



Covenant Church
Presbyterian Church in America
Fayetteville, Arkansas

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY
October 29, 2023
10:30 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements

Please join us for our Fifth Sunday Fellowship meal this afternoon, immediately following our morning service. There will be no evening service.

We as a church will pack shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child on November 11th at 10am. Please contact Jan House for more information.

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. You can support efforts to feed and clothe and protect those who have been devastated by designating an offering through Covenant Church for Israel relief.

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 (in Lieu of Women's Bible Study). Soup and salad served after for luncheon

Friday November 3

6:30-8:30am Talk at Men's Bible Study

Friday November 3

6pm Pizza Fellowship followed by 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 5PM message.

Ladies mark your calendars for Sarah Chewning's Bridal Shower from 10:00-11:30am on November 18th at Kathi Stayman's home. Sarah is registered at Amazon.

There will be a New Members class at the church this afternoon, after our fellowship meal, for those who would like to learn more about what Covenant Church believes.

† Call to Worship

Psalm 46:4-7

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. ⁵ God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. ⁶ The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; He utters His voice, the earth melts. ⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah*

† Invocation & Lord's Prayer

Unison

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

† Hymn of Praise

#244 (TH#92)

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Prayer of Confession of Sin

Thomas Cranmer

Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.

Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; According to the promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5:8-9

...But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God.

† **Hymn of Assurance**

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“How Blest the Man”

† **Confession of Faith**

Westminster Larger Catechism, Q72 & 73

Q. 72. What is justifying faith?

A. Justifying faith is a saving grace, wrought in the heart of a sinner by the Spirit and Word of God, whereby he, being convinced of his sin and misery, and of his own inability and the inability of all other creatures to rescue him from his lost condition, not only assents to the truth of the promise of the Gospel,

but receives and rests on Christ and His righteousness held forth in that truth, for pardon of sin, and for the accepting and accounting of him as righteous in the sight of God for salvation.

Q. 73. How does faith justify a sinner in the sight of God?

A. Faith justifies a sinner in the sight of God, not because of those other graces which do always accompany it, or of good works that are the fruits of it, nor as if the grace of faith, or any act thereof, were imputed to him for his justification; but only as it is an instrument by which he receives and applies Christ and His righteousness.

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2:8-10
Pew Bible page number 976

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Sermon

“Grace Alone”

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

Worship with Tithes & Offerings

† **Doxology**

“Gloria Patri”

#571 (TH #735)

† Prayer of Dedication

† **Hymn of Preparation**

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

#350 (TH #251)

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

† **Closing Hymn**

“For All the Saints”
(v. 1-3, 6-8)

#408 (TH #358)

† Benediction

SERMON OUTLINE
October 29, 2023
10:30 a.m.

Ephesians 2:8-10
“Grace Alone”

Introduction

I. Grace is Good News (v. 8)

II. Works are Rejected for Salvation (v. 9)

III. Grace Means Works are Expected (v. 10)

Conclusion

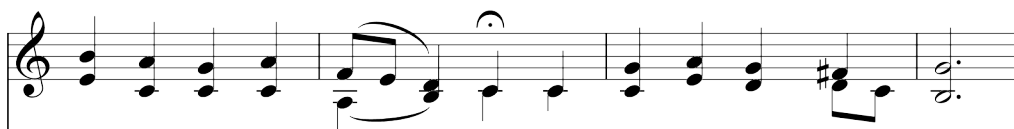
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



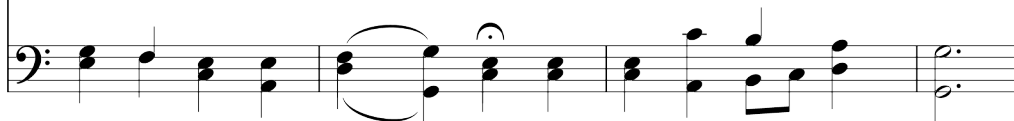
1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -



fail - ing; our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?
 truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,



doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great,
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:

and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 for lo, his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.

Based on Psalm 46
 Martin Luther, 1529
 Tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1853

EIN' FESTE BURG 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.6.7.
 Martin Luther, 1529

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How Blest the Man

1. ¹How blest the man who does not walk where wick - ed men would
 2. ³For he is like a grow - ing tree, which, plant - ed by a
 3. ⁴Not so the wick - ed! Like the chaff, the wind will blow them

guide his feet, who stands not in the sin - ners' ways nor
 flow - ing stream, in sea - son yields its fin - est fruit; its
 all a - way. ⁵The judg - ment they will not with - stand, nor

sits up - on the scorn - ers' seat. ²The law of God is
 leaves are al - ways fresh and green. In all he does he
 sin - ners with the righ - teous stay. ⁶God knows the way of

his de - light, his med - i - ta - tion day and night.
 finds suc - cess; pros - per - i - ty will he pos - sess.
 righ - teous ones; the wick - ed way will be un - done.

Gloria Patri

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the

Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is

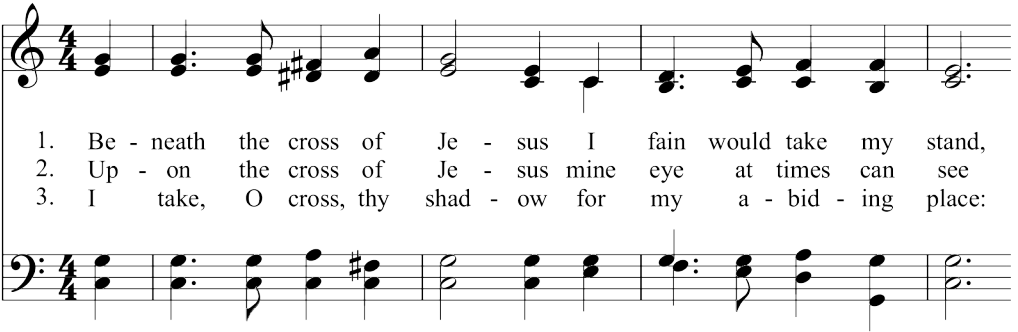
now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

2nd cent; tr.

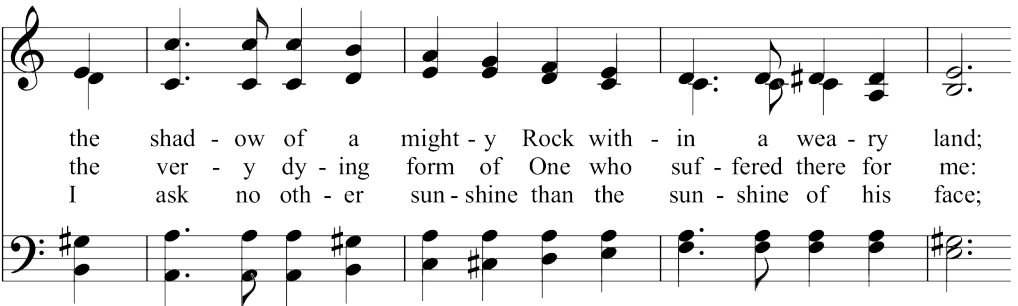
GLORIA PATRI (MEINEKE) Irreg.
Charles Meineke, 1844

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.

For All the Saints

Unison

1. For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2. Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3. O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,
 4. O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine, we
 5. And when the fight is fierce, the war - fare long,

thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 • fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old, and
 fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine;
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and

name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 • win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold.
 yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

6. The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

7. But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

8. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

William Walsham How, 1864, 1875

SINE NOMINE 10.10.10.al.

Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
3. We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4. When we are called to part, it gives us in - ward pain;

the fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
but we shall still be joined in heart and hope to meet a - gain.

5. This glorious hope revives
our courage by the way,
while each in expectation lives
and waits to see that day.

6. From sorrow, toil, and pain
and sin, we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.

John Fawcett, 1782

DENNIS S.M.

Hans G. Nägeli, 1773-1836

Arr. Lowell Mason, 1845