



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

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

**July 2, 2023**  
**5:00 p.m.**

**Welcome & Announcements**

We will be hosting our VBS for grades Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup>, in the mornings the week of July 17<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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 Chewing 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 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the book "Gentle and Lowly" by Dane Ortlund. Contact Judy Smith for more details.

**† Opening Prayer**

**† Hymn of Praise**

**"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"**

**#452 (TH#499)**

Pastoral Prayer

## **Scripture Reading**

**Proverbs 4:20-27**

<sup>20</sup> My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. <sup>21</sup> Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart. <sup>22</sup> For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh. <sup>23</sup> Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life. <sup>24</sup> Put away from you crooked speech, and put devious talk far from you. <sup>25</sup> Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you. <sup>26</sup> Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure. <sup>27</sup> Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil.

## **Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

**“How to Avoid Sin”**

## **† Closing Hymn**

**#485 (TH #699)**

**“Like a River Glorious”**

## **† Benediction**

**SERMON OUTLINE**  
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**Proverbs 4:20-27**  
**“How to Avoid Sin”**

Introduction

- I. The Word of God (v. 20-22)
- II. A Guarded Heart (v. 23)
- III. A Guarded Tongue (v. 24)
- IV. A Guarded Eye (v. 25)
- V. A Straight Path (v. 26-27)

Conclusion

## Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
 2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;  
 3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling;  
 4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,  
 could my zeal no re - spite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
 na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;  
 when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
 all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.  
 foul, I to the Foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Augustus M. Toplady, 1776  
 Alt. Thomas Cotterill, 1815

TOPLADY 7.7.7.7.7.7.  
 Thomas Hastings, 1830

## Like a River Glorious

1. Like a riv - er glo - rious is God's per - fect peace,  
 2. Hid - den in the hol - low of his bless - ed hand,  
 3. Ev - 'ry joy or tri - al fall - eth from a - bove,

o - ver all vic - to - rious in its bright in - crease;  
 nev - er foe can fol - low, nev - er trai - tor stand;  
 traced up - on our di - al by the Sun of Love.

per - fect, yet it flow - eth full - er ev - 'ry day,  
 not a surge of wor - ry, not a shade of care,  
 We may trust him ful - ly all for us to do;

per - fect, yet it grow - eth deep - er all the way.  
 not a blast of hur - ry, touch the spir - it there.  
 they who trust him whol - ly find him whol - ly true.

## Refrain

Stayed up - on Je - ho - vah, hearts are ful - ly blest,

find - ing, as he prom - ised, per - fect peace and rest.

Frances R. Havergal, 1874

WYE VALLEY 6.5.6.5.D.ref.  
James Mountain, 1876

## Rejoice, Believer, in the Lord

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1. Re - joice, be - liev - er, in the Lord, who makes your cause his own;  
2. Though man - y foes be - set your road, and fee - ble is your arm,  
3. Weak as you are, you shall not faint or faint - ing shall not die!  
4. Though un - per - ceived by mor - tal sense, faith sees him al - ways near!  
5. As sure - ly as he o - ver - came and tri - umphed once for you,

the hope that's built up - on his word shall ne'er be o - ver - thrown.  
your life is hid with Christ in God be - yond the reach of harm.  
• For Je - sus, strength of ev - 'ry saint, will aid you from on high.  
A guide, a glo - ry, sure de - fense; then what have you to fear?  
so sure - ly you that love his name shall in him tri - umph too.

John Newton, 1779

ST. ANNE C.M.  
Attr. to William Croft, 1678–1727  
Tate and Brady, *Supplement to the New Version*, 1708