



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

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**  
**THE LORD'S DAY**  
**December 31, 2023**  
**10:30 a.m.**

**Welcome & Announcements**

Our weekly Wednesday Youth meeting will resume on January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm. Also, on the SECOND and FOURTH Wednesdays of each month the youth will meet at the church; the other Wednesdays we will continue to meet at the home of Pete Golden.

The Women's Thursday Study on The Westminster Confession will resume meeting at 9:30am on January 11th at the church. Childcare is provided.

The deadline for signing up for our January 13th evangelism training event is on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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. Friends and family from other churches who would like to come are more than welcome! Please contact Liam Carr if you have any questions.

**† Call to Worship**

**Psalm 121:1-2**

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? <sup>2</sup> My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**† 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**

**#325 (TH#235)**

**“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”**

**Prayer of Confession of Sin**

Holy and righteous God, we confess that like Isaiah, we are a people of unclean lips. But it is not only unclean lips we possess. We are people with unclean hands and unclean hearts. We have broken Your law times without number, and are guilty of pride, unbelief, self-centeredness, and idolatry. Affect our hearts with the severity of our sin and the glory of Your righteousness as we now acknowledge our sins in Your holy presence.

We have had other gods before You. We have taken Your name in vain. We have not kept Your Day holy. We have murdered in our hearts. We have committed adultery with our eyes. We have stolen what is not ours and coveted what belongs to others. We have lied to You and to others. God, we have sinned against Your mercy times without number. Our iniquities have gone over our heads.

If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? How shall we answer You? We lay our hands on our mouths. We have no answer to your righteous wrath and just judgment, except for the one you have provided for us through the death of Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

**Assurance of Pardon**

**John 3:16**

<sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

**† Hymn of Assurance**

**#23A (TH #87)**

**“The Lord’s My Shepherd”**

**† Confession of Faith**

Heidelberg Catechism, Q1 and 2

1. Q. What is our only comfort in life and death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil.

He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

2. Q. What do you need to know in order to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

A. First, how great my sins and misery are; second, how I am delivered from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to be thankful to God for such deliverance.

Pastoral Prayer

**Scripture Reading**

**2 Corinthians 5:17**  
Pew Bible page number 966

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

**Sermon**

**“New Creation”**

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

Worship with Tithes & Offerings

† **Doxology**

**“Doxology”**

**#567 (TH #731)**

† Prayer of Dedication

† **Hymn of Preparation**

**“The Church’s One Foundation”**  
(verses 1-4)

**#404 (TH #347)**

**The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

† **Closing Hymn**

**“Abide with Me”**

**#159 (TH #402)**

† Benediction

**SERMON OUTLINE**  
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**10:30 a.m.**

**2 Corinthians 5:17**  
**“New Creation”**

Introduction

I. Are You in the Flesh or In Christ? (v. 17a)

II. New Creation (v. 17b)

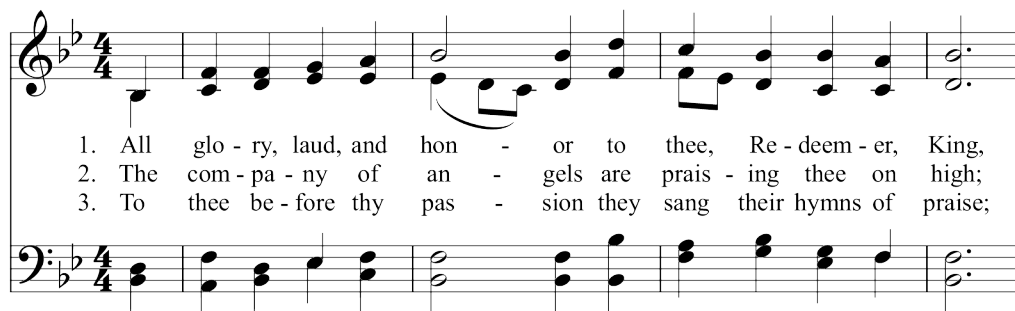
III. The Old has Passed Away (v. 17c)

IV. The New Has Come (v. 17d)

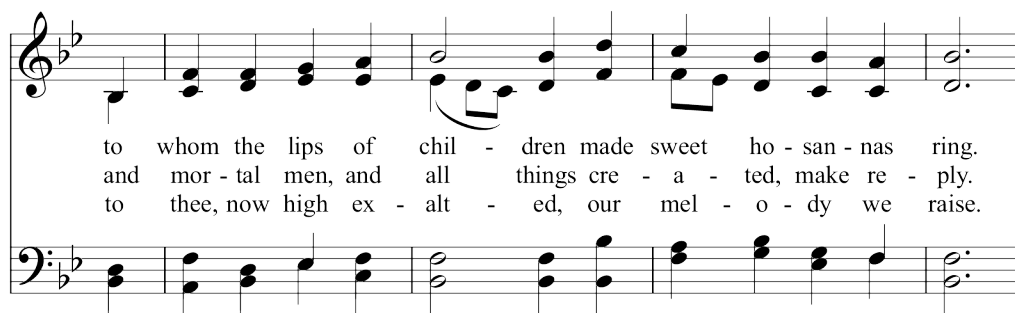
Conclusion

## All Glory, Laud, and Honor

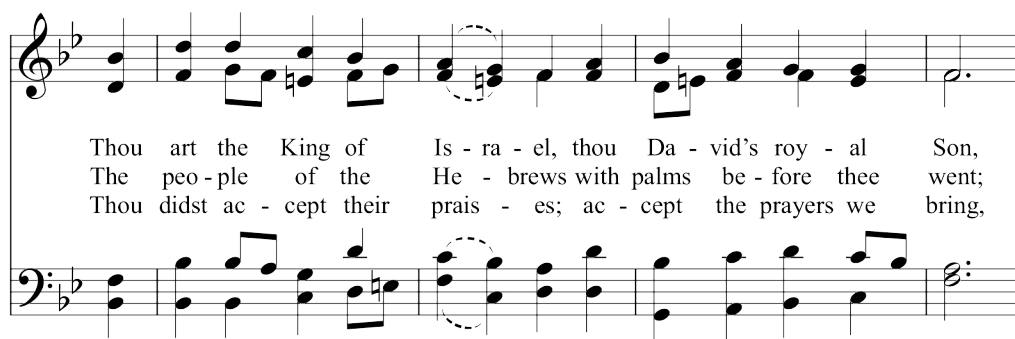
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1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,  
 2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing thee on high;  
 3. To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.  
 and mor - tal men, and all things cre - a - ted, make re - ply.  
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.



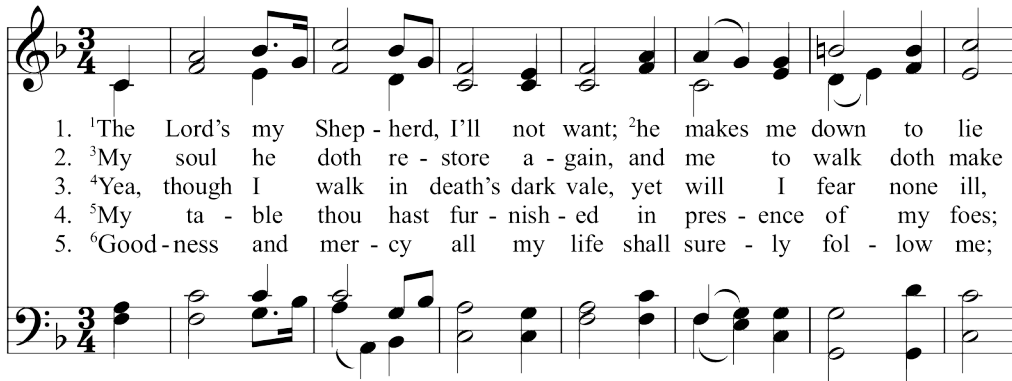
Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.  
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

# The Lord's My Shepherd

# 23A



1. <sup>1</sup>The Lord's my Shep - herd, I'll not want; <sup>2</sup>he makes me down to lie  
 2. <sup>3</sup>My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make  
 3. <sup>4</sup>Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill,  
 4. <sup>5</sup>My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in pres - ence of my foes;  
 5. <sup>6</sup>Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me;



in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.  
 with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.  
 • for thou art with me; and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.  
 my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.  
 and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing place shall be.

Francis Rous, William Mure, and others  
 Scottish Psalter, 1650

CRIMOND C.M.  
 Probably by David Grant, 1833–1893  
 Harm. T. C. L. Pritchard, 1885–1960; alt.  
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## 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.

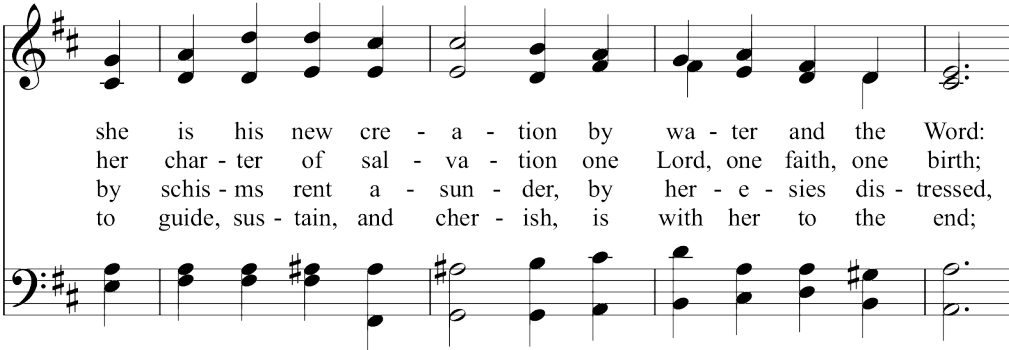
Thomas Ken, 1674

OLD HUNDREDTH L.M.  
Louis Bourgeois, 1551


## The Church's One Foundation



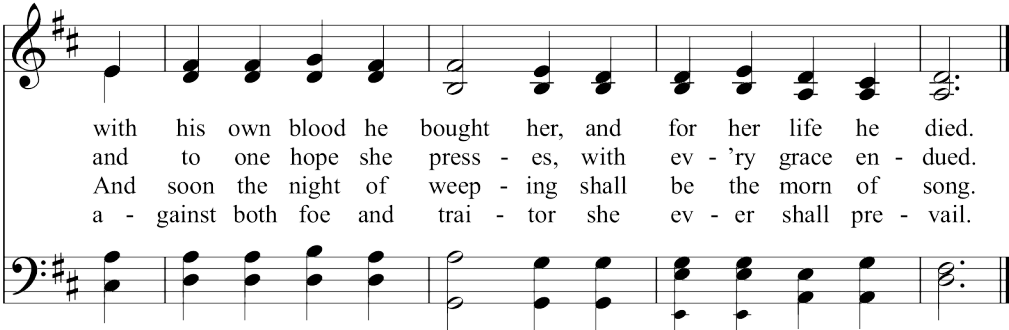
1. The church - 's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,  
 4. The church shall nev - er per - ish! Her dear Lord to de - fend,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word:  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end;



from heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 a - gainst both foe and trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

5. 'Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace forevermore;  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.

6. Yet she on earth hath union  
with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.

Samuel J. Stone, 1866

AURELIA 7.6.7.6.D.  
Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

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1. I love thy king - dom, Lord, the house of thine a - bode,  
2. I love thy church, O God: her walls be - fore thee stand,  
3. For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers as - cend;  
4. Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heav'n - ly ways,

the church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.  
dear as the ap - ple of thine eye and grav - en on thy hand.  
to her my cares and toils be giv'n, 'til toils and cares shall end.  
her sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, her hymns of love and praise.

5. Jesus, thou Friend divine,  
our Savior and our King,  
thy hand from ev'ry snare and foe  
shall great deliv'rance bring.

6. Sure as thy truth shall last,  
to Zion shall be giv'n  
the brightest glories earth can yield,  
and brighter bliss of heav'n.

Timothy Dwight, 1800

ST. THOMAS (Williams) S.M.  
Aaron Williams, 1763

## Abide with Me

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1. A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;  
 2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
 3. I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;  
 4. I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
 5. Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide:  
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;  
 • what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?  
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:

when oth - er help - ers fail, and com - forts flee,  
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;  
 • Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
 heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee:

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.  
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.  
 • Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.  
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.  
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.