



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

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**  
**THE LORD'S DAY**  
**October 22, 2023**  
**5:00 p.m.**

**Welcome & Announcements**

The annual Wilkie Peterson Hayride will take place on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. BYO hot dogs & buns and one dish of finger food to potluck. Hot apple cider, hot chocolate and coffee will be provided. Chuck will be at the shack from the middle of the afternoon on, so if you want to come early and hike the ridges or play in the creek. Directions to the event can be found in the back of the sanctuary. Contact Chuck or Gail Peterson if you have any questions. Chuck's cell: 918-575-3031, Gail's cell: 479-841-6070.

Please join us for our fifth Sunday fellowship meal on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

We as a church will pack shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child on November 11<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Ladies of Covenant, please pray and consider where God has gifted you to serve here at Covenant and then sign up for one of the following areas: Administrative, Fellowship, Funerals, Helping Hands, Showers, Church Interiors, and Nursery.

Leadership for the WIC committees will be determined at a later date. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer and the sign-up deadline is October 22<sup>nd</sup> (today). If you have any questions, please call or text Denise Sagan or Rose Nystrom.

Kelvin Crombie, an expert in Messianic Jews and the Holocaust will be giving a weekend seminar on *God's Sovereignty in History and Geography* on November 3 - November 5 at Covenant Church. The proposed schedule is as follows:

Thursday, November 2 9:30-11:30am lecture at Women's Bible Study

Friday November 3 6:30-8:30am talk at Men's Bible Study

Friday November 3 6pm Pizza Fellowship followed lectures 6:30-9pm

Saturday November 4 Donuts and Danish and 8:30am-12pm lectures

Sunday November 5 9AM Sunday School 10:30am message on the New Covenant, and 6PM message.

Grace and Truth Church in Israel pastored by David Zadok is on the frontlines of bringing relief to those suffering as a result of the invasion of Israel by Hamas. If you would like to support efforts to feed and clothe and protect those who have been devastated, you can do so by designating an offering through Covenant Church for Israel relief.

Continue to pray for all Israel to be saved and come to the knowledge of the Messiah Jesus through this suffering.

Our weekly prayer meeting is on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm at the church and online via zoom.

### **† Opening Prayer**

### **† Hymn of Praise**

**#418 (TH #442)**

**"Arise, O God"**

Pastoral Prayer

### **Scripture Reading**

**Ecclesiastes 8:1-8**

Pew Bible page number 557

Who is like the wise? And who knows the interpretation of a thing? A man's wisdom makes his face shine, and the hardness of his face is changed. <sup>2</sup> I say: Keep the king's command, because of God's oath to him. <sup>3</sup> Be not hasty to go from his presence. Do not take your stand in an evil cause, for he does whatever he pleases. <sup>4</sup> For the word of the king is supreme, and who may say to him, "What are you doing?" <sup>5</sup> Whoever keeps a command will know no evil thing, and the wise heart will know the proper time and the just way. <sup>6</sup> For there is a time and a way for everything, although man's trouble

lies heavy on him. <sup>7</sup> For he does not know what is to be, for who can tell him how it will be? <sup>8</sup> No man has power to retain the spirit, or power over the day of death. There is no discharge from war, nor will wickedness deliver those who are given to it.

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

**“Respect Authority”**

**† Hymn of Preparation**

**#278 (TH #307)**

**“Nothing but the Blood”**

**The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

**† Closing Hymn**

**#277**

**“Before the Throne of God Above”**

**† Benediction**

**SERMON OUTLINE**  
**October 22, 2023**  
**5:00 p.m.**

**Ecclesiastes 8:1-8**  
**“Respect Authority”**

Introduction

- I. There is Power in the Word of the King (v. 1-4)
- II. We Must Obey Lawful Commands (v. 5-6)
- III. We Have Power When We Carry out His Commands (v. 7-8)

Conclusion

## Arise, O God

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1. A - rise, O God, and shine in all thy sav - ing might,  
 2. Bring dis - tant na - tions near to sing thy glo - rious praise;  
 3. Send forth thy glo - rious pow'r, that Gen - tiles all may see,  
 4. To God, the on - ly wise, the one im - mor - tal King,

and pros - per each de - sign to spread thy glo - rious light:  
 let ev - 'ry peo - ple hear and learn thy ho - ly ways:  
 and earth pre - sent her store in con - verts born to thee:  
 let hal - le - lu - jahs rise from ev - 'ry liv - ing thing:

let heal - ing streams of mer - cy flow, that all the earth thy  
 reign, might - y God, as - sert thy cause, and gov - ern by thy  
 God, our own God, thy church O bless, and fill the world with  
 let all that breathe, on ev - 'ry coast, praise Fa - ther, Son, and

truth may know, that all the earth thy truth may know.  
 righ - teous laws, and gov - ern by thy righ - teous laws.  
 righ - teous - ness, and fill the world with righ - teous - ness.  
 Ho - ly Ghost, praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## 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;

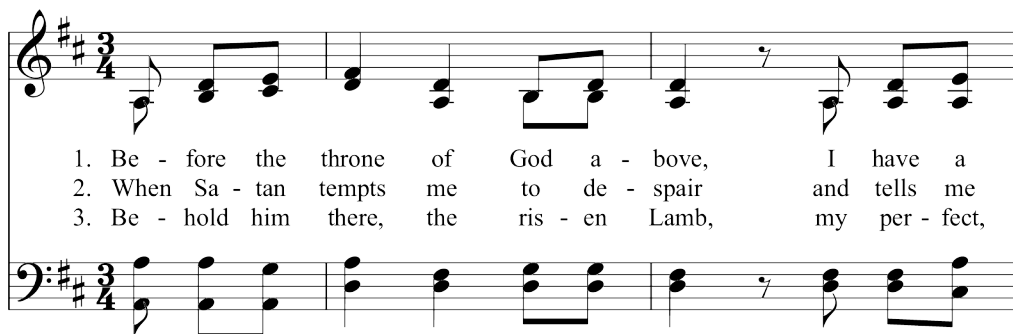
What can make me whole a - gain? Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
 for my par - don this my plea: noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
 • naught of good that I have done: noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
 this is all my righ - teous - ness: noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
 now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

Refrain

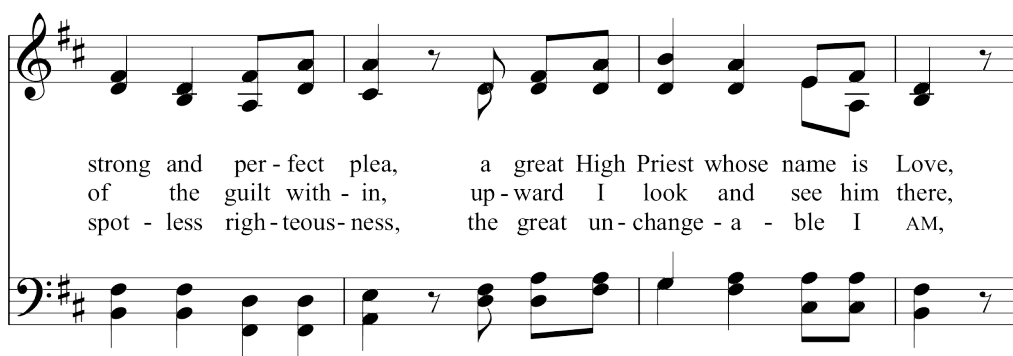
O pre - cious is the flow that makes me white as snow;

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

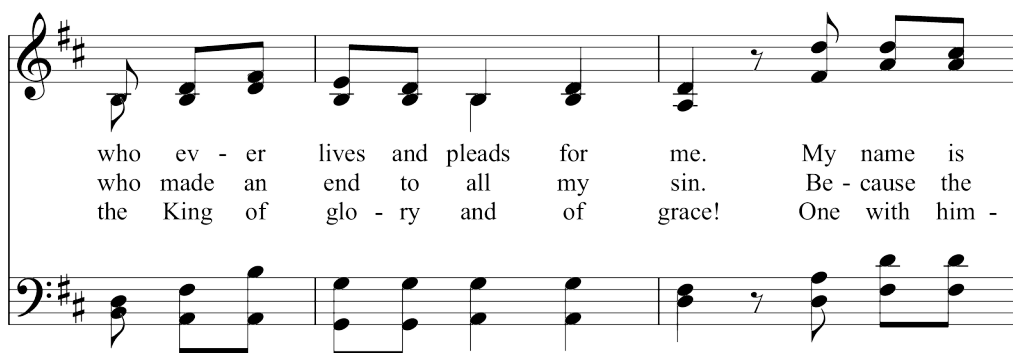
## Before the Throne of God Above



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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