



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

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY
May 14, 2023
10:30 a.m.**

Welcome & Announcements

All women in the church are invited to a bridal shower lunch for Esther Atkinson at the church on Thursday, May 25th at 12 noon. Esther and William are registered at Target and Amazon

Women's Bible study meets monthly May through August for book discussion. The first meeting will be on May 25th at 9:30AM. The first book being discussed is "Seven Churches, Four Horsemen, One Lord" by James Montgomery Boice.
For more information contact Judy Smith.

† Call to Worship

Psalm 72:18-19

¹⁸ Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.
¹⁹ Blessed be His glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with His glory! Amen and Amen!

† 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

#230 (TH #100)

"Holy, Holy, Holy!"

Confession of Sin

Holy and righteous God, we confess that like Isaiah, we are a people of unclean lips. But it is not only unclean lips we possess. We are people with unclean hands and unclean hearts. We have broken Your law times without number, and are guilty of pride, unbelief, self-centeredness, and idolatry. Affect our hearts with the severity of our sin and the glory of Your righteousness as we now acknowledge our sins in Your holy presence.

We have had other gods before You. We have taken Your name in vain. We have not kept Your Day holy. We have murdered in our hearts. We have committed adultery with our eyes. We have stolen what is not ours and coveted what belongs to others. We have lied to You and to others. God, we have sinned against Your mercy times without number. Our iniquities have gone over our heads. If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? How shall we answer You?

We lay our hands on our mouths. We have no answer to your righteous wrath and just judgment, except for the one you have provided for us through the death of Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 1:8-9

⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

† Hymn of Assurance

#71

“In You, Lord, I Take Refuge”
(verses 1-2, 4, and 7)

† Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith Ch 16 sections 1,2,3

Good works are only such as God hath commanded in His holy Word, and not such as, without the warrant thereof, are devised by men, out of blind zeal, or upon any pretense of good intention.

These good works, done in obedience to God's commandments, are the fruits and evidences of a true and lively faith: and by them believers manifest their thankfulness, strengthen their assurance, edify their brethren, adorn the profession of the gospel,

stop the mouths of the adversaries, and glorify God, whose workmanship they are, created in Christ Jesus thereunto, that, having their fruit unto holiness, they may have the end, eternal life.

Their ability to do good works is not at all of themselves, but wholly from the Spirit of Christ. And that they may be enabled thereunto, beside the graces they have already received, there is required an actual influence of the same Holy Spirit, to work in them to will,

and to do, of His good pleasure: yet are they not hereupon to grow negligent, as if they were not bound to perform any duty unless upon a special motion of the Spirit; but they ought to be diligent in stirring up the grace of God that is in them.

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 John 3:19-24

¹⁹ By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before Him; ²⁰ for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and He knows everything. ²¹ Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²² and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do what pleases Him. ²³ And this is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as He has commanded us. ²⁴ Whoever keeps His commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

“Growing in Assurance”

Worship with Tithes & Offerings

† **Doxology**

#567 (TH #732)

“Doxology”

† Prayer of Dedication

† **Closing Hymn**

#238 (TH #80)

“Lord, With Glowing Heart I’d Praise Thee”

† Benediction

SERMON OUTLINE

May 14, 2023

10:30 a.m.

1 John 3:19-24
“Growing in Assurance”

Introduction

1. Obedience Leads to Assurance (v. 19 see also vs. 16-18)
2. God is Greater than Our Hearts (v. 20)
3. No Condemnation Now I Dread (v. 21)
4. A Clear Conscience Leads to Effective Prayer (v. 22)
5. Keeping the Great Commandments (v. 23-24)

Conclusion

Holy, Holy, Holy!

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!


In You, LORD, I Take Refuge

1. ¹In you, LORD, I take ref - uge; pro - tect me from dis - grace.
 2. ⁴From wick - ed hands, God, free me, hands cru - el and un - just;
 3. ⁷To man - y I'm a won - der; you are my ref - uge strong.
 4. ¹¹They say, "God has for - sak - en! Pur - sue him! None will save!"


²In righ - teous - ness de - liv - er me, and res - cue me in grace.
⁵you, Lord, have ev - er been my hope; from youth, O LORD, my trust.
⁸My mouth is brim - ming with your praise and glo - ry all day long.
¹²O God, do not be far from me. O help me, God; make haste!

³A rock of ref - uge be to me, my con - stant safe re - sort.
⁶I leaned up - on you from my birth and through my ear - ly days;
⁹Re - ject me not when I am old, when all my strength is spent;
¹³A - shamed may my ac - cus - ers be, my foes con - sumed by scorn.

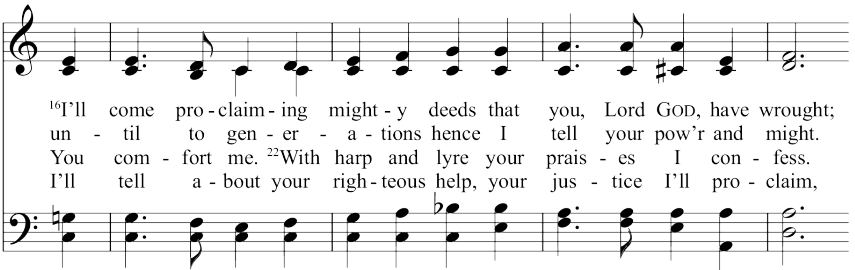
Sal - va - tion you or - dained for me; you are my rock and fort.
 you took me from my moth - er's womb. I give you con - stant praise.
¹⁰for en - e - mies are watch - ing me, to - geth - er they con - sent.
¹⁴But I will ev - er hope in you, and praise you more and more.



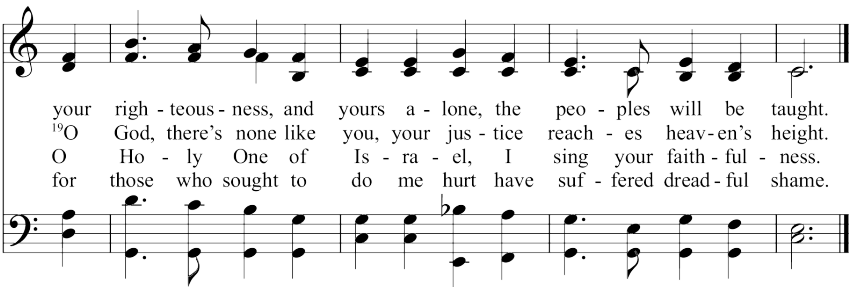
5. ¹⁵My mouth will tell your jus - tice, your sav - ing deeds con - vey;
 6. ¹⁷O God, from youth you taught me; your deeds I still pro - claim.
 7. ²⁰You made me see much e - vil, yet you will quick - en me.
 8. ²³My lips will shout for joy when I sing to you my praise;



they num - ber more than I can know; I'll tell them all the day.
¹⁸So now, do not for - sake me, God, when I am old and gray.
 From depths of earth you raise me up, ²¹my great - ness you in - crease.
 my soul, which you re - deemed, will sing; ²⁴my tongue will speak all day.



¹⁶I'll come pro - claim - ing might - y deeds that you, Lord GOD, have wrought;
 un - til to gen - er - a - tions hence I tell your pow'r and might.
 You com - fort me. ²²With harp and lyre your prais - es I con - fess.
 I'll tell a - bout your righ - teous help, your jus - tice I'll pro - claim,



your righ - teous - ness, and yours a - lone, the peo - ples will be taught.
¹⁹O God, there's none like you, your jus - tice reach - es heav - en's height.
 O Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el, I sing your faith - ful - ness.
 for those who sought to do me hurt have suf - fered dread - ful shame.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all

crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:

praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Thomas Ken, 1709

OLD 100th L.M.
Louis Bourgeois, 1551

Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee



1. Lord, with glow - ing heart I'd praise thee for the bliss thy love be - stows,
2. Praise, my soul, the God that sought thee, wretch - ed wan - d'rer far a - stray;
3. Praise thy Sav - ior God that drew thee to that cross, new life to give,
4. Lord, this bo - som's ar - dent feel - ing vain - ly would my lips ex - press:



for the par - d'ning grace that saves me, and the peace that from it flows.
found thee lost, and kind - ly brought thee from the paths of death a - way.
held a blood - sealed par - don to thee, bade thee look to him and live.
low be - fore thy foot - stool kneel - ing, deign thy sup - pliant's pray'r to bless.



Help, O God, my weak en - deav - or; this dull soul to rap - ture raise:
Praise, with love's de - vout - est feel - ing, him who saw thy guilt - born fear,
Praise the grace whose threats a - larmed thee, roused thee from thy fa - tal ease;
Let thy love, my soul's chief trea - sure, love's pure flame with - in me raise;



thou must light the flame, or nev - er can my love be warmed to praise.
and, the light of hope re - veal - ing, bade the blood - stained cross ap - pear.
praise the grace whose prom - ise warmed thee, praise the grace that whis - pered peace.
and, since words can nev - er mea - sure, let my life show forth thy praise.

