



Covenant Church
Presbyterian Church in America
Fayetteville, Arkansas

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY
November 12, 2023
5:00 p.m.

Welcome & Announcements

Ladies, mark your calendars for Sarah Chewning's Bridal shower on November 18th 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 13th. More information to come.

† Opening Prayer

† Hymn of Praise

#439

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 9:4-18

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But he who is joined with all the living has hope, for a living dog is better than a dead lion. ⁵ For the living know that they will die, but the dead know nothing, and they have no more reward, for the memory of them is forgotten. ⁶ Their love and their hate and their envy have already perished, and forever they have no more share in all that is done under the sun. ⁷ Go, eat your bread with joy, and drink your wine with a merry heart, for God has already approved what you do. ⁸ Let your garments be always white. Let not oil be lacking on your head. ⁹ Enjoy life with the wife whom you love, all the days of your vain life that He has given you under the sun,

because that is your portion in life and in your toil at which you toil under the sun. ¹⁰ Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might, for there is no work or thought or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol, to which you are going. ¹¹ Again I saw that under the sun the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, nor bread to the wise, nor riches to the intelligent, nor favor to those with knowledge, but time and chance happen to them all. ¹² For man does not know his time. Like fish that are taken in an evil net, and like birds that are caught in a snare, so the children of man are snared at an evil time, when it suddenly falls upon them. ¹³ I have also seen this example of wisdom under the sun, and it seemed great to me. ¹⁴ There was a little city with few men in it, and a great king came against it and besieged it, building great siegeworks against it. ¹⁵ But there was found in it a poor, wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city. Yet no one remembered that poor man. ¹⁶ But I say that wisdom is better than might, though the poor man's wisdom is despised and his words are not heard. ¹⁷ The words of the wise heard in quiet are better than the shouting of a ruler among fools. ¹⁸ Wisdom is better than weapons of war, but one sinner destroys much good.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

“The Secret of Enjoying Life”

† Hymn of Preparation

#488 (TH #644)

“May the Mind of Christ, My Savior”

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

† Closing Hymn

#276 (TH #308)

“Jesus Paid It All”

† Benediction

SERMON OUTLINE
November 12, 2023
5:00 p.m.

Ecclesiastes 9:4-18
“The Secret of Enjoying Life”

Introduction

- I. Where There's Life There's Hope (v. 4-6)
- II. Living A Life of Faith (v. 7-10)
- III. Wisdom is Better than Might (v. 11-18)

Conclusion

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Katherine Hankey, 1866

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY 7.6.7.6.D.ref.
William G. Fischer, 1869

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

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1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and wound - ed, sick and sore;
 2. Come, ye thirst - y, come and wel - come, God's free boun - ty glo - ri - fy;
 3. Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream;
 4. Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y lad - en, lost and ru - ined by the fall;
 5. I will rise and go to Je - sus! He will save me from my sin.

Je - sus read - y stands to save you, full of pit - y, love, and power.
 true be - lief and true re - pen - tance, ev - 'ry grace that brings you nigh.
 • all the fit - ness he re - quir - eth is to feel your need of him.
 if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, you will nev - er come at all.
 By the rich - es of his mer - it, there is joy and life in him.

Joseph Hart, 1759; alt.

ARISE 8.7.8.7.
William Walker, *The Southern Harmony*, 1835

May the Mind of Christ, My Savior

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1. May the mind of Christ, my Sav-ior, live in me from day to day,
 2. May the Word of God dwell rich-ly in my heart from hour to hour,
 3. May the peace of God my Fa-ther rule my life in ev-'ry-thing,
 4. May the love of Je-sus fill me as the wa-ters fill the sea;

by his love and pow'r con-trol-ling all I do and say.
 so that all may see I tri-umph on-ly through his pow'r.
 that I may be calm to com-fort sick and sor-row-ing.
 him ex-alt-ing, self a-bas-ing: this is vic-to-ry.

5. May I run the race before me,
 strong and brave to face the foe,
 looking only unto Jesus
 as I onward go.


6. May his beauty rest upon me
 as I seek the lost to win,
 and may they forget the channel,
 seeing only him.

Jesus Paid It All

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1. I hear the Sa - vior say, "Your strength in - deed is small,
 2. Lord, now in - deed I find your pow'r and yours a - lone,
 3. For noth - ing good have I, where - by your grace to claim—
 4. And when, be - fore the throne, I stand in him com - plete,

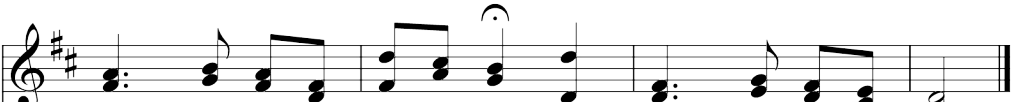


child of weak - ness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all."
 can change the le - per's spots and melt the heart of stone.
 I'll wash my gar - ments white in the blood of Cal - v'ry's Lamb.
 "Je - sus died my soul to save," my lips shall still re - peat.

Refrain



Je - sus paid it all, all to him I owe;



sin had left a crim - son stain, he washed it white as snow.