



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

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP  
THE LORD'S DAY**

**March 5, 2023  
5:00 p.m.**

**Welcome & Announcements**

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 he is 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.

**Opening Prayer**

**† Hymn of Praise**

#291 (TH #164)

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

**Prayer Requests & Pastoral Prayer**

## **Scripture Reading**

Proverbs 4:10–19

<sup>10</sup> Hear, my son, and accept my words, that the years of your life may be many. <sup>11</sup> I have taught you the way of wisdom; I have led you in the paths of uprightness. <sup>12</sup> When you walk, your step will not be hampered, and if you run, you will not stumble. <sup>13</sup> Keep hold of instruction; do not let go; guard her, for she is your life. <sup>14</sup> Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of the evil.

<sup>15</sup> Avoid it; do not go on it; turn away from it and pass on. <sup>16</sup> For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong; they are robbed of sleep unless they have made someone stumble. <sup>17</sup> For they eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence. <sup>18</sup> But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day. <sup>19</sup> The way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know over what they stumble.

## **Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Jay Bruce

“The Path of Light or the Way of Darkness”

## **† Closing Hymn**

#159 (TH #402)

“Abide with Me”

## **† Benediction**

**Sermon Outline**  
**March 5, 2023**  
**5:00 p.m.**

**Proverbs 4:10-19**  
**“The Path of Light or the Way of Darkness”**

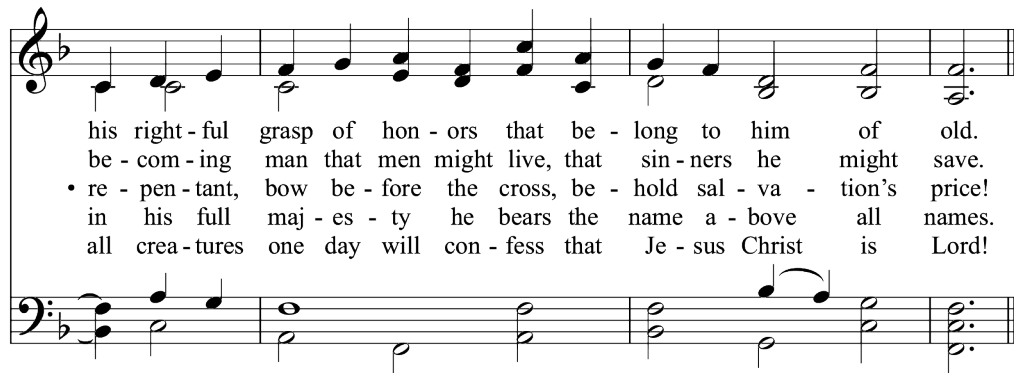
Introduction

I. Accept the Words of Wisdom (vv. 10–13)

II. Avoid the Way of the Wicked (vv. 14–17)

III. Acknowledge the Difference (vv. 18–19)

Conclusion



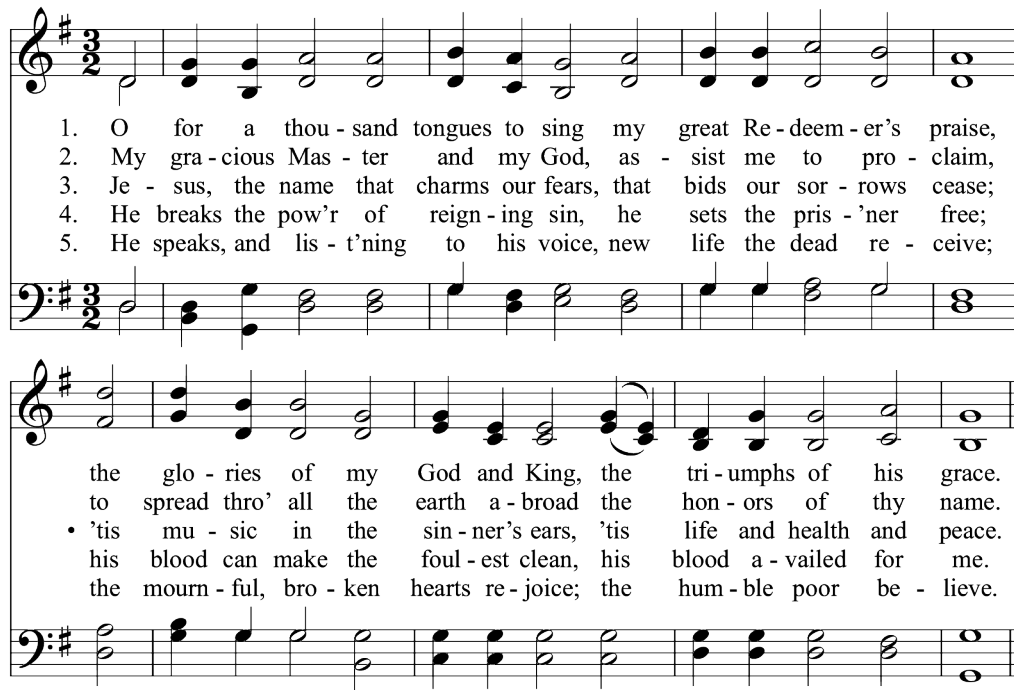
his right - ful grasp of hon - ors that be - long to him of old.  
 be - com - ing man that men might live, that sin - ners he might save.  
 • re - pen - tant, bow be - fore the cross, be - hold sal - va - tion's price!  
 in his full maj - es - ty he bears the name a - bove all names.  
 all crea - tures one day will con - fess that Je - sus Christ is Lord!

Based on Phil. 2:5–11  
 Russell St. John, 2006  
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CONSIDER WELL 14.14.13.14.  
 Lou Ann Shafer, 2006  
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## O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise,  
 2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,  
 3. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease;  
 4. He breaks the pow'r of reign - ing sin, he sets the pris - 'ner free;  
 5. He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;

the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace.  
 to spread thro' all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.  
 • 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
 his blood can make the foul - est clean, his blood a - vailed for me.  
 the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice; the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,  
 your loosen'd tongues employ;  
 ye blind, behold your Savior come;  
 and leap, ye lame, for joy.

7. To God all glory, praise, and love  
 be now and ever giv'n;  
 by saints below and saints above,  
 the church in earth and heav'n.

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.  
 Alt. 1961

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 Carl G. Gläser, 1828  
 Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839

## Abide with Me

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1. A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;  
 2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
 3. I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;  
 4. I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
 5. Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide:  
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;  
 • what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?  
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:

when oth - er help - ers fail, and com - forts flee,  
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;  
 • Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
 heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee:

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.  
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.  
 • Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.  
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.  
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Henry F. Lyte, 1847

EVENTIDE (Monk) 10.10.10.10.  
William H. Monk, 1861