



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

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY**

**January 7, 2024
10:30 a.m.**

Welcome & Announcements

Don Snipes from Evangelism Explosion will be teaching through their Share Your Faith Workshop this coming Saturday (January 13th). It will be \$15 per person for materials, extra materials will be provided on the day of the event if you were unable to sign up beforehand. Individuals may pay with cash or check to Covenant church for their materials the day of. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Liam Carr if you have any questions.

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

† Call to Worship

Nehemiah 9:5b-6

"Stand up and bless the Lord your God from everlasting to everlasting. Blessed be your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise. ⁶ "You are the Lord, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you.

† 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

#230 (TH #100)

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

Confession of Sin

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5:6-8

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.
⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

† Hymn of Assurance

#245 (TH #32)

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

† Confession of Faith

The Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell; On the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;

From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; The holy Christian Church; the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. AMEN.

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

John 2:1-11

Pew Bible page number 887

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus also was invited to the wedding with His disciples. ³ When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, “They have no wine.” ⁴ And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵ His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever He tells you.” ⁶ Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ And He said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. ⁹ When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” ¹¹ This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested His glory. And His disciples believed in Him.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

“The First Miracle of Jesus”

Worship with Tithes & Offerings

† **Doxology**

#567 (TH #731)

“Doxology”

† Prayer of Dedication

† **Hymn of Preparation**

#75

“We Give You Thanks, O God”

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

† Closing Hymn #170 (TH #141)
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✠ Benediction

SERMON OUTLINE

January 7, 2024

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John 2:1-11
“The First Miracle of Jesus”

Introduction

1. The Significance of the Wedding (v. 1-5)
2. A Miracle of Hope and Joy (v. 7-9)
3. The Purpose of the Miracle (v. 10)
4. The Result of the Miracle (v. 11)

Conclusion

Holy, Holy, Holy!


1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

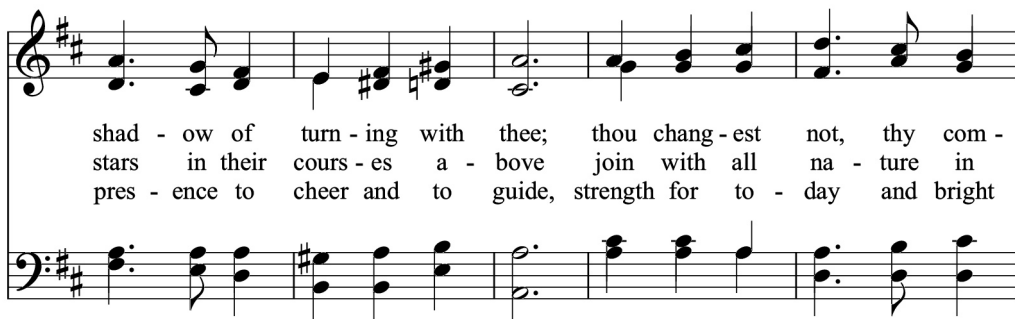
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

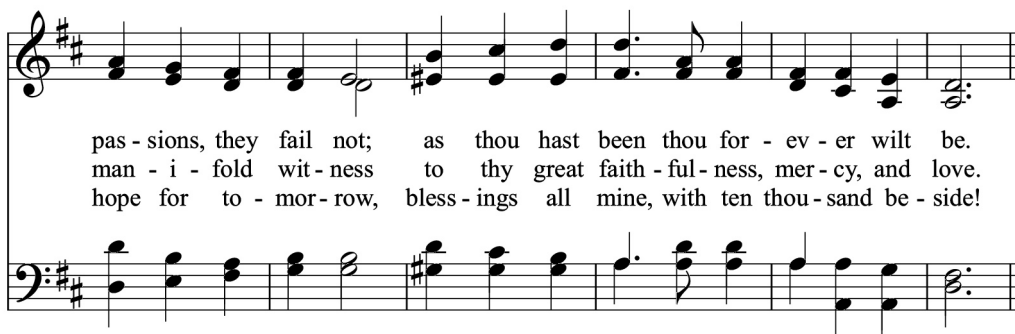
Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn-ing new mer-cies I see: all I have need-ed thy



hand hath pro-vid-ed— Great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!



Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923

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William M. Runyan, 1923

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Doxology

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

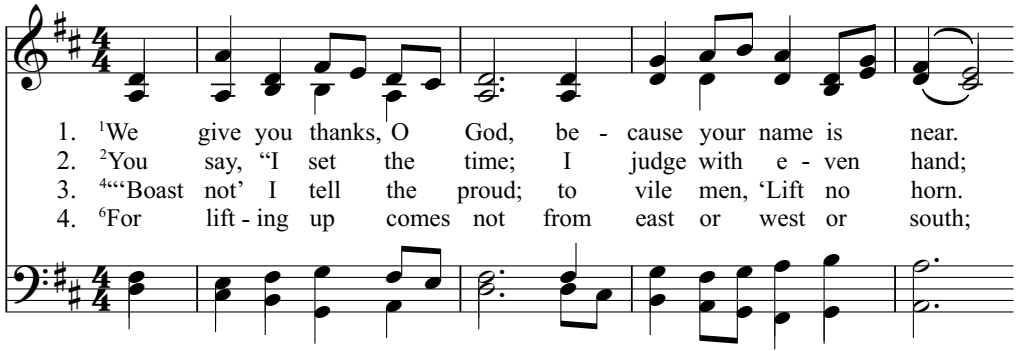
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:

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

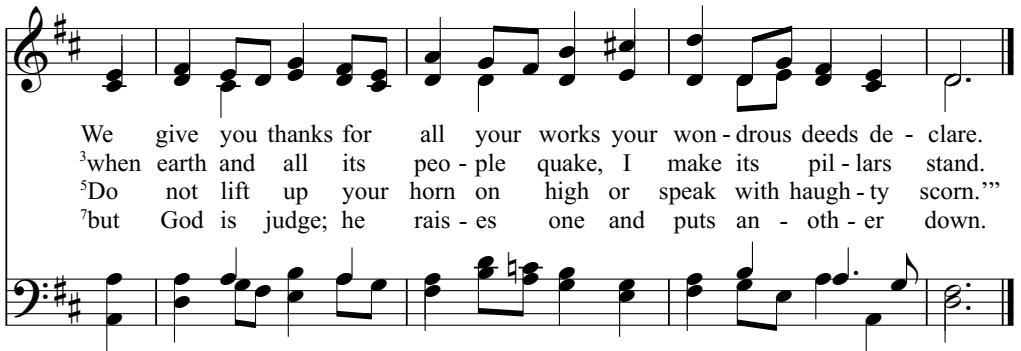
Thomas Ken, 1674

OLD HUNDREDTH L.M.
Louis Bourgeois, 1551

Psalm 75



1. ¹We give you thanks, O God, be - cause your name is near.
 2. ²You say, "I set the time; I judge with e - ven hand;
 3. ⁴"Boast not' I tell the proud; to vile men, 'Lift no horn.
 4. ⁶For lift - ing up comes not from east or west or south;



We give you thanks for all your works your won - drous deeds de - clare.
³when earth and all its peo - ple quake, I make its pil - lars stand.
⁵Do not lift up your horn on high or speak with haugh - ty scorn."
⁷but God is judge; he rais - es one and puts an - oth - er down.

5. ⁸The LORD's hand holds a cup
 with foaming wine, well-mixed;
 he pours it out, and wicked ones
 must drink it to the dregs.

6. ⁹But I fore'er proclaim,
 and Jacob's God I'll praise.
¹⁰The wicked's horns I will cut off,
 the righteous I will raise.

God, in the Gospel of His Son

1. God, in the gos - pel of his Son, makes his e -
 2. Here sin - ners of a hum - ble frame may taste his
 3. The pris - 'ner here may break his chains; the wea - ry
 4. Here faith re - veals to mor - tal eyes a bright - er
 5. O grant us grace, al - might - y Lord, to read and

ter - nal coun - sels known; where love in all its
 grace and learn his name; may read, in char - ac -
 • rest from all his pains; the cap - tive feel his
 world be - yond the skies; here shines the light which
 mark your ho - ly Word; its truths with meek - ness

glo - ry shines, and truth is drawn in fair - est lines.
 ters of blood, the wis - dom, pow'r, and grace of God.
 • bon - dage cease; the mourn - er find the way of peace.
 guides our way from earth to realms of end - less day.
 to re - ceive, and by its ho - ly pre - cepts live.