

Covenant Church Presbyterian Church in America Fayetteville, Arkansas

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP THE LORD'S DAY

September 17, 2023 5:00 p.m.

Welcome & Announcements

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.

John & Marianna Smoot are hosting a hymn sing at their home Saturday, September 30th, at 6:00 pm. If you are coming you can text your favorite hymn(s) you want to sing to Pamela Andersen at 479-225-1950.

Kelvin Crombie, an expert in Messianic Jews in the Holocaust. Kelvin will be giving a weekend seminar on *God's Sovereignty in History and Geography* on November 3 - November 5 at Covenant Church. He is an expert researcher, apologist and evangelist and was the director of Christ Church guest house in Jerusalem for 20 years. Details of his seminars will follow.

The annual Wilkie Peterson Hayride will be on November 4th and will include Kelvin Crombie giving his testimony for us.

We have a Tuesday Noon men's Bible Study at the church and via Zoom. If you need to be added to the church email list, please fill out a yellow card.

Women's Bible Study is studying the Westminster Confession using the Study Guide by Joseph Pipa. Books are available at Amazon, Christian Books, Greenville Presbyterian Seminary.

Men are invited to an informal coffee fellowship at Rick's Bakery at 9:30am on Thursday.

Men's Bible study of the references to the Westminster Larger Catechism and manly men's breakfast meets on Friday at 6am at the church.

Eli Saldivar is leading a Spanish/English Bible Study on the Gospel of John at C&A Auto Repair in Springdale at 7am on Saturdays.

† Opening Prayer

† Hymn of Praise

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"All Creatures of Our God and King"

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 2:24-26

Pew Bible page number 554

²⁴There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, ²⁵ for apart from Him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? ²⁶ For to the one who pleases Him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner He has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

Sermon Rev. Dr. Jay Bruce

"A Pleasurable Providence"

† Closing Hymn

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"The LORD in Your Distress Attend"

* Benediction

SERMON OUTLINE September 17, 2023 5:00 p.m.

Ecclesiastes 2:24-26 "A Pleasurable Providence"

Introduction

I. The Good Life (v. 24a)

II. A Great Gift (v. 24b-25)

III. A Generous Providence (v. 26)

Conclusion

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All Creatures of Our God and King





Francis of Assisi, ca. 1225 Tr. William H. Draper, 1926 LASST UNS ERFREUEN L.M.al.

Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1623

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For the Beauty of the Earth

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Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1864; alt.

DIX 7.7.7.7.7. Conrad Kocher, 1838 Arr. William H. Monk, 1861

The Lord in Your Distress Attend

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- 5. ⁷In chariots some have confidence, and some in horses take their pride, but we boast only one defense: the name of God, the LORD Most High.
- 6. Now we arise and stand upright, while they, subdued and helpless, fall. Oby your hand, LORD, save the king, and may he answer when we call.