



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

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY
February 19, 2023
5:00 p.m.**

Welcome & Announcements

Our 2023 missions conference 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 Faith Promise card included in your bulletin.

If you have any questions, please speak with Matt Lee.

† Invocation

† Hymn of Praise

390 (TH#324)

"Christ Is Coming!"

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

Proverbs 8:22-36

²² "The Lord possessed me at the beginning of His work, the first of His acts of old. ²³ Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. ²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. ²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, ²⁶ before He had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world.

²⁷ When He established the heavens, I was there; when He drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸ when He made firm the skies above, when He established the fountains of the deep, ²⁹ when He assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress His command, when He marked out the foundations of the earth, ³⁰ then I was beside Him, like a master workman, and I was daily His delight, rejoicing before Him always, ³¹ rejoicing in His inhabited world and delighting in the children of man.

³² “And now, O sons, listen to me: blessed are those who keep my ways. ³³ Hear instruction and be wise, and do not neglect it. ³⁴ Blessed is the one who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting beside my doors. ³⁵ For whoever finds me finds life and obtains favor from the Lord, ³⁶ but he who fails to find me injures himself; all who hate me love death.”

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

“Wisdom Personified in the Person of Jesus Christ”

† Closing Hymn

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“Holy Spirit of Messiah”

† Benediction

SERMON OUTLINE

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Proverbs 8:22-36

“Wisdom Personified in the Person of Christ”

Introduction


- I. The Work of the Triune God in Creation (v. 22-31)
- II. Whoever Loves Jesus Loves Life (v. 32-35)
- III. Whoever Hates Jesus Loves Death (v. 36)

Conclusion

Christ Is Coming!



1. Christ is com-ing! Let cre - a - tion from her groans and tra - vail cease;
 2. Earth can now but tell the sto - ry of thy bit - ter cross and pain;
 3. Long thine ex - iles have been pin - ing, far from rest, and home, and thee:
 4. With that bless-ed hope be - fore us, let no harp re - main un-strung;

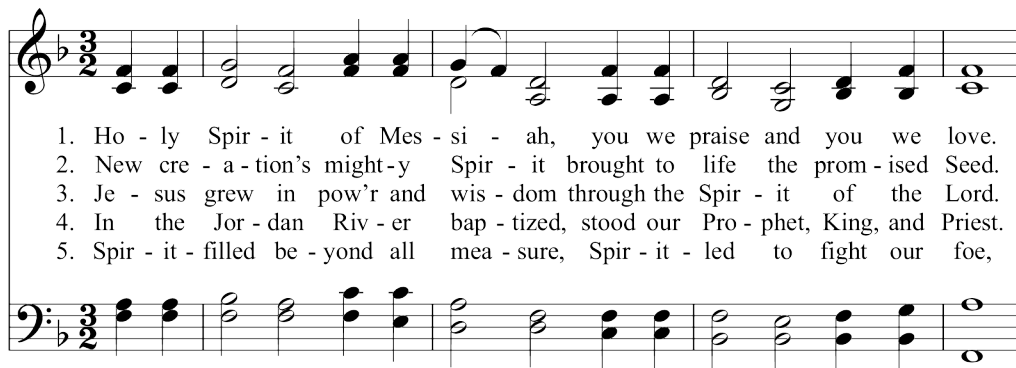


let the glo - rious proc - la - ma - tion hope re - store and faith in - crease:
 she shall yet be - hold thy glo - ry, when thou com - est back to reign:
 but, in heav'n - ly ves - tures shin - ing, they their lov - ing Lord shall see:
 let the might - y ad - vent cho - rus on - ward roll from tongue to tongue:

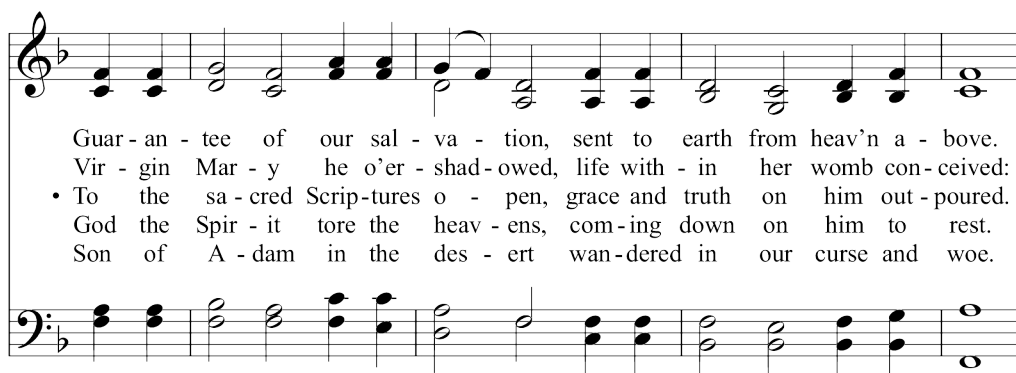


Christ is com-ing! Christ is com-ing! Come, thou bless-ed Prince of Peace.
 Christ is com-ing! Christ is com-ing! Let each heart re - peat the strain.
 Christ is com-ing! Christ is com-ing! Haste the joy - ous ju - bi - lee.
 "Christ is com-ing! Christ is com-ing! Come, Lord Je - sus, quick - ly come!"

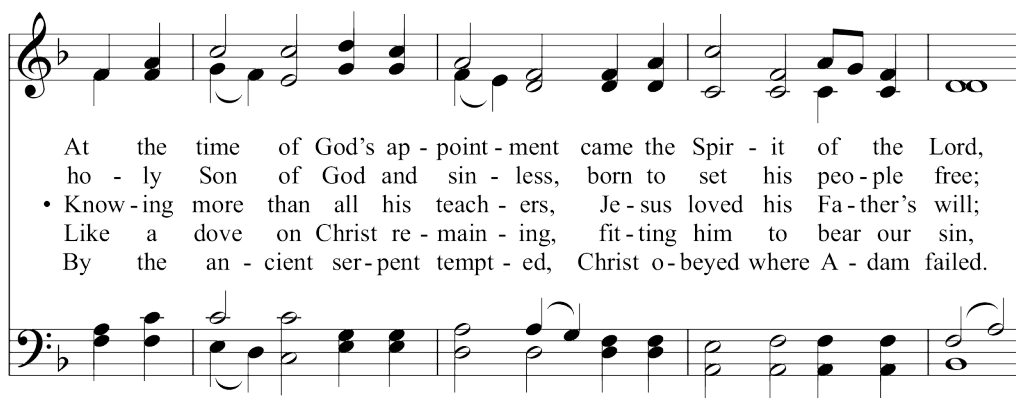
Holy Spirit of Messiah



1. Ho - ly Spir - it of Mes - si - ah, you we praise and you we love.
 2. New cre - a - tion's might - y Spir - it brought to life the prom - ised Seed.
 3. Je - sus grew in pow'r and wis - dom through the Spir - it of the Lord.
 4. In the Jor - dan Riv - er bap - tized, stood our Pro - phet, King, and Priest.
 5. Spir - it - filled be - yond all mea - sure, Spir - it - led to fight our foe,



Guar - an - tee of our sal - va - tion, sent to earth from heav'n a - bove.
 Vir - gin Mar - y he o'er - shad - owed, life with - in her womb con - ceived:
 • To the sa - cred Scrip - tures o - pen, grace and truth on him out - poured.
 God the Spir - it tore the heav - ens, com - ing down on him to rest.
 Son of A - dam in the des - ert wan - dered in our curse and woe.



At the time of God's ap - point - ment came the Spir - it of the Lord,
 ho - ly Son of God and sin - less, born to set his peo - ple free;
 • Know - ing more than all his teach - ers, Je - sus loved his Fa - ther's will;
 Like a dove on Christ re - main - ing, fit - ting him to bear our sin,
 By the an - cient ser - pent tempt - ed, Christ o - beyed where A - dam failed.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

on a low - ly vir - gin rest - ing to ful - fill God's cov-'nant Word.
 ful - ly God and ful - ly hu - man: this, the Spir - it's mys - ter - y.
 • all the Spir - it's fruit in - dwell - ing, per - fect man did he ful - fill.
 "You, my Son, be - loved and pleas - ing"—heav - en tes - ti - fied of him.
 Craft - y lies he fought with Scrip - ture; by the Spir - it he pre - vailed.

6. In the Spirit's power serving,
 Jesus made the blind to see.
 He proclaimed God's gracious kingdom,
 taught with great authority.
 Demons fell before the Savior,
 struck by his almighty breath.
 Spirit-sent, he preached the gospel,
 freed the slaves and saved from death.

7. Gentle Spirit of the Servant
 filled the Christ to help the weak.
 Jesus came to save the needy;
 damaged reed he will not break.
 Shrinking not from hellish torments,
 Jesus cried for help from God;
 by the Holy Spirit's power,
 offered up his precious blood.

8. Hallelujah! Christ is risen,
 mighty conqueror of our doom,
 by the Spirit vindicated,
 breathing life into his tomb.
 Christ is now life-giving Spirit,
 raising up those dead in sin,
 by his Word and by his Spirit,
 gath'ring all the nations in.

9. Holy Spirit of Messiah
 come with Christ on Judgment Day.
 Come, O Spirit, come as fire,
 Breath of Christ, his foes to slay.
 New creation's mighty power
 now outpoured on desert sand,
 come and make the desert blossom!
 Come and fill Emmanuel's land!