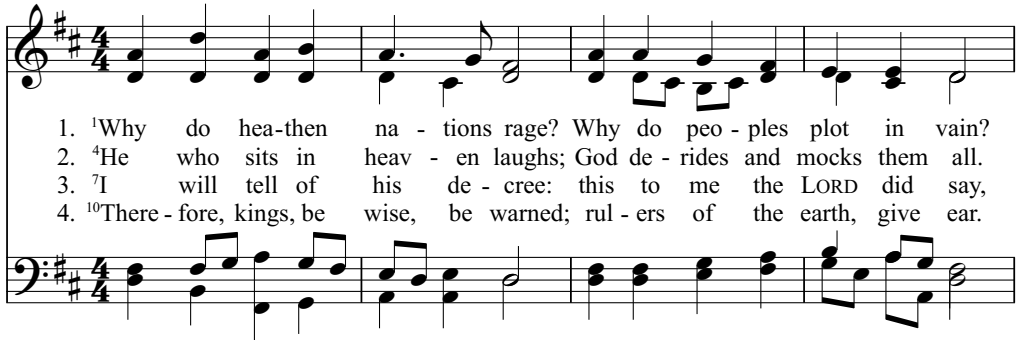
let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
 could my zeal no re - spite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
 when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
 foul, I to the Foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Augustus M. Toplady, 1776
 Alt. Thomas Cotterill, 1815

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 Thomas Hastings, 1830


Psalm 2B



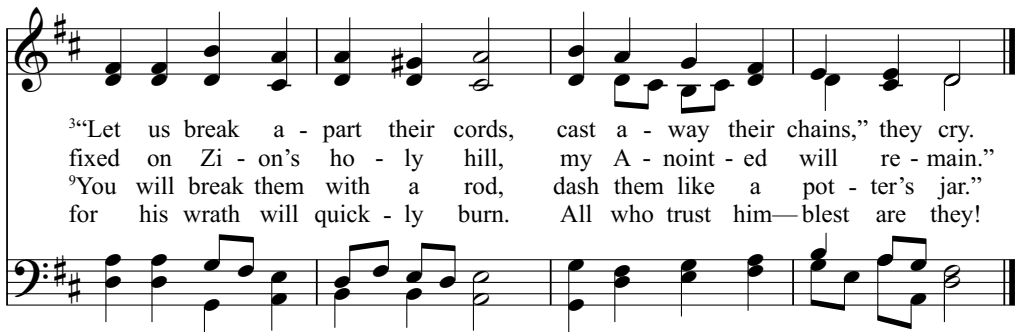
1. ¹Why do hea-then na - tions rage? Why do peo - ples plot in vain?
 2. ⁴He who sits in heav - en laughs; God de - rides and mocks them all.
 3. ⁷I will tell of his de - cree: this to me the LORD did say,
 4. ¹⁰There - fore, kings, be wise, be warned; rul - ers of the earth, give ear.



²Kings and rul - ers join to wage war a - gainst God's roy - al reign.
⁵Then he speaks to them in wrath, fear and dread on them do fall:
 "You are my be - lov - ed Son; I have brought you forth this day.
¹¹Come with awe and serve the LORD: min - gle joy with trem - bling fear.



Speak - ing out a - gainst the LORD, his A - noint - ed they de - fy:
⁶"Yet ac - cord - ing to my will, I have set my king to reign,
⁸Ask for all the earth a - broad, you shall own the na - tions far.
¹²Kiss the Son, his an - ger turn, lest you per - ish in the way,



³⁴"Let us break a - part their cords, cast a - way their chains," they cry.
 fixed on Zi - on's ho - ly hill, my A - noint - ed will re - main."
⁹You will break them with a rod, dash them like a pot - ter's jar."
 for his wrath will quick - ly burn. All who trust him—blest are they!