



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

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP  
THE LORD'S DAY  
January 29, 2023  
10:30 a.m.**

**Welcome & Announcements**

Please join us for our fellowship meal after today's service  
There will be no evening service.

Mark your calendars! Covenant Church's 2023 missions conference, "Sent by Christ To Proclaim Christ," will take place February 24-26 with Rev. Wilson Van Hooser serving as our keynote speaker.

Please prayerfully consider your Faith Promise commitments for the 2023-24 year. You can make your commitment by filling out a card at church. If you have any questions, please speak with Matt Lee

**† Call to Worship**

**Psalm 24:3-4**

<sup>3</sup> Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in His holy place? <sup>4</sup> He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

**† 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**

**#172**

**"Speak O Lord"**

## Hymn of Confession of Sin

#180 (TH #98)

### “Kind and Merciful God, We Have Sinned”

Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5:8

But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

## † Confession of Faith Westminster Confession of Faith ch. 15, sec. 1-5

1. Repentance unto life is an evangelical grace, the doctrine whereof is to be preached by every minister of the gospel, as well as that of faith in Christ.
2. By it, a sinner, out of the sight and sense not only of the danger, but also of the filthiness and odiousness of his sins, as contrary to the holy nature, and righteous law of God; and upon the apprehension of His mercy in Christ to such as are penitent, so grieves for, and hates his sins, as to turn from them all unto God, purposing and endeavoring to walk with Him in all the ways of His commandments.
3. Although repentance be not to be rested in, as any satisfaction for sin, or any cause of the pardon thereof, which is the act of God's free grace in Christ; yet it is of such necessity to all sinners, that none may expect pardon without it.
4. As there is no sin so small, but it deserves damnation; so there is no sin so great, that it can bring damnation upon those who truly repent.
5. Men ought not to content themselves with a general repentance, but it is every man's duty to endeavor to repent of his particular sins, particularly.

## Choral Anthem

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring. Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Fatherlike he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows. In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia, alleluia! Widely as his mercy flows!

Angels in the height adore him; ye behold him face to face. Saints triumphant bow before Him, Gathered in from every race. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

## **Pastoral Prayer**

### **Scripture Reading**

**Ezekiel 44:1-16; 28**

<sup>1</sup>Then He brought me back to the outer gate of the sanctuary, which faces east. And it was shut. <sup>2</sup>And the LORD said to me, "This gate shall remain shut; it shall not be opened, and no one shall enter by it, for the LORD, the God of Israel, has entered by it. Therefore it shall remain shut. <sup>3</sup>Only the prince may sit in it to eat bread before the LORD. He shall enter by way of the vestibule of the gate, and shall go out by the same way."

<sup>4</sup>Then He brought me by way of the north gate to the front of the temple, and I looked, and behold, the glory of the LORD filled the temple of the LORD. And I fell on my face. <sup>5</sup>And the LORD said to me, "Son of man, mark well, see with your eyes, and hear with your ears all that I shall tell you concerning all the statutes of the temple of the LORD and all its laws. And mark well the entrance to the temple and all the exits from the sanctuary. <sup>6</sup>And say to the rebellious house, to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: O house of Israel, enough of all your abominations, <sup>7</sup>in admitting foreigners, uncircumcised in heart and flesh, to be in My sanctuary, profaning My temple, when you offer to Me My food, the fat and the blood. You have broken My covenant, in addition to all your abominations. <sup>8</sup>And you have not kept charge of My holy things,

but you have set others to keep My charge for you in My sanctuary.

<sup>9</sup>"Thus says the Lord GOD: No foreigner, uncircumcised in heart and flesh, of all the foreigners who are among the people of Israel, shall enter My sanctuary. <sup>10</sup>But the Levites who went far from Me, going astray from Me after their idols when Israel went astray, shall bear their punishment.

<sup>11</sup>They shall be ministers in My sanctuary,

having oversight at the gates of the temple and ministering in the temple. They shall slaughter the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before the people, to minister to them. <sup>12</sup> Because they ministered to them before their idols and became a stumbling block of iniquity to the house of Israel, therefore I have sworn concerning them, declares the Lord GOD, and they shall bear their punishment.

<sup>13</sup> They shall not come near to Me, to serve Me as priest, nor come near any of My holy things and the things that are most holy, but they shall bear their shame and the abominations that they have committed. <sup>14</sup> Yet I will appoint them to keep charge of the temple, to do all its service and all that is to be done in it.

<sup>15</sup> “But the Levitical priests, the sons of Zadok, who kept the charge of My sanctuary when the people of Israel went astray from Me,

shall come near to Me to minister to Me. And they shall stand before Me to offer Me the fat and the blood, declares the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup> They shall enter My sanctuary, and they shall approach My table, to minister to Me, and they shall keep My charge.

## **Ezekiel 44:28**

“This shall be their inheritance: I am their inheritance: and you shall give them no possession in Israel; I am their possession.

### **Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

### **“The Prince’s Gate and Priestly Inheritance”**

Worship with Tithes & Offerings

† **Doxology**

**#572 (TH #735)**

**“Gloria Patri”**

† Prayer of Dedication

† **Hymn of Preparation**

**#73C (TH #657)**

**“In Sweet Communion, Lord, with Thee”**

## **The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**† Closing Hymn**

**#99B**

**“The Lord God Reigns in Majesty”**

**† Benediction**

# **SERMON OUTLINE**

**Jan. 29, 2023**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Ezekiel 44:1-16; 28**

**“The Prince’s Gate and Priestly Inheritance”**

Introduction

I. The Prince's Gate (v. 1-3)


II. Profaning the Temple (v. 4-8)

III. The Punishment of the Levites (v. 9-12)


IV. The Priestly Inheritance (v. 15-16; 28)

Conclusion


## Speak, O Lord

*Unison*


1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re - ceive the food of your  
 2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu -  
 3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights of your



Ho - ly Word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and  
 mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the  
 plans for us: truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will



fash - ion us in your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be  
 ra - di - ance of your pu - ri - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our  
 ech - o down thro' e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on your



seen to - day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord,  
 eyes to see your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r  
 prom - is - es; and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord,

GOD'S WORD AND LAW



and ful - fill in us all your pur - pos - es for your glo - ry.  
 that can nev - er fail, let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.  
 'til your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glo - ry.

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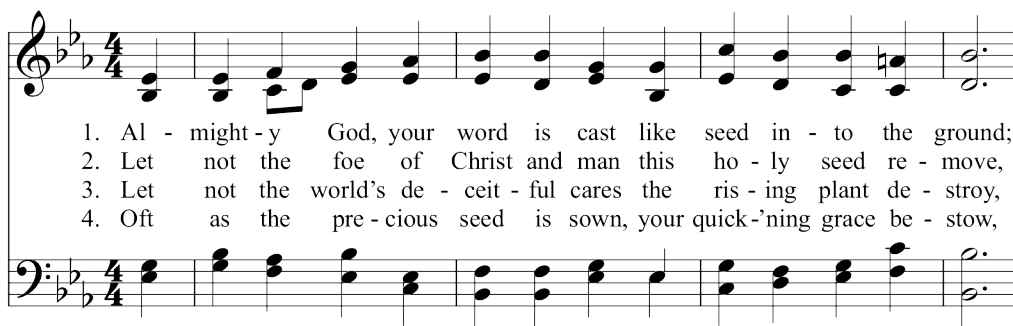
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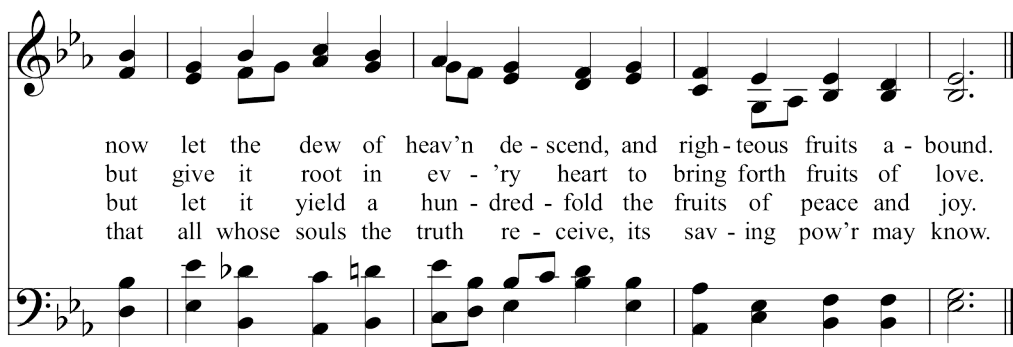
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# Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

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1. Al - might - y God, your word is cast like seed in - to the ground;  
 2. Let not the foe of Christ and man this ho - ly seed re - move,  
 3. Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the ris - ing plant de - stroy,  
 4. Oft as the pre - cious seed is sown, your quick - 'ning grace be - stow,



now let the dew of heav'n de - scend, and righ - teous fruits a - bound.  
 but give it root in ev - 'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.  
 but let it yield a hun - dred - fold the fruits of peace and joy.  
 that all whose souls the truth re - ceive, its sav - ing pow'r may know.

John Cawood, 1819

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Scottish Psalter, 1615



CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

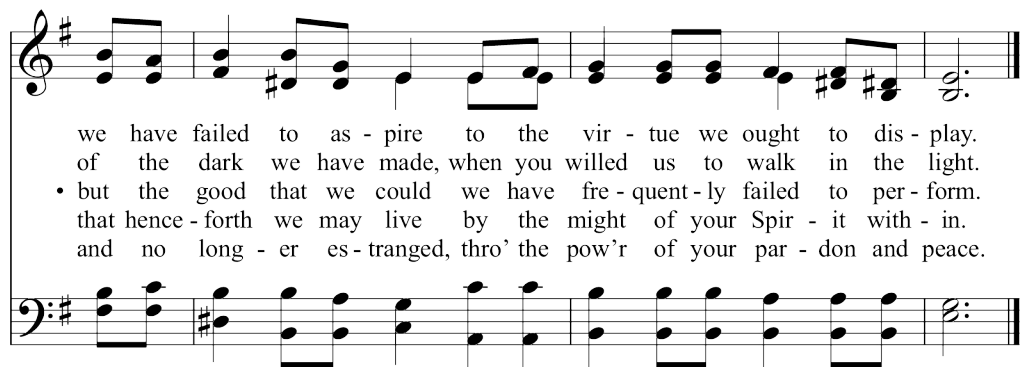
# 180 Kind and Merciful God, We Have Sinned



1. Kind and mer - ci - ful God, we have sinned in your sight, we have  
 2. Kind and mer - ci - ful God, we've ne - glect - ed your Word and the  
 3. Kind and mer - ci - ful God, we have bro - ken your laws and in  
 4. Kind and mer - ci - ful God, in Christ's death on the cross you pro -  
 5. Kind and mer - ci - ful God, bid us lift up our heads and com -



all wan - dered far from your way; we have fol - lowed de - sire,  
 truth that would guide us a - right; we have lived in the shade  
 • con - duct have veered from the norm; we have dreamed of the good,  
 vid - ed a cleans - ing from sin; speak the words that for - give,  
 mand us to rise from our knees; may our hearts now be changed



we have failed to as - pire to the vir - tue we ought to dis - play.  
 of the dark we have made, when you willed us to walk in the light.  
 • but the good that we could we have fre - quent - ly failed to per - form.  
 that hence - forth we may live by the might of your Spir - it with - in.  
 and no long - er es - tranged, thro' the pow'r of your par - don and peace.

**Gloria Patri****572**

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.


# 73C In Sweet Communion, Lord, with Thee

1. In sweet com - mu - nion, Lord, with thee I  
 2. Thy coun - sel through my earth - ly way shall  
 3. Whom have I, Lord, in heav'n but thee, to  
 4. Though flesh and heart should faint and fail, the  
 5. To live a - part from God is death, 'tis



con - stant - ly a - bide; my hand thou hold - est  
 guide me and con - trol, and then to glo - ry  
 • whom my thoughts as - pire? And, hav - ing thee, on  
 Lord will ev - er be the strength and por - tion  
 good his face to seek; my ref - uge is the

in thine own to keep me near thy side.  
 af - ter - ward thou wilt re - ceive my soul.  
 • earth is naught that I can yet de - sire.  
 of my heart, my God e - ter - nal - ly.  
 liv - ing God, his praise I long to speak.



# 99B The LORD God Reigns in Majesty





1. The LORD God reigns in maj - es - ty; let all the na - tions quake.  
 2. The might - y King loves jus - tice well, and eq - ui - ty or - dains;  
 3. When priests and pro - phets called on God, he their pe - ti - tions heard.

He dwells be - tween the cher - u - bim; let earth's foun - da - tions shake.  
 he rules his peo - ple righ - teous - ly and faith - ful - ness main - tains.  
 His cloud - y pil - lar led them on, and they o - beyed his word.

Su - preme in Zi - on is the LORD, ex - alt - ed glo - rious - ly.  
 O mag - ni - fy the LORD our God, let him ex - alt - ed be;  
 Tho' send - ing judg - ments for their sins, he par - doned gra - cious - ly.

All na - tions, praise his name with awe: the Ho - ly One is he.  
 in wor - ship at his foot - stool bow: the Ho - ly One is he.  
 Ex - alt the LORD and wor - ship him: the Ho - ly One is he.

