



Covenant Church
Presbyterian Church in America
Fayetteville, Arkansas

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY
February 26, 2023
10:30 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements

Please join us for our Fellowship meal immediately following this morning's worship service.

There will be no evening service tonight.

Church officer nominations are now open. There are nomination forms in the back of the sanctuary for you to fill out if you would like to put someone forward for the position. Please confirm with your nomination that they are willing to serve in this capacity **before** submitting the form.

Please prayerfully consider your Faith Promise commitments for the 2023-24 year. You can make your commitment by filling out a Faith Promise card that can be found in the seat-back pocket in front of you. If you have any questions, please speak with Matt Lee.

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 Bible Study. Meeting in-person at the church or via zoom. 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

Isaiah 40:1-2

¹ Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. ² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

† 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

#436

"My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"

Confession of Sin

God of all glory and grace, you have commanded us to seek Christ but we have sought our own way. You have revealed to us your righteousness in the Person and Work of Christ but we have sought to establish our own righteousness. You have shown us that true life is hidden in Christ but we have sought to find our own lives apart from Him. We are not only ignorant of your ways but we are arrogant in our ways. Without Christ, we stand guilty before you. But with Christ, we come before you pleading for mercy, forgiveness, and righteousness.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Galatians 2:20

²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

† Hymn of Assurance

#441

"Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"

† Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Q 59-61

59 Q. But how does it help you now that you believe all this?

A. That I am righteous in Christ before God and an heir to life everlasting.

60 Q. How are you righteous before God?

A. Only by true faith in Jesus Christ.

Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments, of never having kept any of them, and of still being inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without any merit of my own, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, and as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me — if only I accept this gift with a believing heart.

61 Q. Why do you say that through faith alone you are righteous?

A. Not because I please God by the worthiness of my faith, for only Christ's satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness are my righteousness before God, and I can receive this righteousness and make it mine in no other way than by faith alone.

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

Sermon

Rev. Wilson Van Hooser

“Sent By Christ to Proclaim Christ”

Worship with Tithes & Offerings

† Doxology

“Gloria Patri”

#572 (TH #735)

† Prayer of Dedication

† **Closing Hymn**

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched”

#440

† Benediction

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My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

1. My faith has found a rest-ing place, from guilt my soul is freed;
 2. E - nough for me that Je - sus saves, this ends my fear and doubt;
 3. My heart is lean - ing on the Word, the writ - ten Word of God,
 4. My great Phy - si - cian heals the sick, the lost he came to save;

I trust the ev - er - liv - ing One, his wounds for me shall plead.
 a sin - ful soul, I come to him, he'll nev - er cast me out.
 sal - va - tion by my Sa - vior's name, sal - va - tion thro' his blood.
 for me his pre - cious blood he shed, for me his life he gave.

Refrain

I need no oth - er ar - gu - ment, I need no oth - er plea,
 it is e - nough that Je - sus died, and that he died for me.

5. Lo! Th'incarnate God, ascended, pleads the merit of his blood;
venture on him, venture wholly, let no other trust intrude:
none but Jesus, none but Jesus, none but Jesus
can do helpless sinners good, can do helpless sinners good.

Joseph Hart, 1759; alt.

BRYN CALAFARIA 8.7.8.7.4.4.4.7.7.
William Owen, 1852

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2. On God's grace we have no claim, yet to us his pledge is giv - en;
3. When a help - less lamb doth stray, af - ter it, the Shep - herd, press - ing
4. Oh, how blest it is to know: were as scar - let my trans - gres - sion,
5. Now my con - science is at peace, from the Law I stand ac - quit - ted;

word all sor - row to re - lieve, word of par - don, peace, sal - va - tion!
he hath sworn by his own name, o - pen are the gates of heav - en.
• thro' each dark and dan - g'rous way, brings it back, his own pos - sess - ing.
it shall be as white as snow by thy blood and bit - ter pas - sion;
Christ hath pur - chased my re - lease and my ev - 'ry sin re - mit - ted.

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Take to heart this word and live: "Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive."
• Je - sus seeks thee, O be - lieve: "Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive."
for these words I now be - lieve: "Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive."
Naught re - mains my soul to grieve— "Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive."

Erdmann Neumeister, 1718
Trans. composite

JESUS, MEINE ZUVERSICHT 7.8.7.8.7.7.
Johann Crüger, 1653
Harmony after *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863

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.

2nd cent.; tr.

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

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched

1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and wretch - ed, weak and wound - ed, sick and sore;
 2. Come, ye need - y, come and wel - come, God's free boun - ty glo - ri - fy;
 3. Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y la - den, bruised and bro - ken by the fall;
 4. Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream;

Je - sus read - y stands to save you, full of pit - y joined with pow'r:
 true be - lief and true re - pen - tance, ev - 'ry grace that brings you nigh,
 if you tar - ry 'til you're bet - ter, you will nev - er come at all:
 all the fit - ness he re - quir - eth is to feel your need of him;

he is a - ble, he is a - ble, he is a - ble,
 with - out mon - ey, with - out mon - ey, with - out mon - ey,
 not the righ - teous, not the righ - teous, not the righ - teous—
 this he gives you, this he gives you, this he gives you;

he is will - ing; doubt no more; he is will - ing; doubt no more.
 come to Je - sus Christ and buy; come to Je - sus Christ and buy.
 sin - ners Je - sus came to call; sin - ners Je - sus came to call.
 'tis the Spir - it's ris - ing beam; 'tis the Spir - it's ris - ing beam.

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