



Covenant Church
Presbyterian Church in America
Fayetteville, Arkansas

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY

July 2, 2023
10:30 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements

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 foyer and on our website.

Please contact Kathryn Bruce if you have any questions.

There will be a VBS Staff/volunteer meeting after the morning service.

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 next Sunday morning at 9 a.m. for our study of J. Gresham Machen's "Christianity and Liberalism." Next week, Jeff Chewning will lead us as we study Chapter Three: "God and Man." 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.

† Call to Worship

Matthew 11:28-30

Jesus said:

²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

† 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

163 (TH#376)

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

Confession of Sin

From John Knox's Liturgy of 1560

Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into Your presence, because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from You, if You dealt with us as we deserve. We have sinned against You, O Lord, and we have offended You. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge You to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to You. And so we humbly ask You, for the sake of Christ Your Son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By Your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our life, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by You. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Joel 2:12-13

¹² "Yet even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; ¹³ and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and He relents over disaster.

† Hymn of Assurance

#179 (TH #494)

"Forgive Our Sins, as We Forgive"

† Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith Ch 8 sec 1

It pleased God, in His eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, His only-begotten Son, to be the mediator between God and men, the prophet, priest, and king; the head and Savior of the church, the heir of all things, and judge of the world; unto whom He did, from all eternity, give a people to be His seed, and to be by Him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 John 5:18-19

¹⁸ We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him. ¹⁹ We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

“Things We Need to Know”

Worship with Tithes & Offerings

† Doxology

“Doxology”

#567 (TH #731)

† Prayer of Dedication

† Hymn of Preparation

“Before the Throne of God Above”

#277

The Lord’s Supper

† Closing Hymn

“Nothing but the Blood”

#278 (TH #307)

† Benediction

SERMON OUTLINE
July 2, 2023
10:30 a.m.

1 John 5:18-19
“Things We Need to Know”

Introduction

- I. We Know We Are Kept from Sinning (v. 18a)
- II. We Know God Protects Us (v. 18b)
- III. We Know the Evil One Does Not Touch Us (v. 18c)
- IV. We Know We Are from God and the World is Under the Power of the Devil (v. 19)

Conclusion

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

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1. O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
2. Lord, my God, I come be - fore thee, come thou al - so un - to me;
3. Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
4. Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine,
5. Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



- where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for him who an - swers prayer.
 where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
 • let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
 how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en; may thy Word still o'er me shine
 may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



- Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
 To my heart, O en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
 • so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
 as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in my strife.
 Here of life the foun - tain flows, here is balm for all our woes.



truth to see, and make us wise in know - ing thee.
 know thee near, and grant the grace of ho - ly fear.
 • lov - ing heart to feel and own the love thou art.
 give the might, for thee to toil, for thee to fight.
 day pre - pare to see thy face and serve thee there.

Thomas Benson Pollock, 1889
 Alt. 1990

ST. CHRYSOSTOM 8.8.8.8.8.8.
 Joseph Barnby, 1872

Forgive Our Sins, as We Forgive

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1. "For - give our sins, as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray;
 2. How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
 3. In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly know;
 4. Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls, and bid re - sent - ment cease;
 but you a - lone can give us grace to live the words we say.
 that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
 how small the debts men owe to us; how great our debt to you.
 then, rec - on - ciled to God and man, our lives will spread your peace.

Rosamond Herklots, 1905-1987
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DUNFERMLINE C.M.
 Scottish Psalter, 1615
 Alternate tune: ST. COLUMBA

Doxology

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

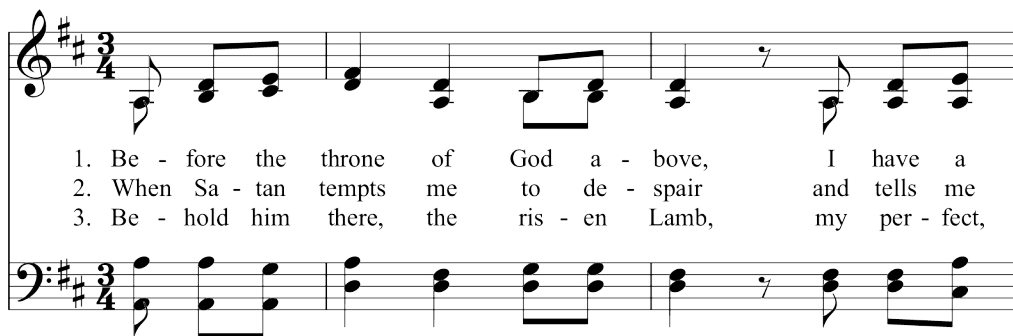
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:

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

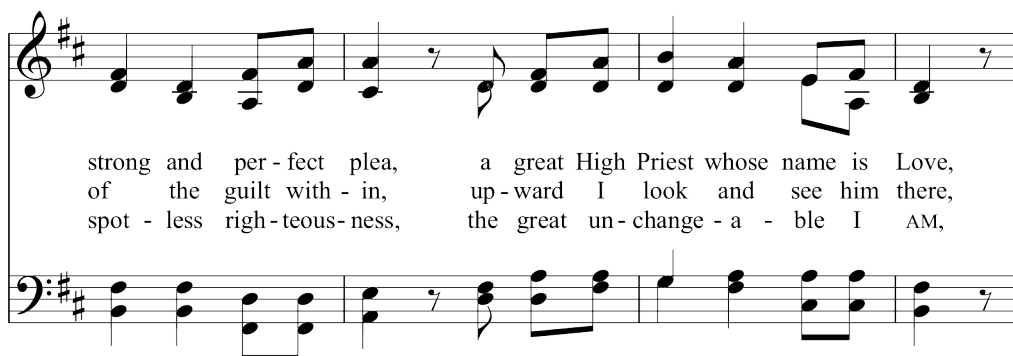
Thomas Ken, 1674

OLD HUNDREDTH L.M.
Louis Bourgeois, 1551

Before the Throne of God Above



1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a
 2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me
 3. Be - hold him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect,



strong and per - fect plea, a great High Priest whose name is Love,
 of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him there,
 spot - less right - teous - ness, the great un - change - a - ble I AM,



who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is
 who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the
 the King of glo - ry and of grace! One with him -

grav - en on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his
 sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
 self I can - not die. My soul is pur - chased by his

heart. I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can
 free; for God, the just, is sat - is - fied to look on
 blood! My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my

bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
 him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.
 Sa - vior and my God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

Charitie Bancroft, 1863; alt.

BEFORE THE THRONE 8.8.8.8.8.8.8.8.

Vikki Cook; arr. Ruth Coleman

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Nothing but the Blood

1. What can wash a - way my sin? Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 2. For my cleans - ing this I see: noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
 3. Noth - ing can for sin a - tone: noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
 4. This is all my hope and peace: noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
 5. Now by this I'll o - ver - come: noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;

What can make me whole a - gain? Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 for my par - don this my plea: noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 • naught of good that I have done: noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 this is all my righ - teous - ness: noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 now by this I'll reach my home: noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

Refrain

O pre - cious is the flow that makes me white as snow;

no oth - er fount I know, noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.