



Covenant Church
Presbyterian Church in America
Fayetteville, Arkansas

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY

June 11, 2023
10:30 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements

We are participating in Loving Choices' Baby Bottle fundraising campaign; please pick up a bottle in the back of the sanctuary to fill with your loose change. The return date for the bottles is Father's Day, June 18th.

[Note: We can ask for an additional week to return the bottles if needed.]

We will be hosting our VBS for grades Pre-K through 6th, in the mornings the week of July 17th. VBS Student and Volunteer sign-up and forms can be found in the back of the sanctuary.

Please contact Kathryn Bruce if you have any questions.

Please take a moment to read our Children in Worship cards in the seat-back pocket in front of you. Kids are most welcome at Covenant Church!

Please join us every Sunday morning at 9 a.m. for our Sunday School study of J. Gresham Machen's "Christianity and Liberalism". Next week, Pete Golden will lead us as we study Chapter Two: Doctrine.

PDF chapters are available for free download on the church website.

The Women's book study's next meeting will be held at the church on June 22nd at 9:30 a.m. The discussion will be over "Delighting in the Trinity" by Michael Reeves.

The Smoots, the Sagans and Jan House, would like to invite those interested to a slide show of history, art and sights of Rome and Florence Italy as well as Holy Land of Israel and Jordan. John and Marianna Smoot will be hosting it at their home on Tuesday night, June 20th at 6:30 pm. There will be appetizers and drinks provided.

† Call to Worship

Psalm 118:1-3

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever! ² Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.” ³ Let the house of Aaron say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”

† 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

#157 (TH#167)

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Confession of Sin

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

† Hymn of Assurance

#436 (TH #468)

“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”

† Confession of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell; On the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; The holy Christian Church; the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. AMEN.

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 John 4:17-21

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¹⁷ By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as He is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹ We love because He first loved us. ²⁰ If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹ And this commandment we have from Him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

"Perfect Love"

Worship with Tithes & Offerings

† Doxology

#571 (TH #735)

"Gloria Patri"

† Prayer of Dedication

† Closing Hymn

#450 (TH #508)

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

† Benediction

SERMON OUTLINE
June 11, 2023
10:30 a.m.

1 John 4:17-21
“Perfect Love”

Introduction

- I. Perfect Love gives Confidence (v. 17)
- II. Perfect Love casts out Fear (v. 18)
- III. Perfect Love does not abide in Hate (v. 20)
- IV. Perfect Love motivates us to Love One Another (v. 21)

Conclusion

When Morning Gilds the Skies

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1. When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:
 2. When sleep her balm de - nies, my si - lent spir - it sighs:
 3. Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I find:
 4. In heav'n's e - ter - nal bliss the love - liest strain is this:

May Je - sus Christ be praised. A - like at work and prayer
 May Je - sus Christ be praised. When e - vil thoughts mo - lest,
 May Je - sus Christ be praised. Or fades my earth - ly bliss?
 May Je - sus Christ be praised. The pow'rs of dark - ness fear,

to Je - sus I re - pair: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 with this I shield my breast: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 My com - fort still is this: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 when this sweet chant they hear: May Je - sus Christ be praised!

5. Let earth's wide circle round
 in joyful notes resound:
 May Jesus Christ be praised.
 Let air and sea and sky,
 from depth to height, reply:
 May Jesus Christ be praised!

6. Be this, while life is mine,
 my canticle divine:
 May Jesus Christ be praised.
 Be this th'eternal song,
 through all the ages on:
 May Jesus Christ be praised!

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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.


Gloria Patri



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 (MEINEKE) Irreg.
Charles Meineke, 1844

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

1. Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bos - om fly,
 2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none, hangs my help - less soul on thee;
 3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find:
 4. Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin;

while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest still is high:
 leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, still sup - port and com - fort me!
 raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
 let the heal - ing streams a - bound; make and keep me pure with - in:

hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, 'til the storm of life is past;
 All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;
 Just and ho - ly is thy name; I am all un - righ - teous - ness;
 thou of life the foun - tain art, free - ly let me take of thee;

safe in - to the ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last!
 cov - er my de - fense - less head with the shad - ow of thy wing.
 false and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.
 spring thou up with - in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.