



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

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**  
**THE LORD'S DAY**  
**November 12, 2023**  
**10:30 a.m.**

**Welcome & Announcements**

Ladies, mark your calendars for Sarah Chewning's Bridal shower on November 18<sup>th</sup> 10:00-11:30am at Kathi Stayman's home. Sarah is registered at Amazon.

There will be a New Member's class at the church next Sunday at 2pm for those who would like to learn more about what Covenant Church believes.

Mark your calendars for an evangelism training opportunity on Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. More information to come.

**Reception of New Members**

**The Sacrament of Baptism**

**† Call to Worship**

**Psalm 99:1-3**

The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! <sup>2</sup> The Lord is great in Zion; He is exalted over all the peoples. <sup>3</sup> Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is He!

**† 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**

**#226**

**"O the Deep, Unbounded Riches"**

(2x)

**Confession of Sin**

Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you and to one another, that we have sinned against you by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not always had in us the mind of Christ. You alone know how often we have grieved you by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways.

Forgive us, we pray you, most merciful Father; and free us from our sin. Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. Amen.

Silent Confession

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Psalm 32:5**

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Selah*

**† Hymn of Assurance**

**#341 (TH #254)**

**"Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed"**

**† Confession of Faith**

Westminster Larger Catechism Q&A 20-21

**Q. 20. What was the providence of God toward man in the estate in which he was created?**

A. The providence of God toward man in the estate in which he was created, was the placing him in paradise, appointing him to dress it, giving him liberty to eat of the fruit of the earth; putting the creatures under his dominion, and ordaining marriage for his help; affording him communion with himself; instituting the Sabbath;

entering into a covenant of life with him, upon condition of personal, perfect, and perpetual obedience, of which the tree of life was a pledge; and forbidding to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, upon the pain of death.

**Q. 21. Did man continue in that estate wherein God at first created him?**

A. Our first parents being left to the freedom of their own will, through the temptation of Satan, transgressed the commandment of God in eating the forbidden fruit; and thereby fell from the estate of innocence wherein they were created.

Pastoral Prayer

**Scripture Reading**

**Ecclesiastes 8:10-9:3**

Pew Bible page number 557

<sup>10</sup> Then I saw the wicked buried. They used to go in and out of the holy place and were praised in the city where they had done such things. This also is vanity. <sup>11</sup> Because the sentence against an evil deed is not executed speedily, the heart of the children of man is fully set to do evil. <sup>12</sup> Though a sinner does evil a hundred times and prolongs his life, yet I know that it will be well with those who fear God, because they fear before Him. <sup>13</sup> But it will not be well with the wicked, neither will he prolong his days like a shadow, because he does not fear before God. <sup>14</sup> There is a vanity that takes place on earth, that there are righteous people to whom it happens according to the deeds of the wicked, and there are wicked people to whom it happens according to the deeds of the righteous. I said that this also is vanity. <sup>15</sup> And I commend joy, for man has nothing better under the sun but to eat and drink and be joyful, for this will go with him in his toil through the days of his life that God has given him under the sun. <sup>16</sup> When I applied my heart to know wisdom, and to see the business that is done on earth, how neither day nor night do one's eyes see sleep, <sup>17</sup> then I saw all the work of God, that man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun. However much man may toil in seeking, he will not find it out. Even though a wise man claims to know, he cannot find it out. But all this I laid to heart, examining it all, how the righteous and the wise and their deeds are in the hand of God. Whether it is love or hate, man does not know; both are before him. <sup>2</sup> It is the same for all, since the same event happens to the righteous

and the wicked, to the good and the evil, to the clean and the unclean, to him who sacrifices and him who does not sacrifice. As the good one is, so is the sinner, and he who swears is as he who shuns an oath. <sup>3</sup> This is an evil in all that is done under the sun, that the same event happens to all. Also, the hearts of the children of man are full of evil, and madness is in their hearts while they live, and after that they go to the dead.

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

**“God’s Providence Rules Over All”**

Worship with Tithes & Offerings

† **Doxology**

**“Gloria Patri”**

**#571 (TH #735)**

† Prayer of Dedication

† **Hymn of Response**

**“Though Troubles Assail Us”**

**#246 (TH #95)**

† Benediction

**SERMON OUTLINE**  
**November 12, 2023**  
**10:30 a.m.**

**Ecclesiastes 8:10-9:3**  
**“God’s Providence Rules Over All”**

Introduction

- I. The Wicked Will Die (v. 10, 13)
- II. Injustice Leads to More Wickedness (v. 11, 14)
- III. Joy is the Answer (v. 15-17)
- IV. Providence Overrides All (9:1-3)

Conclusion

## O the Deep, Unbounded Riches

O the deep, un-bound-ed rich - es of God de-serve our praise!

The first system of music is written for a vocal melody and a piano accompaniment. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The vocal line begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter rest, then a quarter note A4, a quarter note B-flat4, and a quarter note C5. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand and a series of chords in the right hand.

How un-search - a - ble his judg - ments, how mar-vel-ous his ways!

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The vocal line has a quarter note D5, a quarter rest, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F5, and a quarter note G5. The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern.

For who his thoughts has fath-omed, or coun - sel to him giv'n?

The third system concludes the piece. The vocal line features a quarter note A5, a quarter rest, a quarter note B5, a quarter note C6, and a quarter note D6. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support throughout.

THE WISDOM OF GOD

And who could make a debt - or of God, the Lord of heav'n?

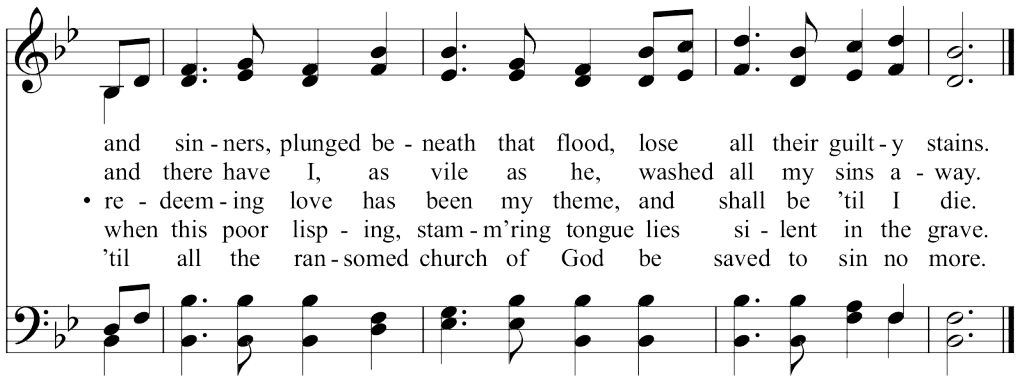
For from and through and to him are all things, now and then.

To him be all the glo - ry for - ev - er - more. A - men.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The first system contains the lyrics 'And who could make a debt - or of God, the Lord of heav'n?'. The second system contains the lyrics 'For from and through and to him are all things, now and then.'. The third system contains the lyrics 'To him be all the glo - ry for - ev - er - more. A - men.'. The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

Based on Romans 11:33-36  
Jonathan Landry Cruse, 2015  
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THAXTED 14.14.13.13.13.  
Gustav Holst, 1918  
Arr. Brian E. Coombs, 2003  
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and sin - ners, plunged be - neath that flood, lose all their guilt - y stains.  
and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins a - way.  
• re - deem - ing love has been my theme, and shall be 'til I die.  
when this poor lisp - ing, stam - m'ring tongue lies si - lent in the grave.  
'til all the ran - somed church of God be saved to sin no more.

William Cowper, 1771; mod.

CLEANSING FOUNTAIN 8.6.8.6.6.6.8.6.  
Lowell Mason, 1830**Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed****341**


1. A - las! and did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my Sov - 'reign die!  
2. Was it for crimes that I had done he groaned up - on the tree?  
3. Well might the sun in dark - ness hide, and shut his glo - ries in,  
4. Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears;  
5. But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay the debt of love I owe;  
Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for such a worm as I?  
A - maz - ing pit - y! Grace un - known! And love be - yond de - gree!  
• when Christ, the might - y Mak - er, died for man the crea - ture's sin.  
dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt mine eyes in tears.  
here, Lord, I give my - self a - way, 'tis all that I can do.

Isaac Watts, 1707  
Alt. 1961MARTYRDOM C.M.  
Hugh Wilson, 1800  
Arr. Robert A. Smith, 1825



## Gloria Patri

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

The first system of musical notation for 'Gloria Patri' is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The bass staff begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody in the treble staff is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The bass staff accompaniment is: G3 (quarter), B2 (quarter), D3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (quarter), C3 (quarter), B2 (quarter), A2 (quarter), G2 (quarter), F#2 (half).

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

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff melody is: C4 (half), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (half). The bass staff accompaniment is: G2 (quarter), B2 (quarter), D3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (quarter), C3 (quarter), B2 (quarter), A2 (quarter), G2 (quarter), F#2 (half).

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

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece. The treble staff melody is: C4 (half), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (half). The bass staff accompaniment is: G2 (quarter), B2 (quarter), D3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (quarter), C3 (quarter), B2 (quarter), A2 (quarter), G2 (quarter), F#2 (half).

## Though Troubles Assail Us

1. Though trou - bles as - sail us and dan - gers af - fright,  
 2. The birds, with - out gar - ner or store - house, are fed;  
 3. When Sa - tan as - sails us to stop up our path,  
 4. No strength of our own and no good - ness we claim;

though friends should all fail us and foes all u - nite,  
 from them let us learn to trust God for our bread.  
 and cour - age all fails us, we tri - umph by faith.  
 yet, since we have known of the Sav - ior's great name,

yet one thing se - cures us, what - ev - er be - tide,  
 His saints what is fit - ting shall ne'er be de - nied  
 He can - not take from us, though oft he has tried,  
 in this our strong tow - er for safe - ty we hide:

the prom - ise as - sures us, "The Lord will pro - vide."  
 so long as 'tis writ - ten, "The Lord will pro - vide."  
 this heart - cheer - ing prom - ise, "The Lord will pro - vide."  
 the Lord is our pow - er, "The Lord will pro - vide."