



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

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

**August 27, 2023
5:00 p.m.**

Welcome & Announcements

Please join us next Sunday morning at 9 a.m. for our study of J. Gresham Machen's "Christianity and Liberalism." Next week, Phil Schenewerk will lead us through Chapter Seven: "The Church."

We have PDF chapters of the book available for free download on the church website.

Women's weekly Bible study beginning Thursday, September 7th at 9:30am. They will be studying "Westminster Confession Study Guide" by Joseph Pipa. Books are available in late August. Contact Judy Smith for more details. Childcare will be provided.

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, September 24th convening at 10:30 AM concluding at the end of worship, for the purpose of electing new ruling elders. Phil Schenewerk and Nathan Jarvis have been approved by the session to stand for the office of ruling elder.

We as a church will pack shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child this coming November. In preparation for this event, please see the information in the back of the sanctuary for ideas on items to include. Contact Jan House for more information.

† Opening Prayer

† Hymn of Praise

"Do Not Fret on Account of the Wicked"
(verses 6-8)

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Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

Psalm 37:10-17
Pew Bible page number 466

¹⁰ In just a little while, the wicked will be no more; though you look carefully at his place, he will not be there. ¹¹ But the meek shall inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant peace. ¹² The wicked plots against the righteous and gnashes his teeth at him, ¹³ but the Lord laughs at the wicked, for He sees that His day is coming. ¹⁴ The wicked draw the sword and bend their bows to bring down the poor and needy, to slay those whose way is upright; ¹⁵ their sword shall enter their own heart, and their bows shall be broken. ¹⁶ Better is the little that the righteous has than the abundance of many wicked. ¹⁷ For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, but the Lord upholds the righteous.

Sermon

“The End of the Wicked”

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

Worship with Tithes & Offerings

† Hymn of Preparation

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

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The Sacrament of Lord’s Supper

† Closing Hymn

“In Christ Alone”

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† Benediction

SERMON OUTLINE

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5:00 p.m.

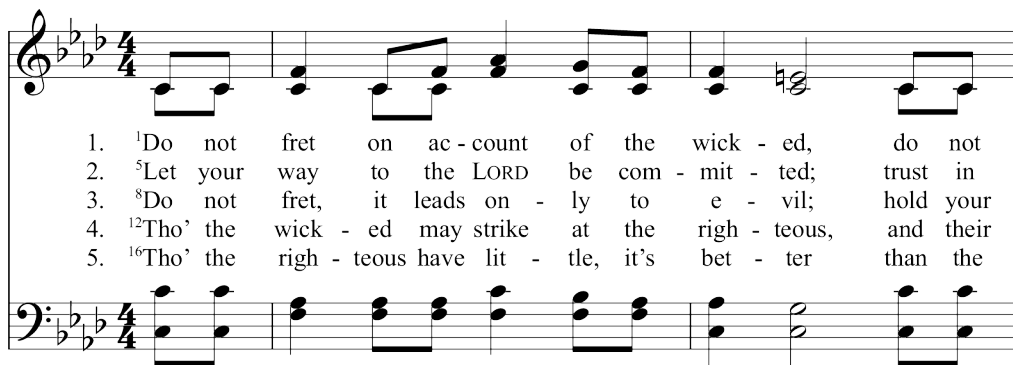
Psalm 37:10-17
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Introduction

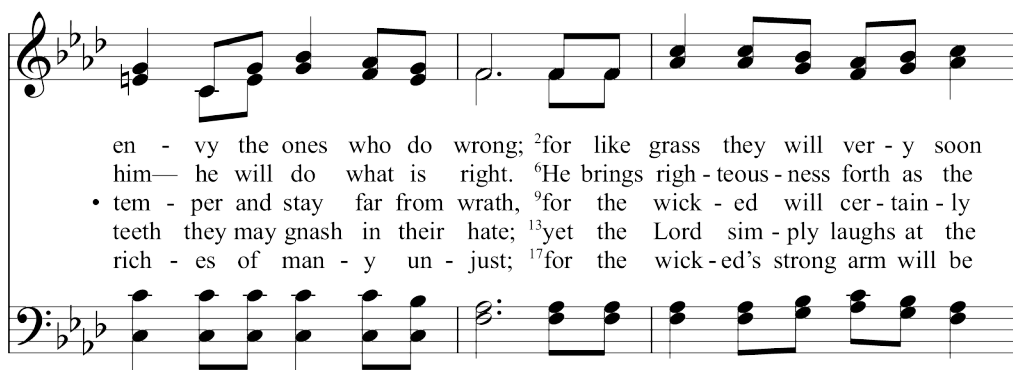
- I. The Wicked will Be No More (v. 10-11)
- II. The Wicked Plots, God Orders Judgement (v. 12-13)
- III. The Wicked Brings Judgement on Themselves (v. 14-15)
- IV. The Righteous Is Better Because the Lord Upholds Him (v. 16-17)

Conclusion

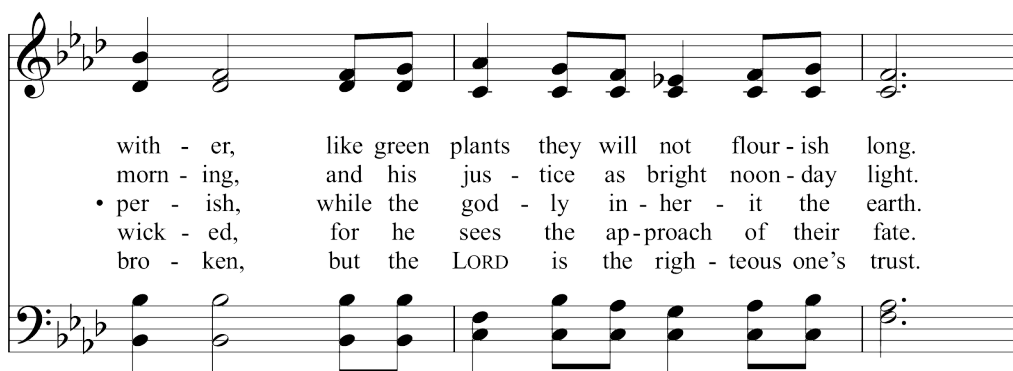
Do Not Fret on Account of the Wicked



1. ¹Do not fret on ac - count of the wick - ed, do not
 2. ⁵Let your way to the LORD be com - mit - ted; trust in
 3. ⁸Do not fret, it leads on - ly to e - vil; hold your
 4. ¹²Tho' the wick - ed may strike at the righ - teous, and their
 5. ¹⁶Tho' the righ - teous have lit - tle, it's bet - ter than the



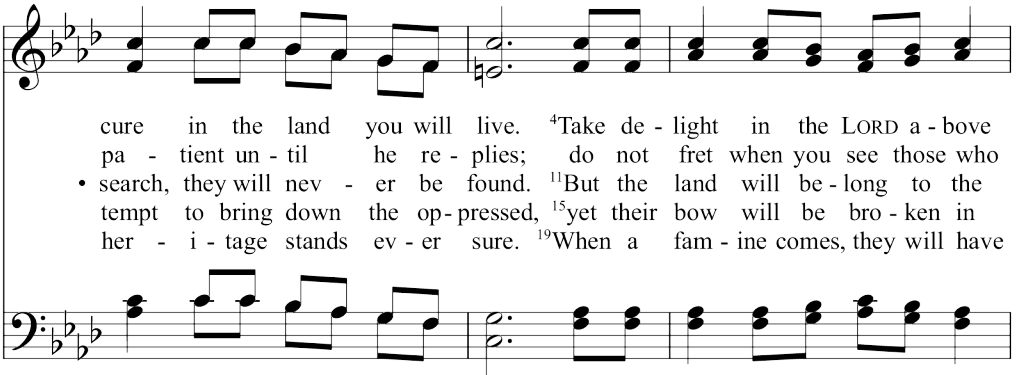
en - vy the ones who do wrong; ²for like grass they will ver - y soon
 him— he will do what is right. ⁶He brings righ - teous - ness forth as the
 • tem - per and stay far from wrath, ⁹for the wick - ed will cer - tain - ly
 teeth they may gnash in their hate; ¹³yet the Lord sim - ply laughs at the
 rich - es of man - y un - just; ¹⁷for the wick - ed's strong arm will be



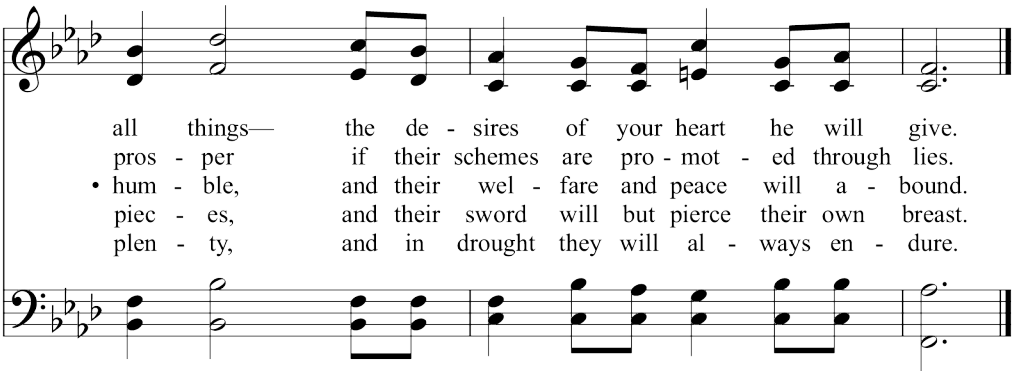
with - er, like green plants they will not flour - ish long.
 morn - ing, and his jus - tice as bright noon - day light.
 • per - ish, while the god - ly in - her - it the earth.
 wick - ed, for he sees the ap - proach of their fate.
 bro - ken, but the LORD is the righ - teous one's trust.



³Put your trust in the LORD and be up - right; then se -
⁷So be si - lent and seek the LORD's pres - ence, and be
 • ¹⁰Yet a - while and the wick - ed will van - ish; though you
¹⁴Tho' the wick - ed take aim at the righ - teous, and at -
¹⁸Day by day cares the LORD for the blame - less, so their



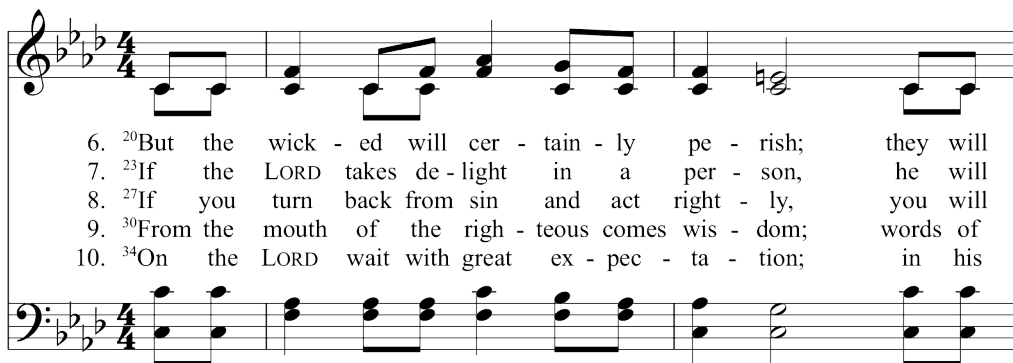
cure in the land you will live. ⁴Take de - light in the LORD a - bove
 pa - tient un - til he re - plies; do not fret when you see those who
 • search, they will nev - er be found. ¹¹But the land will be - long to the
 tempt to bring down the op - pressed, ¹⁵yet their bow will be bro - ken in
 her - i - tage stands ev - er sure. ¹⁹When a fam - ine comes, they will have



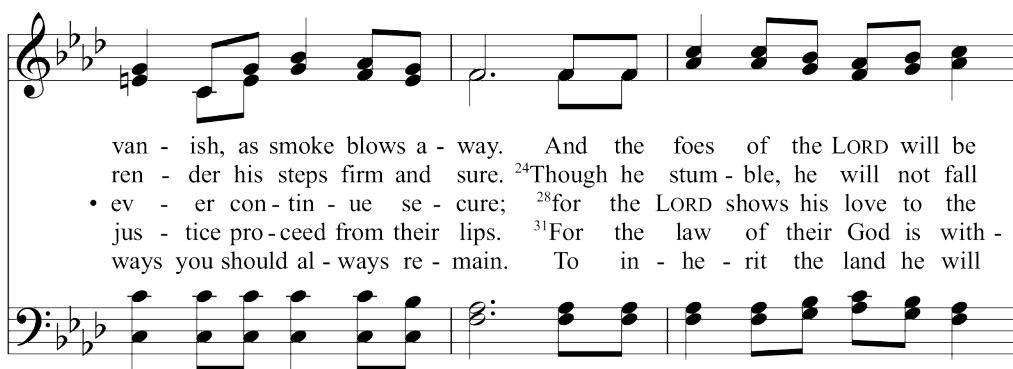
all things— the de - sires of your heart he will give.
 pros - per if their schemes are pro - mot - ed through lies.
 • hum - ble, and their wel - fare and peace will a - bound.
 piec - es, and their sword will but pierce their own breast.
 plen - ty, and in drought they will al - ways en - dure.

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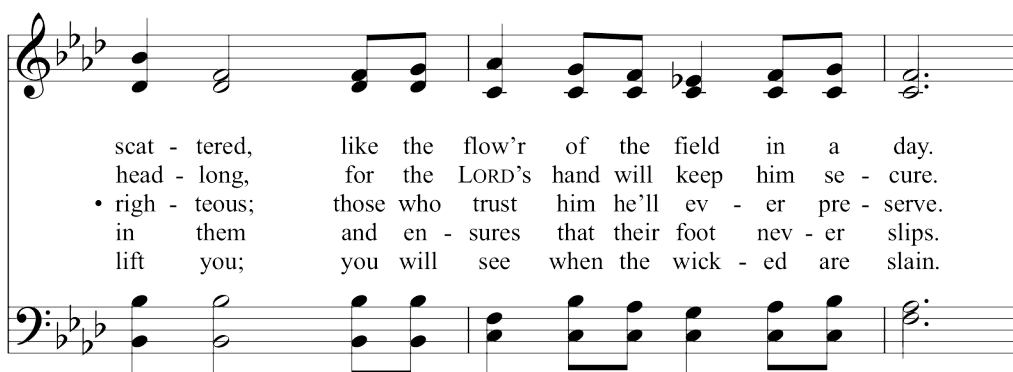
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6. ²⁰But the wick - ed will cer - tain - ly pe - rish; they will
 7. ²³If the LORD takes de - light in a per - son, he will
 8. ²⁷If you turn back from sin and act right - ly, you will
 9. ³⁰From the mouth of the righ - teous comes wis - dom; words of
 10. ³⁴On the LORD wait with great ex - pec - ta - tion; in his



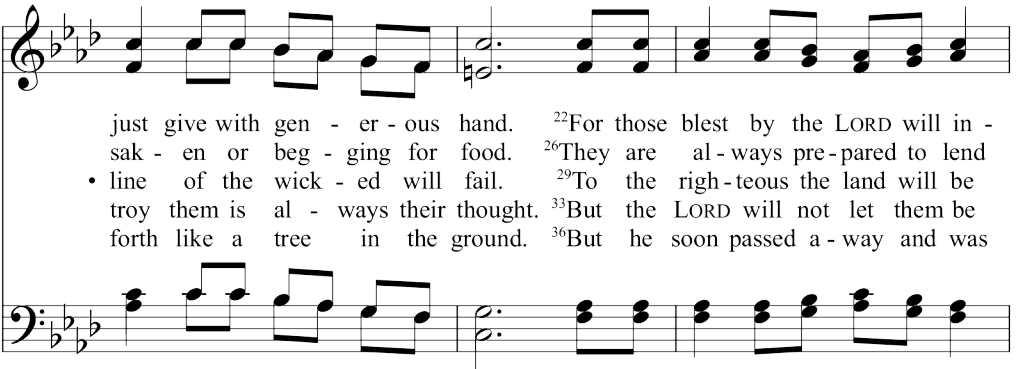
van - ish, as smoke blows a - way. And the foes of the LORD will be
 ren - der his steps firm and sure. ²⁴Though he stum - ble, he will not fall
 • ev - er con - tin - ue se - cure; ²⁸for the LORD shows his love to the
 jus - tice pro - ceed from their lips. ³¹For the law of their God is with -
 ways you should al - ways re - main. To in - he - rit the land he will



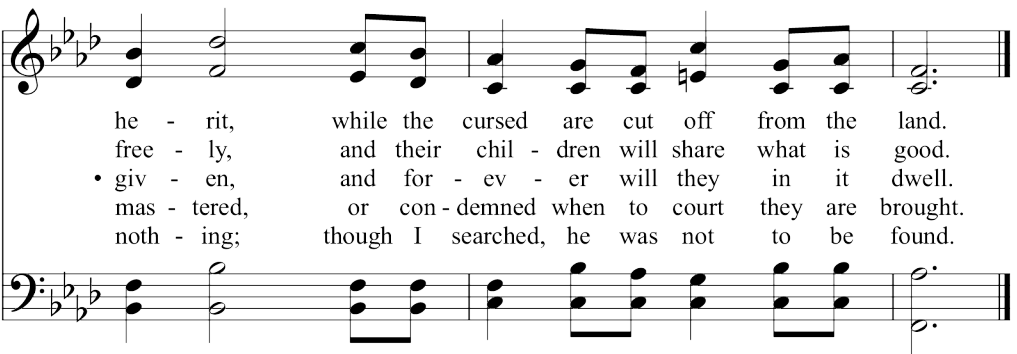
scat - tered, like the flow'r of the field in a day.
 head - long, for the LORD's hand will keep him se - cure.
 • righ - teous; those who trust him he'll ev - er pre - serve.
 in them and en - sures that their foot nev - er slips.
 lift you; you will see when the wick - ed are slain.



²¹The un - god - ly re - tain what they bor - row, but the
²⁵All my life I have not seen the righ - teous left for -
 • The o - be - dient will not be for - sak - en, but the
³²The un - just lie in wait for the righ - teous; to des -
³⁵I have wit - nessed the wick - ed and ruth - less spread - ing



just give with gen - er - ous hand. ²²For those blest by the LORD will in -
 sak - en or beg - ging for food. ²⁶They are al - ways pre - pared to lend
 • line of the wick - ed will fail. ²⁹To the righ - teous the land will be
 troy them is al - ways their thought. ³³But the LORD will not let them be
 forth like a tree in the ground. ³⁶But he soon passed a - way and was



he - rit, while the cursed are cut off from the land.
 free - ly, and their chil - dren will share what is good.
 • giv - en, and for - ev - er will they in it dwell.
 mas - tered, or con - demned when to court they are brought.
 noth - ing; though I searched, he was not to be found.

11. ³⁷Watch the blameless, consider the upright;
 there's a future for those who make peace.

³⁸But destruction awaits the rebellious,
 and their future will suddenly cease.

³⁹From the LORD comes the hope of the righteous,
 and in trouble defense for the meek;

⁴⁰so the LORD saves them all from the wicked,
 for in him their protection they seek.

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

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 Thomas Hastings, 1830

In Christ Alone

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my
 2. In Christ a - lone! Who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less
 3. There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the world by dark - ness
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death: this is the pow'r of Christ in

song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground, firm through the
 babe! This gift of love and righ - teous - ness, scorned by the
 slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the
 me. From life's first cry to fin - al breath, Je - sus com -

fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace,
 ones he came to save. 'Til on that cross as Je - sus died,
 grave he rose a - gain! And as he stands in vic - to - ry,
 mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,

when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - for -
 the wrath of God was sat - is - fied; for ev - 'ry
 sin's curse has lost its grip on me; for I am
 can ev - er pluck me from his hand; 'til he re -

ter, my all in all— here in the love of Christ I stand.
 sin on him was laid— here in the death of Christ I live.
 his and he is mine— bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ.
 turns or calls me home— here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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Thou Art the Way

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1. Thou art the Way: to thee a-lone from sin and death we flee;
 2. Thou art the Truth: thy Word a-lone true wis-dom can im-part;
 3. Thou art the Life: the rend-ing tomb pro-claims thy con-que-ring arm,
 4. Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life: grant us that Way to know,

and he who would the Fa-ther seek, must seek him, Lord, by thee.
 thou on-ly canst in-form the mind, and pu-ri-fy the heart.
 and those who put their trust in thee nor death nor hell shall harm.
 that Truth to keep, that Life to win, whose joys e-ter-nal flow.

George W. Doane, 1824

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Thomas A. Arne, 1762

Arr. Ralph Harrison, 1784