



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

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY
November 19, 2023
5:00 p.m.**

Welcome & Announcements

The annual Christmas women's gathering this year will be Monday, December 4th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Please bring a finger food to share and if you would like, something to add to our silent auction. Money raised will be donated to the Mission to North America ESL Curriculum Project. We will meet in the church sanctuary this year! There will be food, singing, a devotion and a wonderful time of fellowship. This is a great opportunity to invite or bring a friend to this festive event!

† Opening Prayer

† Hymn of Praise **#250 (TH#119)**
"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading **Ecclesiastes 10:12-20**
Pew Bible page number 558

The words of a wise man's mouth win him favor, but the lips of a fool consume him. The beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness, and the end of his talk is evil madness. A fool multiplies words, though no man knows what is to be, and who can tell him what will be after him? The toil of a fool wearies him, for he does not know the way to the city. Woe to you, O land, when your king is a child, and your princes feast in the morning! Happy are you, O land, when your king is the son of the nobility, and your princes feast at the proper time, for strength, and not for drunkenness! Through sloth the roof sinks in, and through indolence the house leaks. Bread is made for laughter, and wine gladdens life, and money answers everything. Even in your thoughts, do not curse the king, nor in your

bedroom curse the rich, for a bird of the air will carry your voice, or some winged creature tell the matter.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Jay Bruce

“Good Practical Advice”

† Closing Hymn

#51C (TH #486)

“God, Be Merciful to Me”

(vs. 1-5)

† Benediction

SERMON OUTLINE
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Ecclesiastes 10:12-20
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Introduction

I. Words (vv. 12–14)

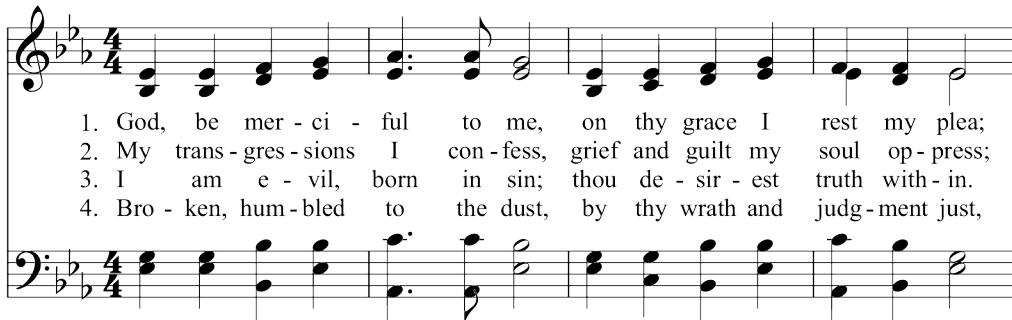
II. Work (vv. 15–19)

III. Warning (v. 20)

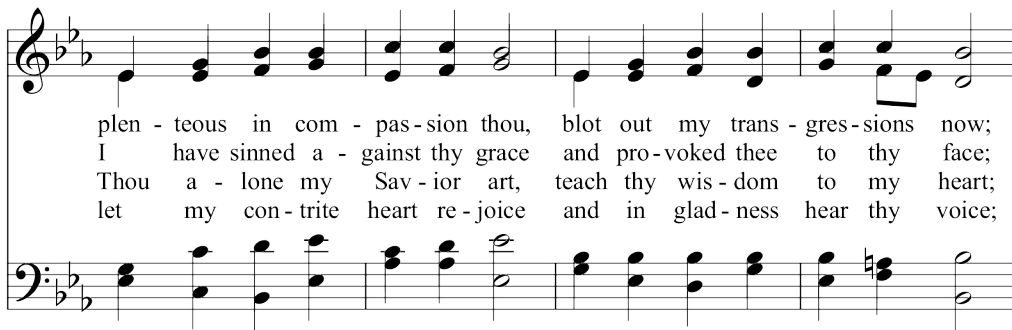
Conclusion

God, Be Merciful to Me

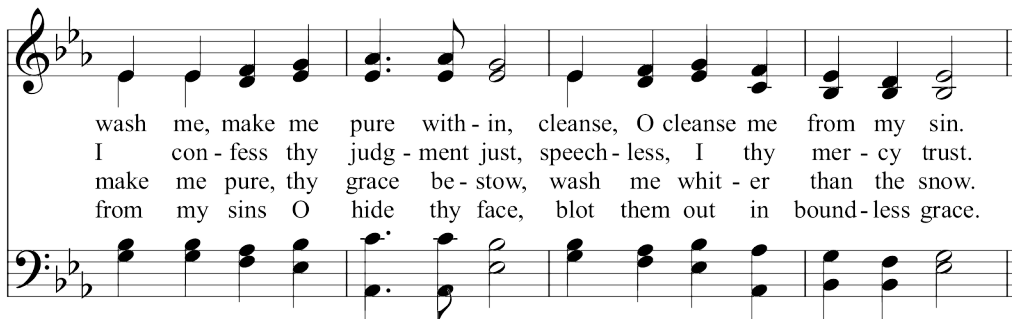
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1. God, be mer - ci - ful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea;
 2. My trans - gres - sions I con - fess, grief and guilt my soul op - press;
 3. I am e - vil, born in sin; thou de - sir - est truth with - in.
 4. Bro - ken, hum - bled to the dust, by thy wrath and judg - ment just,



plen - teous in com - pas - sion thou, blot out my trans - gres - sions now;
 I have sinned a - gainst thy grace and pro - voked thee to thy face;
 Thou a - lone my Sav - ior art, teach thy wis - dom to my heart;
 let my con - trite heart re - joice and in glad - ness hear thy voice;



wash me, make me pure with - in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
 I con - fess thy judg - ment just, speech - less, I thy mer - cy trust.
 make me pure, thy grace be - stow, wash me whit - er than the snow.
 from my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in bound - less grace.

5. Gracious God, my heart renew,
 make my spirit right and true;
 cast me not away from thee,
 let thy Spirit dwell in me;
 thy salvation's joy impart,
 steadfast make my willing heart.

6. Sinners then shall learn from me
 and return, O God, to thee;
 Savior, all my guilt remove,
 and my tongue shall sing thy love;
 touch my silent lips, O Lord,
 and my mouth shall praise accord.

7. Not the formal sacrifice
 hath acceptance in thine eyes;
 broken hearts are in thy sight
 more than sacrificial rite;
 contrite spirit, pleading cries,
 thou, O God, wilt not despise.

8. Prosper Zion in thy grace
 and her broken walls replace;
 then our righteous sacrifice
 shall delight thy holy eyes;
 free-will off'rings, gladly made,
 on thine altar shall be laid.

I Sing the Almighty Power of God



1. I sing th'al-might-y pow'r of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
 3. There's not a plant or flow'r be-low but makes your glo-ries known;

that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y skies.
 he formed the crea-tures with his word, and then pro-nounced them good.
 and clouds a-rise and tem-pests blow by or-der from your throne;

I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day;
 Lord, how your won-ders are dis-played wher-e'er I turn my eye,
 while all that bor-rows life from you is ev-er in your care,

the moon shines full at his com-mand and all the stars o-bey.
 if I sur-vey the ground I tread or gaze up-on the sky!
 and ev-'ry-where that man can be, you, God, are pres-ent there.