



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

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY
July 16, 2023
5:00 p.m.**

Welcome & Announcements

We will be hosting our VBS for grades Pre-K through 6th. 9AM-Noon this week. Contact Kathryn Bruce if you have any questions.

Please join us next Sunday morning at 9 a.m. for our study of J. Gresham Machen's "Christianity and Liberalism." Next week, Jay Bruce will lead us again as we continue our study through Chapter Four: "The Bible." We have PDF chapters of the book available for free download on the church website.

The Women's Book club will have its next meeting on July 27th at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the book "Gentle and Lowly" by Dane Ortlund. Contact Judy Smith for more details.

Please join us on July 30th for our fellowship meal immediately following our morning service.

† Opening Prayer

† Hymn of Praise **#273 (TH#146)**
"Break Thou the Bread of Life"

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

Psalm 12
Page 452 in your pew Bible

Save, O Lord, for the godly one is gone; for the faithful have vanished from among the children of man. ² Everyone utters lies to his neighbor; with flattering lips and a double heart they speak. ³ May the Lord cut off

all flattering lips, the tongue that makes great boasts, ⁴ those who say, “With our tongue we will prevail, our lips are with us; who is master over us?” ⁵ “Because the poor are plundered, because the needy groan, I will now arise,” says the Lord; “I will place him in the safety for which he longs.” ⁶ The words of the Lord are pure words, like silver refined in a furnace on the ground, purified seven times. ⁷ You, O Lord, will keep them; you will guard us from this generation forever. ⁸ On every side the wicked prowl, as vileness is exalted among the children of man.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

“A War of Words”

† Closing Hymn

#119N

“Your Word Sheds Light upon My Path”

† Benediction

SERMON OUTLINE
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Psalm 12
“A War of Words”

Introduction

- I. The Word of God verse the Word of the World (v. 1-2)
- II. A response of Prayer (v. 3-4)
- III. God will Keep His People (v. 5-7)
- IV. Vileness Exalted in the World (v. 8)

Conclusion

Break Thou the Bread of Life

1. Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
 2. Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,
 3. Thou art the Bread of Life, O Lord, to me,
 4. O send thy Spir - it, Lord, now un - to me,

as thou didst break the loaves be - side the sea;
 as thou didst bless the bread by Gal - i - lee;
 thy ho - ly Word the truth that sav - eth me;
 that he may touch mine eyes and make me see:

through - out the sa - cred page I seek thee, Lord,
 then shall all bond - age cease, all fet - ters fall;
 give me to eat and live with thee a - bove;
 show me the truth con - cealed with - in thy Word,

my spir - it pants for thee, O liv - ing Word.
 and I shall find my peace, my All in all.
 teach me to love thy truth, for thou art love.
 and in thy Book re - vealed I see the Lord.

Psalm 119N

1. ¹⁰⁵Your word sheds light up - on my path; a shin - ing
 2. ¹⁰⁷Se - vere af - flic - tion, LORD, is mine; send help ac -
 3. ¹⁰⁹In con - stant dan - ger is my life, your righ - teous
 4. ¹¹¹Your pre - cepts are my her - i - tage; they dai - ly

lamp, it guides my feet; ¹⁰⁶your righ - teous judg - ments
 cord - ing to your word. ¹⁰⁸Ac - cept my sac - ri -
 law I'll not for - get. ¹¹⁰I have not from your
 make my heart re - joice. ¹¹²To keep your stat - utes

to ob - serve, my sol - emn vow I now re - peat.
 fice of praise and make me know your judg - ments, LORD.
 pre - cepts strayed, de - spite the snares the wick - ed set.
 faith - ful - ly shall ev - er be my will - ing choice.

The Psalter, 1912, alt.

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 Robert Schumann, 1839
 harm. Dale Grotenhuis, 2009