



Covenant Church
Presbyterian Church in America
Fayetteville, Arkansas

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY
December 17, 2023
10:30 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements

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

Please join us tonight for our annual Lessons & Carols Worship Service at 5:00 p.m.

Praise the Lord that the Women in the Church's Christmas party fundraiser raised \$1,075 dollars for MNA ESL Ministries.

Mark your calendars for an evangelism training opportunity on Saturday, January 13th. Don Snipes from Evangelism Explosion will be teaching through their *Share Your Faith* Workshop. It will be \$15 per person for materials. Lunch will be provided. We are hoping to get a headcount a few weeks before the event so the sooner folks sign up the better. Friends and family from other churches who would like to come are more than welcome! Please contact Liam Carr if you have any questions. The sign-up link for this event will be sent out again this week.

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. If you would like to support efforts to feed and clothe and protect those who have been devastated you can do so by designating an offering through Covenant Church for Israel relief. If you designate an offering funds will be sent asap through usual channels for the purpose of relief via Grace and Truth church in Israel. Continue to pray for all Israel to be saved and come to the knowledge of the Messiah Jesus through this suffering.

We have the wonderful opportunity to tell non-Christian Jews that we are praying for them, by sending them cards. Please write and/or a short note of encouragement to an Israeli using the cards and markers provided, sign it with your first name, and then, on the outside envelope, put your name, age, and “a Christian from Arkansas” or “a Christian from America” on the card. We will send these on to a Jewish community in Boston who will send them on to Israel.

Liam and Mary B Carr are pursuing a call to World Missions in Taiwan. They are currently approved by the session to pursue this call. If you would like to support the Carrs financially, you can do so by designating an offering through Covenant Church. If you have any questions about their call or preparations contact them any time. Please continue to be in prayer for the Session, Liam and Mary B, and the Carr baby as they pursue this call to Taiwan.

† Call to Worship

Psalm 34:1-3

I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. ² My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. ³ Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together!

† 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

#301

“Song of Mary”

Confession of Sin

From John Calvin's Geneva Liturgy of 1543

Lord God, eternal and almighty Father: We acknowledge before Your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate Your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses.

We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true sorrow asking that Your grace will relieve our distress. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of Your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in Your sight: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103:2-5

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, ³ who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, ⁴ who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, ⁵ who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

† **Hymn of Assurance**

#298 (TH #197)

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

† **Confession of Faith**

Westminster Confession of Faith
Ch 8, sec. 1 & 2

(1) It pleased God, in His eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, His only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man, the Prophet, Priest, and King, the Head and Savior of His church, the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world: unto whom He did from all eternity give a people, to be His seed, and to be by Him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.

(2) The Son of God, the second person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon Him man's nature, with all the essential properties, and common infirmities thereof, yet without sin; being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the virgin Mary, of her substance.

So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. Which person is very God, and very man, yet one Christ, the only Mediator between God and man.

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:46-55

Pew Bible page number 856

And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸ for He has looked on the humble estate of His servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹ for He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name. ⁵⁰ And His mercy is for those who fear Him from generation to generation. ⁵¹ He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; ⁵² He has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; ⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty. ⁵⁴ He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy, ⁵⁵ as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to His offspring forever.”

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

“Mary Magnifies the Mighty God”

Worship with Tithes & Offerings

† **Doxology**

#567 (TH #731)

“Doxology”

† Prayer of Dedication

† **Hymn of Preparation**

In the Slides and Bulletin

“Behold the Lamb”

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

† **Closing Hymn**

#307 (TH #217)

“All My Heart This Night Rejoices”

† Benediction

SERMON OUTLINE

Dec. 17, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Luke 1:46-55

“Mary Magnifies the Mighty God”

Introduction

- I. God Magnifies Himself in Mary (v. 46-48)
- II. God is Merciful to Mary (v. 49-50)
- III. God Removes the Mighty from Power (v. 51-52)
- IV. God is Merciful to His People (v. 53-55)

Conclusion

Song of Mary

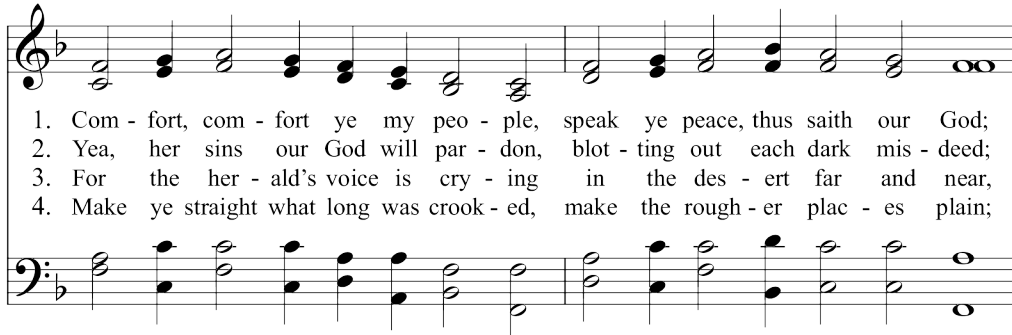
1. My soul doth mag - ni - fy the Lord; my spir - it
 2. Be - hold, all gen - er - a - tions hence my bless - ed -
 3. For gen - er - a - tions, fear - ing him, his mer - cy
 4. He cast the might - y from their thrones, and lift - ed
 5. He helped his ser - vant Is - ra - el, in mem - 'ry

doth re - joice in God, for he, my Sav - ior,
 ness will e'er pro - claim. The Might - y One hath
 • will on them a - bide. His might - y arm dis -
 those of low es - tate. The hun - gry he hath
 of his mer - cy sure, as told our fa - ther

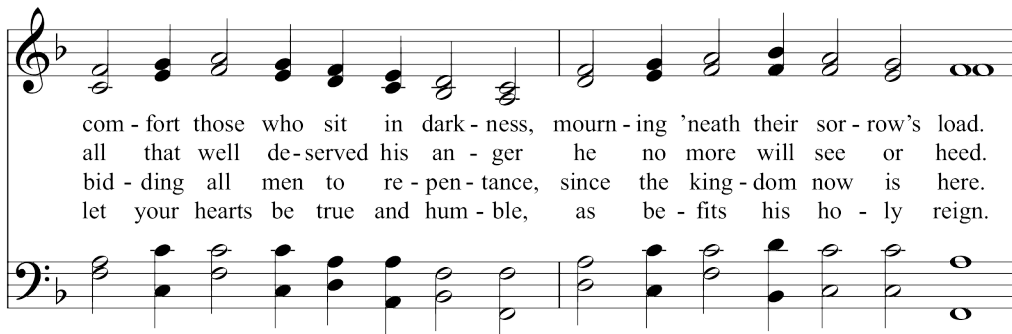
did in grace his ser - vant's hum - ble state re - gard.
 done great things for me, and ho - ly is his name.
 • plays his strength; he scat - ters those who dwell in pride.
 filled with good; the rich he emp - ty sent a - way.
 A - bra - ham, and to his seed for - ev - er - more.

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

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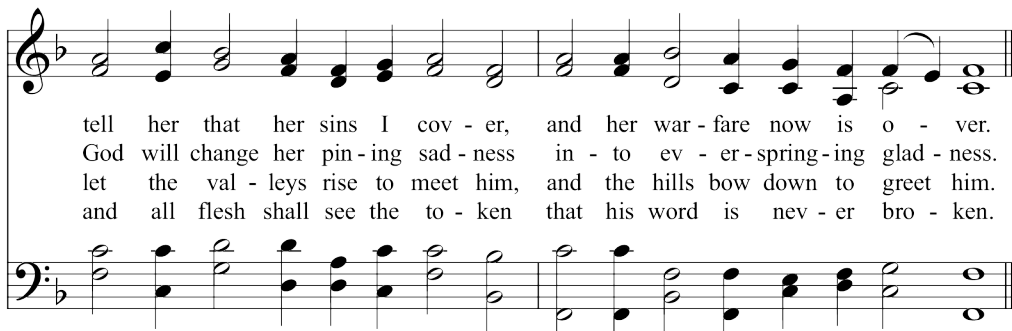
1. Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
 2. Yea, her sins our God will par - don, blot - ting out each dark mis - deed;
 3. For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
 4. Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er plac - es plain;



com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, mourn - ing 'neath their sor - row's load.
 all that well de - served his an - ger he no more will see or heed.
 bid - ding all men to re - pen - tance, since the king - dom now is here.
 let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits his ho - ly reign.



Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
 She hath suf - fered man - y a day, now her griefs have passed a - way;
 O that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
 For the glo - ry of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er, and her war - fare now is o - ver.
 God will change her pin - ing sad - ness in - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.
 let the val - leys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him.
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken that his word is nev - er bro - ken.

DOXOLOGIES

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Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all

crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host;

praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Thomas Ken, 1674

OLD HUNDREDTH L.M.
Louis Bourgeois, 1551

Behold The Lamb

(The Communion Hymn)

Words and music by
Keith & Kristyn Getty
& Stuart Townend

Thoughtful (♩ = 72)

Fadd9/A G/B C Dm7 C/E G C/E Fadd9 C/G G7sus G7

1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us - and we re-mem - ber
 2. The bo - dy of our Sav-iour Je - sus Christ, torn for you - eat and re-mem - ber;
 3. The blood that clean-ses ev - ery stain of sin, shed for you - drink and re-mem - ber
 4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re- spond - and to re-mem - ber

5 Fadd9/A G/B C Dm7 C/E G C/E Fadd9 G7sus G7 C C/E

the pro - mise made that all who come in faith find for - give - ness at the cross. So we
 The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one. So we
 He drained death's cup that all may en - ter in to re - ceive the life of God. So we
 our call to fol - low in the steps of Christ as His bo - dy here on earth. As we

9 Fadd9 C/E Fma7 Gadd9 C/E Fadd9 C/E Fadd9 G C/E Fadd9

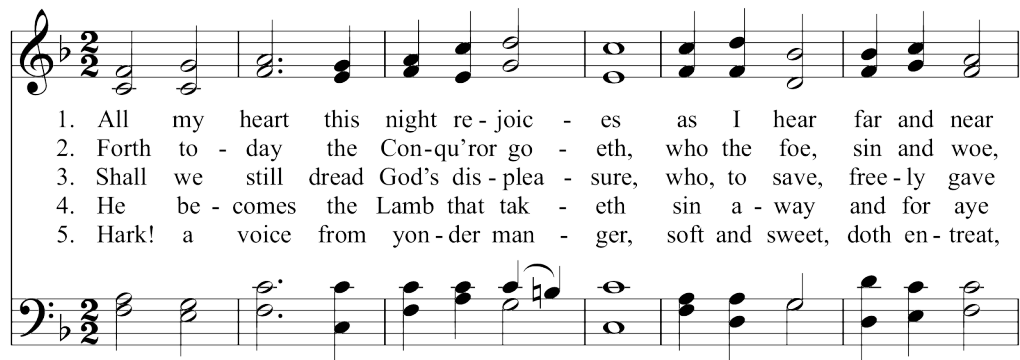
share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our
 share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our
 share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our
 share in His suf - fer - ing, we pro - claim Christ will come a - gain! And we'll join in the

14 C/E Fma⁷ G⁷sus G⁷ Fadd⁹/A Fma⁷ G⁷ Cadd⁹

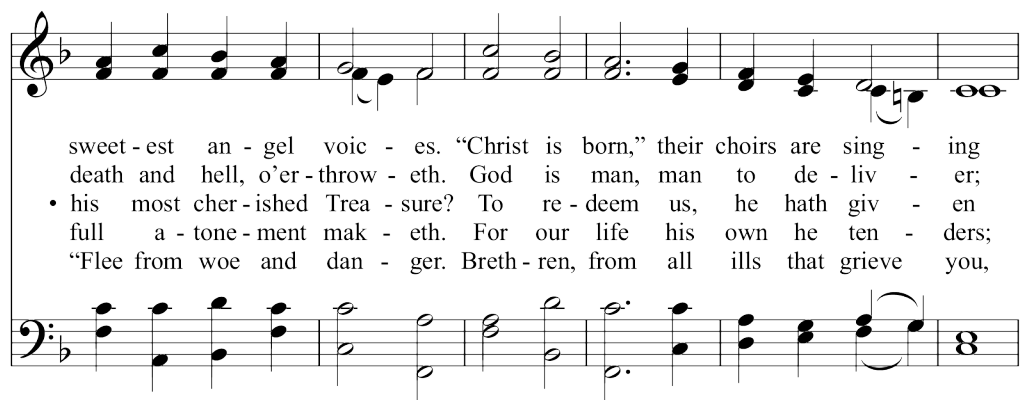
bonds of peace a - round the tab - le of the King.
 bonds of love a - round the tab - le of the King.
 bonds of grace a - round the tab - le of the King.
 feast of heaven a - round the tab - le of the King.

17 F^{6/9} Cadd⁹ F^{6/9} last time Cadd⁹

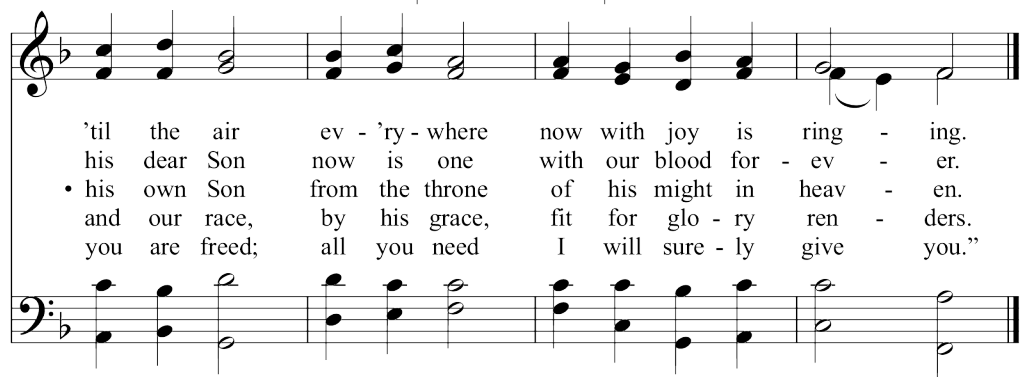
All My Heart This Night Rejoices



1. All my heart this night re-joic - es as I hear far and near
 2. Forth to - day the Con-qu'ror go - eth, who the foe, sin and woe,
 3. Shall we still dread God's dis - plea - sure, who, to save, free - ly gave
 4. He be - comes the Lamb that tak - eth sin a - way and for aye
 5. Hark! a voice from yon - der man - ger, soft and sweet, doth en - treat,



sweet - est an - gel voic - es. "Christ is born," their choirs are sing - ing
 death and hell, o'er - throw - eth. God is man, man to de - liv - er;
 • his most cher - ished Trea - sure? To re - deem us, he hath giv - en
 full a - tone - ment mak - eth. For our life his own he ten - ders;
 "Flee from woe and dan - ger. Breth - ren, from all ills that grieve you,



'til the air ev - 'ry - where now with joy is ring - ing.
 his dear Son now is one with our blood for - ev - er.
 • his own Son from the throne of his might in heav - en.
 and our race, by his grace, fit for glo - ry ren - ders.
 you are freed; all you need I will sure - ly give you."

6. Come, then, banish all your sadness,
 one and all, great and small;
 come with songs of gladness.
 Love him who with love is glowing;
 hail the star, near and far
 light and joy bestowing.

7. Dearest Lord, thee will I cherish.
 Though my breath fail in death,
 yet I shall not perish,
 but with thee abide forever
 there on high, in that joy
 which can vanish never.