



Covenant Church
Presbyterian Church in America
Fayetteville, Arkansas

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY
October 8, 2023
5:00 p.m.

Welcome & Announcements

There will be a Couples Come & Go Wedding Shower for Nathan Taylor & Bethany Miller at the home of John & Marianna Smoot on October 20th from 6 to 8pm.

The annual Wilkie Peterson Hayride will take place on Saturday, October 28th at 5pm. BYO hot dogs & buns and one dish of finger food to potluck. Hot apple cider, hot chocolate and coffee will be provided. More information and directions to the event can be found in the back of the sanctuary. Contact Chuck or Gail Peterson if you have any questions.

Please join us for our fifth Sunday fellowship meal on October 29th.

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.

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

#502 (TH#565)

“All for Jesus!”

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 5:8-20

Pew Bible page number 555

⁸ If you see in a province the oppression of the poor and the violation of justice and righteousness, do not be amazed at the matter, for the high official is watched by a higher, and there are yet higher ones over them.

⁹ But this is gain for a land in every way: a king committed to cultivated fields.

¹⁰ He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. ¹¹ When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? ¹² Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.

¹³ There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, ¹⁴ and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. ¹⁵ As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. ¹⁶ This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? ¹⁷ Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.

¹⁸ Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. ¹⁹ Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. ²⁰ For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

“The Vanity of Wealth”

† Hymn of Preparation

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“Lamb, Precious Lamb”

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

† Closing Hymn

#127A (TH #365)

“Unless the Lord the House Shall Build”

† Benediction

SERMON OUTLINE
October 8, 2023
5:00 p.m.

Ecclesiastes 5:8-20
“The Vanity of Wealth”

Introduction

- I. Those who love money will never have enough (v. 10)
- II. The more you make the more you spend (v. 11)
- III. The blessing of physical labor (v. 12)
- IV. The evil of a fallen world (v. 13-17)
- V. Enjoying God's gifts (v. 18-20)

Conclusion

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All for Jesus!

1. All for Je - sus! All for Je - sus! All my be - ing's ran - sored pow'rs,
 2. Let my hands per - form his bid - ding, let my feet run in his ways;
 3. World - lings prize their gems of beau - ty, cling to gild - ed toys of dust,
 4. Since my eyes were fixed on Je - sus, I've lost sight of all be - side;
 5. O what won - der! How a - maz - ing! Je - sus, glo - rious King of kings,

all my thoughts and words and do - ings, all my days and all my hours.
 let my eyes see Je - sus on - ly, let my lips speak forth his praise.
 • boast of wealth and fame and plea - sure; on - ly Je - sus will I trust.
 so en - chained my spir - it's vi - sion, look - ing at the Cru - ci - fied.
 deigns to call me his be - lov - ed, lets me rest be - neath his wings.

Mary D. James, 1889

WYCLIFF 8.7.8.7.
John Stainer, *The Crucifixion*, 1887

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From Depths of Woe I Raise to Thee

1. From depths of woe I raise to thee the voice of lam - en - ta - tion;
 2. To wash a - way the crim - son stain, grace, grace a - lone, a - vail - eth;
 3. There - fore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own mer - it;
 4. What though I wait the live - long night, and 'til the dawn ap - pear - eth,
 5. Though great our sins and sore our woes, his grace much more a - bound - eth;


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Lamb, Precious Lamb

1. Lamb, pre - cious Lamb, whose blood was shed for me,
 2. Lamb, spot - less Lamb, for naught is wrong in thee!
 3. Lamb, will - ing Lamb, who walked the suff - 'rer's path,
 4. Lamb, might - y Lamb, who tri - umphed o - ver sin;
 5. Lamb, worth - y Lamb, who reigns for end - less days,

spread on the frame of Cal - v'ry's cru - el tree.
 No mark or blem - ish, no im - pu - ri - ty.
 • en - dured the shame, and drank our cup of wrath.
 sev - ered death's chains to make us whole with - in.
 Mak - er, Re - deem - er, thine be all the praise.

Thy pas - chal sac - ri - fice is all my stay,
 From the world's found - ing thou wast tru - ly slain.
 • Still, vain and self - ish, oft we dis - o - bey.
 Gen - tle in pow'r, both kind and strong thou art;
 We join th'e - ter - nal choirs of heav'n, great King;



dear Lamb, who came to take our sins a - way.
 Come, purge my sin and cleanse my ev - 'ry stain.
 • O faith - ful Shep - herd, keep us in thy way.
 O Lamb and Li - on, con - quer all my heart.
 "Glo - ry and hon - or to the Lamb!" we sing.

Jonathan Landry Cruse, 2013

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Not All the Blood of Beasts

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1. Not all the blood of beasts on Jew - ish al - tars slain,
 2. But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, takes all our sins a - way,
 3. My faith would lay her hand on that dear head of thine,
 4. My soul looks back to see the bur - dens thou didst bear,
 5. Be - liev - ing, we re - joice to see the curse re - move;

could give the guilt - y con - science peace, or wash a - way the stain.
 a sac - ri - fice of no - bler name and rich - er blood than they.
 • while like a pen - i - tent I stand, and there con - fess my sin.
 when hang - ing on the curs - ed tree, and knows her guilt was there.
 we bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice, and sing his bleed - ing love.

Isaac Watts, 1709

Alt. 1961

FESTAL SONG S.M.

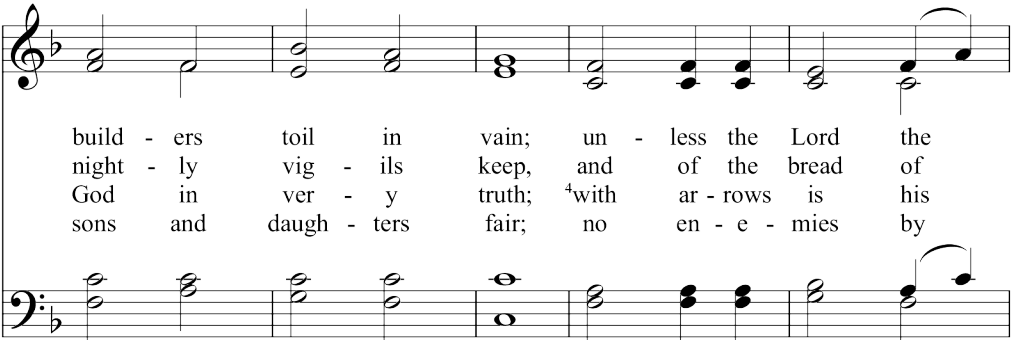
William Howard Walter, 1894

Unless the Lord the House Shall Build


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1. ¹Un - less the Lord the house shall build, the wea - ry
 2. ²In vain you rise ere morn - ing break, and late your
 3. ³Lo, chil - dren are a great re - ward, a gift from
 4. ⁵And blest the man whose age is cheered by stal - wart



build - ers toil in vain; un - less the Lord the
 night - ly vig - ils keep, and of the bread of
 God in ver - y truth; ⁴with ar - rows is his
 sons and daugh - ters fair; no en - e - mies by



cit - y shield, the guards a use - less watch main - tain.
 toil par - take; God gives to his be - lov - ed sleep.
 quiv - er stored who joys in chil - dren of his youth.
 him are feared, no lack of love, no want of care.