



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

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP  
THE LORD'S DAY  
February 12, 2023  
10:30 a.m.**

**Welcome & Announcements**

There will be a new members class Sunday, Feb. 19 at 2pm

Our 2023 missions conference will take place February 24-26 with Rev. Wilson Van Hooser serving as our keynote speaker.

Weekly events in the church:

Women's Bible Study at the church every Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

The Men's weekly Tuesday Noon zoom Bible Study. Link sent out via email weekly.

The Men's weekly Breakfast and Larger Catechism Bible Study every Friday at 6 a.m. at the church.

**† Call to Worship**

**Psalm 46:1-7**

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. <sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, <sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. Selah <sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. <sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. <sup>6</sup> The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; He utters His voice, the earth melts. <sup>7</sup> The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah

† 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

#46C

**"God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength"**

### **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**

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. <sup>9</sup> He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever. <sup>10</sup> He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. <sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; <sup>12</sup> as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.

† Hymn of Assurance

#164 (TH #382)

**"God Himself Is with Us"**

## † Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Q1 and 2

Q 1. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong, body and soul, in life and in death, to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has delivered me from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, also assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

Q 2. How many things must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

A. Three: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am delivered from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.

Pastoral Prayer

## Scripture Reading

**Ezekiel 47:1-23**

<sup>1</sup>Then he brought me back to the door of the temple, and behold, water was issuing from below the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east). The water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the temple, south of the altar. <sup>2</sup>Then he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me around on the outside to the outer gate that faces toward the east; and behold, the water was trickling out on the south side.

<sup>3</sup>Going on eastward with a measuring line in his hand, the man measured a thousand cubits, and then led me through the water, and it was ankle-deep. <sup>4</sup>Again he measured a thousand, and led me through the water, and it was knee-deep. Again he measured a thousand, and led me through the water, and it was waist-deep. <sup>5</sup>Again he measured a thousand, and it was a river that I could not pass through, for the water had risen. It was deep enough to swim in, a river that could not be passed through.

<sup>6</sup> And he said to me, “Son of man, have you seen this?” Then he led me back to the bank of the river. <sup>7</sup> As I went back, I saw on the bank of the river very many trees on the one side and on the other. <sup>8</sup> And he said to me, “This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, and enters the sea; when the water flows into the sea, the water will become fresh. <sup>9</sup> And wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish.

For this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes. <sup>10</sup> Fishermen will stand beside the sea. From Engedi to Eneglaim it will be a place for the spreading of nets. Its fish will be of very many kinds, like the fish of the Great Sea. <sup>11</sup> But its swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they are to be left for salt. <sup>12</sup> And on the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food.

Their leaves will not wither, nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.” <sup>13</sup> Thus says the Lord God: “This is the boundary by which you shall divide the land for inheritance among the twelve tribes of Israel. Joseph shall have two portions. <sup>14</sup> And you shall divide equally what I swore to give to your fathers. This land shall fall to you as your inheritance.

<sup>15</sup> “This shall be the boundary of the land: On the north side, from the Great Sea by way of Hethlon to Lebo-hamath, and on to Zedad, <sup>16</sup> Berothah, Sibraim (which lies on the border between Damascus and Hamath), as far as Hazer-hatticon, which is on the border of Hauran. <sup>17</sup> So the boundary shall run from the sea to Hazar-enan, which is on the northern border of Damascus, with the border of Hamath to the north. This shall be the north side.

<sup>18</sup> “On the east side, the boundary shall run between Hauran and Damascus; along the Jordan between Gilead and the land of Israel; to the eastern sea and as far as Tamar. This shall be the east side. <sup>19</sup> “On the south side, it shall run from Tamar as far as the waters of Meribah-kadesh, from there along the Brook of Egypt to the Great Sea. This shall be the south side.

<sup>20</sup> “On the west side, the Great Sea shall be the boundary to a point opposite Lebo-hamath. This shall be the west side.

<sup>21</sup> “So you shall divide this land among you according to the tribes of Israel. <sup>22</sup> You shall allot it as an inheritance for yourselves and for the sojourners who reside among you and have had children among you. They shall be to you as native-born children of Israel. With you they shall be allotted an inheritance among the tribes of Israel. <sup>23</sup> In whatever tribe the sojourner resides, there you shall assign him his inheritance, declares the Lord God.

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

**“The Vision of the River, the Temple, and the Land”**

Worship with Tithes & Offerings

**† Doxology**

**“Gloria Patri”**

**#572 (TH #735)**

† Prayer of Dedication

**Closing Hymn**

**“The Lord Is My Refuge”**

**#11B**

† Benediction

# **SERMON OUTLINE**

**Feb. 12, 2023**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Ezekiel 47:1-23**

**“The Vision of the River, the Temple, and the Land”**

## **Introduction**

1. The Vision of the River (v.1-5)
2. The Virtue of the River (v.6-12)
3. The Vastness of the Border (v.13-21)
4. The Value of the Inheritance (v.22-23)

## **Conclusion**

# God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength 46C



1. God is our ref - uge and our strength, a help - er ev - er near us.
2. God's cit - y is for - ev - er blest with liv - ing wa - ters well - ing;
3. Be - hold what God has done on earth; his wrath brings des - o - la - tion.



We will not fear though earth be moved, for God is nigh to cheer us.  
 since God is there, she stands un - moved 'mid tu - mulds round her swell - ing.  
 His grace, com - mand - ing wars to cease, brings peace to ev - 'ry na - tion.



Al - though the moun - tains quake and earth's foun - da - tions shake, though an - gry  
 God speaks and all is peace, from war the na - tions cease; the Lord of  
 Be still, for he is Lord, by all the earth a - dored; the Lord of



bil - lows roar and break a - gainst the shore, our might - y God will hear us.  
 hosts is nigh. Our fa - ther's God Most High is our e - ter - nal dwell - ing.  
 hosts is nigh. Our fa - ther's God Most High is our strong hab - i - ta - tion.



## God Himself Is with Us

1. God him - self is with us: let us now a - dore him,  
 2. God him - self is with us: hear the harps re - sound - ing!  
 3. O thou fount of bless - ing, pu - ri - fy my spir - it;

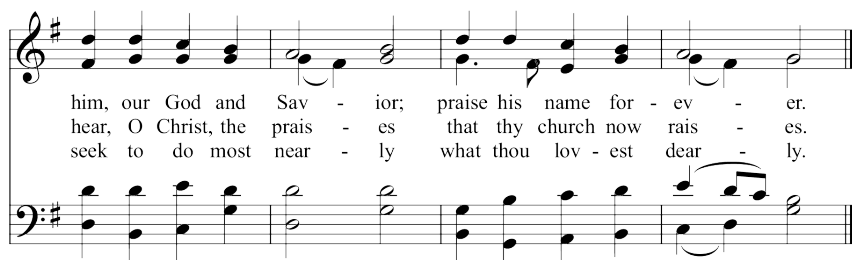
and with awe ap - pear be - fore him. God is in his tem - ple—  
 See the crowds the throne sur - round - ing! “Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly”—  
 trust - ing on - ly in thy mer - it, like the ho - ly an - gels

all with - in keep si - lence, pros - trate lie with  
 hear the hymn as - cend - ing, an - gels, saints, their  
 who be - hold thy glo - ry, may I cease - less -

deep - est rev - 'rence. Him a - lone God we own,  
 voic - es blend - ing! Bow thine ear to us here:  
 ly a - dore thee, and in all, great and small,



THE OPENING OF WORSHIP



him, our God and Sav - ior; praise his name for - ev - er.  
 hear, O Christ, the prais - es that thy church now rais - es.  
 seek to do most near - ly what thou lov - est dear - ly.

Gerhard Tersteegen, 1729

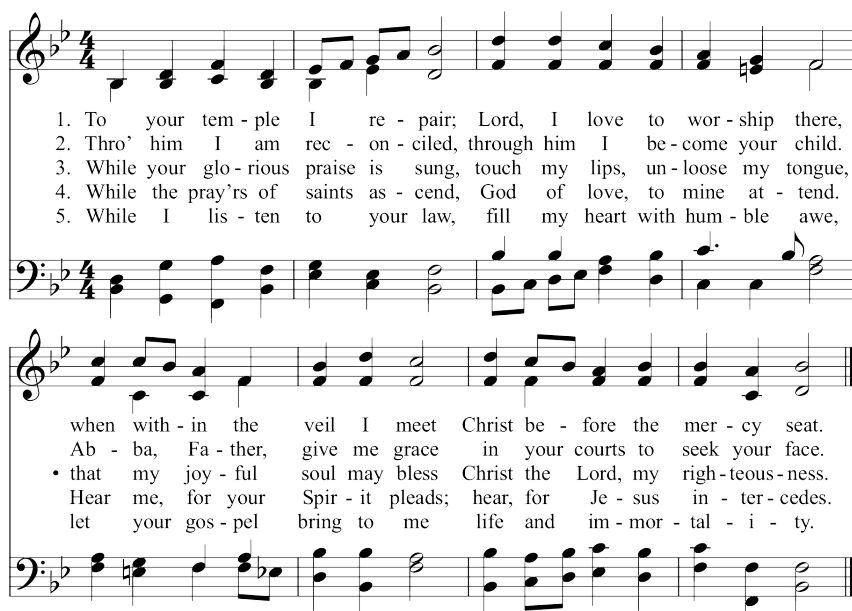
Tr. Frederick W. Foster and John Miller, 1789; alt.

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Joachim Neander, 1680; alt. 1990

# To Your Temple I Repair

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1. To your tem - ple I re - pair; Lord, I love to wor - ship there,  
 2. Thro' him I am rec - on - ciled, through him I be - come your child.  
 3. While your glo - rious praise is sung, touch my lips, un - loose my tongue,  
 4. While the pray'rs of saints as - cend, God of love, to mine at - tend.  
 5. While I lis - ten to your law, fill my heart with hum - ble awe,

when with - in the veil I meet Christ be - fore the mer - cy seat.  
 Ab - ba, Fa - ther, give me grace in your courts to seek your face.  
 • that my joy - ful soul may bless Christ the Lord, my righ - teous - ness.  
 Hear me, for your Spir - it pleads; hear, for Je - sus in - ter - cedes.  
 let your gos - pel bring to me life and im - mor - tal - i - ty.

6. While your minister proclaims  
 peace and pardon in your name,  
 by your grace, through faith, may I  
 hear you speaking from the sky.

7. From your house when I return,  
 may my heart within me burn,  
 and at evening let me say,  
 "I have walked with God today!"

## 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.

## The LORD Is My Refuge

## 11B

1. <sup>1</sup>The LORD is my ref - uge, how then can you say,  
 2. <sup>3</sup>“When e - vil pre - vails, they foun - da - tions re - move;  
 3. <sup>5</sup>The LORD looks on man with his all - search - ing eyes;  
 4. <sup>6</sup>The LORD will send judg - ment and pour out hot coals;

“O flee like a bird to your moun - tain a - way.  
 O what then, O what then, can righ - teous men do?”  
 his eye - lids ob - serve, and their con - duct he tries.  
 o’er all the un - god - ly his scorch - ing wind rolls.

<sup>2</sup>The god - less take aim with their bow and their dart,  
<sup>4</sup>Be sure that the LORD in his tem - ple on high,  
<sup>5</sup>The LORD tests the righ - teous who walk in his ways;  
<sup>7</sup>The LORD, ev - er righ - teous, his jus - tice por - trays;

like sni - pers they shoot at the up - right in heart.  
 in heav - en en - throned, o - ver men casts his eye.  
 his soul hates the wick - ed, who ter - ror em - brace.  
 by grace all the up - right will look on his face.