



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

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

**July 9, 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, Jay Bruce will lead us as we study 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 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**

**"Preserve Me, O God"**

**#16B**

Pastoral Prayer

## **Scripture Reading**

## **Proverbs 2:1-15**

My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you, <sup>2</sup> making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; <sup>3</sup> yes, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, <sup>4</sup> if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures, <sup>5</sup> then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. <sup>6</sup> For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding; <sup>7</sup> He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk in integrity, <sup>8</sup> guarding the paths of justice and watching over the way of his saints. <sup>9</sup> Then you will understand righteousness and justice and equity, every good path; <sup>10</sup> for wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul; <sup>11</sup> discretion will watch over you, understanding will guard you, <sup>12</sup> delivering you from the way of evil, from men of perverted speech, <sup>13</sup> who forsake the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness, <sup>14</sup> who rejoice in doing evil and delight in the perverseness of evil, <sup>15</sup> men whose paths are crooked, and who are devious in their ways.

## **Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

### **“The Value of Wisdom”**

## **† Hymn of Preparation**

**#350 (TH #251)**

### **“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”**

## **Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

## **† Closing Hymn**

**#538 (TH #585)**

### **“Take My Life and Let It Be”**

## **† Benediction**

**SERMON OUTLINE**  
**July 9, 2023**  
**5:00 p.m.**

**Proverbs 2:1-15**  
**“The Value of Wisdom”**

Introduction

- I. Searching for Wisdom (v. 1-5)
- II. Benefiting from Wisdom (v. 6-9)
- III. Protection that Comes from Wisdom (v. 10-11)
- IV. The Deliverance of Wisdom (v. 12-16)

Conclusion

## 16B

## Preserve Me, O God



1. <sup>1</sup>Pre - serve me, O God, for I'm trust - ing in you.  
 2. <sup>4</sup>Those run - ning to i - dols will mul - ti - ply griefs.  
 3. You care for my lot, <sup>6</sup>where the lines fell to me,  
 4. <sup>8</sup>The LORD ev - er pres - ent be - fore me I keep.  
 5. <sup>10</sup>For you'll not a - ban - don my soul to the grave,



<sup>2</sup>"Yes, you are my mas - ter," I said to the LORD;  
 I will not pour out their drink of - f'rings of blood,  
 • my pleas - ant and love - ly in - her - it - ed land.  
 He stands at my right hand; I shall not be moved.  
 your god - ly One you will pre - serve from de - cay.

PSALM 16



be - sides you I do not pos - sess an - y good.  
 nor will I con - fess their vain names with my lips.  
 • <sup>7</sup>The LORD who gives coun - sel to me I will bless,  
<sup>9</sup>My glo - ry re - joic - es, my heart is made glad;  
<sup>11</sup>Life's path you will show me; full joy is with you;

<sup>3</sup>In your ho - ly mes - sen - gers I take de - light.  
<sup>5</sup>The LORD's my in - her - it - ed por - tion and cup.  
 • for sure - ly my mind teach - es me through the night.  
 and al - so my flesh will live safe - ly at ease.  
 your right hand holds plea - sures for me ev - er - more.

## Beneath the Cross of Jesus

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1. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,  
 2. Up - on the cross of Je - sus mine eye at times can see  
 3. I take, O cross, thy shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place:

the shad - ow of a might - y Rock with - in a wea - ry land;  
 the ver - y dy - ing form of One who suf - fered there for me:  
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,  
 and from my strick - en heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess,  
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss;

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and the bur - den of the day.  
 the won - ders of re - deem - ing love and my un - wor - thi - ness.  
 my sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all the cross.

## Take My Life, and Let It Be

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1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed,  
 2. Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse  
 3. Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly,  
 4. Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would

Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments and my days; let them  
 of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and  
 for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with  
 I with - hold. Take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry

flow in cease - less praise, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 beau - ti - ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 mes - sag - es from thee, filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
 pow'r as thou shalt choose, ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will and make it thine;  
 it shall be no longer mine.  
 Take my heart, it is thine own;  
 it shall be thy royal throne,  
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
 at thy feet its treasure-store.  
 Take my self, and I will be  
 ever, only, all for thee,  
 ever, only, all for thee.