



Covenant Church
Presbyterian Church in America
Fayetteville, Arkansas

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY

January 14, 2024
10:30 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements

Evangelism Explosion has been postponed to January 27th.

Liam and Mary B. Carr are expecting their baby boy in February. Ladies, please join us at 2pm on January 20th at Mary B's parent's home to celebrate their coming blessing. The address can be found in the bulletin. Please RSVP to Bethany Taylor.

Mark your calendars for our 2024 missions conference on February 23-25.

Please prayerfully consider your Faith Promise commitments for the 2024-25 year. We will be collecting Faith Promise at the end of February.

† Call to Worship

Psalms 103:1-5

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!
² 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.

† 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

#103E (TH#6)

“O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord”

Prayer of Confession of Sin

from John Knox’s Liturgy of 1560

Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into Your presence, because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from You, if You dealt with us as we deserve. We have sinned against You, O Lord, and we have offended You. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge You to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to You.

And so we humbly ask You, for the sake of Christ Your Son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By Your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our life, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by You.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Psalms 103:8-12

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ⁹ He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever. ¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; ¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.

† Hymn of Assurance

#275 (TH #305)

“Arise, My Soul, Arise”

† Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith
Ch. 8, sec. 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.

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

Romans 1:1-7
Pew Bible page number 939

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ² which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³ concerning His Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by His resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of His name among all the nations, ⁶ including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, ⁷ To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

“The Message of the Mediator”

Worship with Tithes & Offerings

† Doxology

#571 (TH #735)

“Gloria Patri”

† Prayer of Dedication

† Closing Hymn

#542 (TH #571)

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

† Benediction

SERMON OUTLINE
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10:30 a.m.

Romans 1:1-7
“The Message of the Mediator”

Introduction

I. The Messenger (v. 1)

II. The Message (v. 2-4)

III. The Mission (v. 5)

IV. The Mediator (v. 6-7)

Conclusion

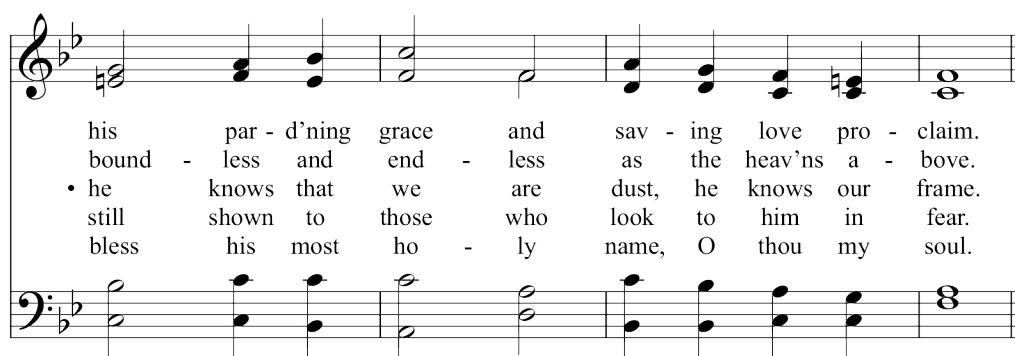
103E O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord

1. O come, my soul, bless thou the Lord thy Mak - er,
 2. Good is the Lord and full of kind com - pas - sion,
 3. His love is like a fa - ther's to his chil - dren,
 4. We fade and die like flow'rs that grow in beau - ty,
 5. High in the heav'ns his throne is fixed for - ev - er,

and all with - in me, bless his ho - ly name;
 most slow to an - ger, plen - te - ous in love;
 • ten - der and kind to all who fear his name;
 like ten - der grass that soon will dis - ap - pear;
 his king - dom rules o'er all from pole to pole;

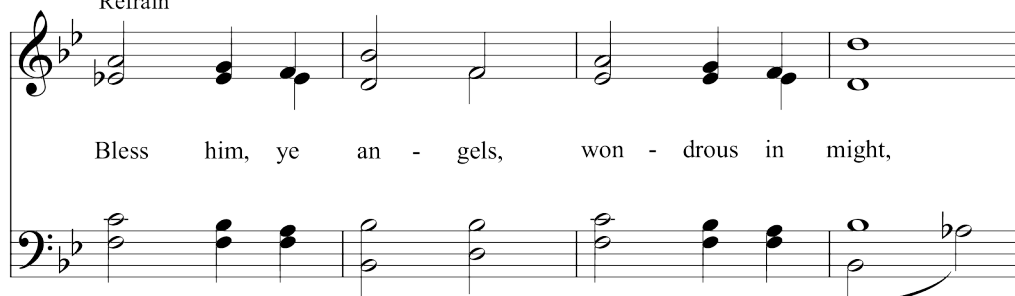
bless thou the Lord, for - get not all his mer - cies,
 rich is his grace to all that hum - bly seek him,
 • for well he knows our weak - ness and our frail - ty,
 but ev - er - more the love of God is change - less,
 bless ye the Lord through all his wide do - min - ion,

PSALM 103

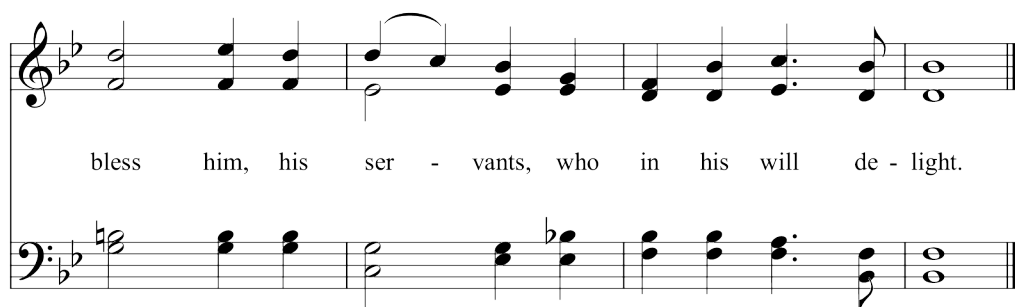


his par - d'ning grace and sav - ing love pro - claim.
 bound - less and end - less as the heav'ns a - bove.
 • he knows that we are dust, he knows our frame.
 still shown to those who look to him in fear.
 bless his most ho - ly name, O thou my soul.

Refrain



Bless him, ye an - gels, won - drous in might,



bless him, his ser - vants, who in his will de - light.

Arise, My Soul, Arise

1. A - rise, my soul, a - rise, shake off your guilt - y fears;
 2. He ev - er lives a - bove, for me to in - ter - cede,
 3. Five bleed - ing wounds he bears, re - ceived on Cal - va - ry;
 4. My God is rec - on - ciled; his par - d'ning voice I hear;

the bleed - ing Sac - ri - fice in my be - half ap - pears:
 his all - re - deem - ing love, his pre - cious blood to plead;
 they pour ef - fec - tual prayers, they strong - ly plead for me.
 he owns me for his child, I can no lon - ger fear;

be - fore the throne my Sure - ty stands, be - fore the throne my
 his blood a - toned for ev - 'ry race, his blood a - toned for
 "For - give him, O for - give," they cry, "for - give him, O for -
 with con - fi - dence I now draw nigh, with con - fi - dence I

Sure - ty stands, my name is writ - ten on his hands.
 ev - 'ry race, and sprin - kles now the throne of grace.
 give," they cry, "nor let that ran - somed sin - ner die!"
 now draw nigh, and "Fa - ther, Ab - ba, Fa - ther!" cry.

DOXOLOGIES

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Gloria Patri

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

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

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

2nd cent; tr.

GLORIA PATRI (MEINEKE) Irreg.
Charles Meineke, 1844

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

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1. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus ye sol - diers of the cross;
 2. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, the trum - pet call o - bey;
 3. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, stand in his strength a - lone;
 4. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, the strife will not be long;

lift high his roy - al ban - ner, it must not suf - fer loss:
 forth to the might - y con - flict in this his glo - rious day:
 the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own:
 this day the noise of bat - tle, the next the vic - tor's song:

from vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry his ar - my he shall lead,
 ye that are men now serve him a - gainst un - num - bered foes;
 put on the gos - pel ar - mor, each piece put on with pray'r;
 to him that o - ver - com - eth a crown of life shall be;

'til ev - 'ry foe is van - quished, and Christ is Lord in - deed.
 let cour - age rise with dan - ger, and strength to strength op - pose.
 where du - ty calls, or dan - ger, be nev - er want - ing there.
 he with the King of glo - ry shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.