

May 10, 2026

## Blessings Today to All Our “Daughters of Sarah”!

**Young, covenant girls** are to be praised for the honor and obedience they give to their parents for this is right unto the Lord;

**Young ladies** who have made their profession of faith are to be recognized and desired by young, Christian men for their practice of virtue in mind and body, for the skills they learn toward making a home, and in their discernment for godliness in the choice they make in their future mates;

**Single, Christian women** are to be deemed worthy of respect for their godly control of thoughts and tongue and for their faithfulness, dignity, and generous service to the church;

**Faithful, Christian wives** are to be openly praised by their husbands for their gentle and quiet spirit as a helper fit for them, and for their devoted efforts toward the providing of a good home;

**The childless** whose hope is in the Lord are to be blessed and encouraged and regarded for their expressions of mercy, their words of kindness, and their eagerness to be a help to others;

And **Christian mothers** are to be recognized, particularly for the godly wisdom that they do not fail to impart to their children as they raise them with a goal for godliness.

And all of the men of the family and in the church – in all of their positions in life whether young or old – are to appreciate and express their gratitude to the Lord by the way they honor, regard, and care, in word and action, for all of these **ladies in the Lord**.

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### “Preaching God’s Sovereign Grace to a World of Need”

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# The Lord's Day

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## God's Call to Us to Worship Him

**"Be still and know that I Am God"**

Hebrews 12:18-29

### **\*His Call to Us to Worship Him**

Psalm 63:1-4, 7-8

**Elder:** O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is not water.

**People:** **So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.**

**Elder:** So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

**People:** **For you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy. My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.**

**Elder:** The Lord has called his people together.

**People:** **We have come at his bidding.**

**Elder:** Let us worship our God.

### **\*Prayer of Invocation**

### **\*Hymns of Our Procession Into the Presence of God**

Ps.100: All People That on Earth Do Dwell

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**His Sign and Seal is Upon Us**

The Lord's Baptism: William Wallace Dembeck,  
covenant son of Patrick & Heather Dembeck

**Intercessory Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

**Christ is Made Known to Us**

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O for a Closer Walk with God

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**His Word is Opened to Us**

Dr. David G. Barker

**Scripture: Exodus 3:1-5**

*"The grass withers, the flower fades ...*

*But the Word of our God will stand forever."*

**Message: The Fire of Holiness**

**Prayer for Response and Obedience**

**We Depart with His Blessing**

**And Sending of His Spirit**

**Presenting His Tithes and Our Offerings**

Offertory

\*Doxology

**\*Hymn of Our Procession Into the World**

Ps. 9: O Lord Most High, with All My Heart

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**\*Charge and Benediction**

(Trinity Hymn Book #56, vs. 6)

Through all eternity to you a joyful song I'll raise;  
For oh, eternity's too short to utter all your praise.

**Postlude**

\*Congregation Standing

# *The Life and Times of Moses, the Servant of*

*YHWH*

*The Fire of Holiness*

*Exodus 3:1-5*

*(see also: Gen. 22:11; Prov. 6:27-29; Is. 6:8; Lk. 5:1-11; Jn. 8; Acts 9:1-9; Gal. 6:7-8; Heb. 12:21-24, 12:29; Rev. 14:9-10)*

How a person first becomes a believer:

- a) must be in exactly the same way as every other 'real' Christian.
- b) must be evaluated by the elders or else it should not be believed.
- c) is different for every one of God's people.

## **I. The Lord gets Moses' attention (vs. 2)**

Has the angel of the Lord ever appeared before in Scripture?

Who is this?

So, what's with the fire?

## **II. The Lord speaks by way of the angel (vs. 4)**

How does Moses answer this call?

Has the Lord ever spoken before in Scripture?

Does he speak today?

## **III. The themes of this fire**

A. God's \_\_\_\_\_

B. God's \_\_\_\_\_

C. God's \_\_\_\_\_

Is this the same God we worship today?

Does Jesus speak of such holy fire?

# *My Own Thoughts*

# **New Covenant Presbyterian Church**

Lord's Day Evening Service

May 10, 2026

Welcome, Announcements

Call to Re-Gather at the close of the Lord's Day                      Psalm 68:4

Prayer of Adoration

Hymns to the glory and praise of our Covenant God

Scriptural Warning

of the Human Condition    Psalm 68:1-2

and the Way of Salvation    Psalm 66:3

Unison Reading: The Nicene Creed    Bulletin, page 16

Assurance of Pardon and Encouragement

to Hope and Obedience    Psalm 68:5-6

Psalm 68    Bulletin, page 17-18

Prayers of Supplication and Thanksgiving

Scripture Reading: Titus 1:5-9

Message: Ruling Elders

Closing Hymn:

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation    Bulletin, page 19

Prayer of Benediction

# Sound Truth for a Smart Church

*Ruling Elders*  
*the Rev. Nick Hathaway*

*Titus 1:5-9*

Theme: The God of all the earth is exclusive,  
therefore his stewards will be as well.

Not reproached

Not promiscuous

Not permissive

Not impetuous

Not complaisant

# Understanding Why We Baptize Covenant Children

By Dr. David G. Barker

Water Baptism is a sign and seal of the claim of God upon the person. It is not something a person merely ‘elects’ to have done, nor should it be repeated for merely emotional reasons. It is a command of God the Son (rf. Mt. 28:19-20) and is done in obedience to his will. When water baptism is given to the converted adult, it signifies spiritual transformation – Christ has cleansed that believer from his sins. Making a profession of faith he takes on the sign of the covenant and enters into the Church. In the Old Testament, the sign of entering the Church was circumcision; today it is baptism.

This has been the case from the beginning, the sign was not only given to adults; it was also given to the children of those believing adults. Abraham, a man of faith, was instructed by the Lord to receive the sign in Gen. 17. He was also instructed to give the sign to the children of his house – from the newborn child only 8 days old as well as his thirteen year old son, Ishmael. The reason for this was the principal of headship that continues in the church community today. God gave his promise to Abraham saying: *“I will establish my covenant between me and you and your seed after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant to be a God unto you and to your seed after you.”*

That pattern of headship has remained the same and has never been negated or changed. On the day of Pentecost, Peter taught this principle specifically, repeating God’s words to Abraham in his very first sermon saying *[The] promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”(Acts 2:38-39, ESV)* Paul also stressed this unity when he tells the Christian Church today in Gal. 3:29: *“[I]f you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.”* And Jesus said of the Jewish children brought to him: *“Of such is the kingdom of God.” (Mk. 10:14, ESV)* Therefore, the spiritual children of Abraham today are to continue to receive the mark of God’s claim upon them just as their parents are to continue to call upon Yahweh to be faithful to the next generation.

Now, obviously, these young children cannot yet understand these things – let alone make their own profession of faith so soon. Isaac, as a newborn, did not comprehend this; neither do our young ones. But it is not yet the child’s faith we are focusing on; rather it is the faith of the parents who God has entrusted with the raising of the child the Lord has providentially given them.

Finally, because water baptism itself is meant to depict the Holy Spirit being poured out from above upon his people, the sign of water baptism is best depicted by sprinkling or pouring. Baptism is not a matter of applying the person to water but applying water to the person.

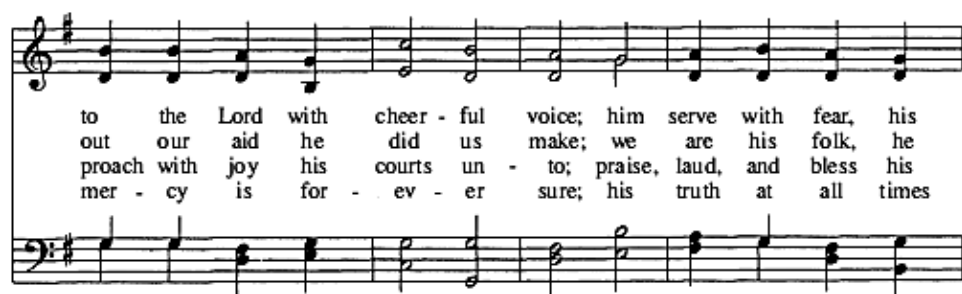
# All People That on Earth Do Dwell

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*Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Ps. 100:1*



1. All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing  
2. The Lord ye know is God in - deed; with -  
3. O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap -  
4. For why? The Lord our God is good, his



to the Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with fear, his  
out our aid he did us make; we are his folk, he  
proach with joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his  
mer - cy is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times



praise forth - tell, come ye be - fore him and re - joice.  
doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.  
name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.  
firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

## Praise Waits for Thee in Zion

*Praise awaits you, O God, in Zion; to you our vows will be fulfilled. Ps. 65:1*

1. Praise waits for thee in Zi - on; all men shall wor - ship there  
 2. How blest the man thou call - est and bring - est near to thee,  
 3. O God of our sal - va - tion, since thou dost love the right,  
 4. Thy might sets fast the moun - tains; strength girds thee ev - er - more

and pay their vows be - fore thee, O God who hear - est prayer.  
 that in thy courts for - ev - er his dwell - ing place may be;  
 thou wilt an an - swer send us in won - drous deeds of might.  
 to calm the rag - ing peo - ples and still the o - cean's roar.

Our sins rise up a - gainst us, pre - vail - ing day by day,  
 he shall with - in thy tem - ple be sat - is - fied with grace,  
 In all earth's hab - i - ta - tions, on all the bound - less sea,  
 Thy maj - es - ty and great - ness are through all lands con - fess'd,

but thou wilt show us mer - cy and take their guilt a - way.  
 and filled with all the good - ness of thy most ho - ly place.  
 man finds no sure re - li - ance, no peace, a - part from thee.  
 and joy on earth thou send - est a - far from east to west.

5. To bless the earth thou sendest from thine abundant store  
the waters of the springtime, enriching it once more.  
The seed by thee provided is sown o'er hill and plain,  
and thou with gentle showers dost bless the springtime grain.
  
6. The year with good thou crownest, the earth thy mercy fills,  
the wilderness is fruitful, and joyful are the hills;  
with corn the vales are covered, the flocks in pastures graze;  
all nature joins in singing a joyful song of praise.

From Psalm 65  
The Psalter, 1912

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Traditional Finnish melody  
Arr. by David Evans, 1927

## O for a Closer Walk with God

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*What does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Mic. 6:8*

1. O for a clos - er walk with God, a calm and heav'n - ly frame,  
2. Re - turn, O ho - ly Dove, re - turn, sweet mes - sen - ger of rest;  
3. The dear - est i - dol I have known, what - e'er that i - dol be,  
4. So shall my walk be close with God, calm and se - rene my frame;

a light to shine up - on the road that leads me to the Lamb!  
I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.  
help me to tear it from thy throne, and wor - ship on - ly thee.  
so pur - er light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

William Cowper, 1779

BEATITUDO C.M.  
John B. Dykes, 1875

## **Responsive Reading of Psalm 97**

The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad;

**let the distant shores rejoice.**

Clouds and thick darkness surround him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

**Fire goes before him and consumes his foes on every side.**

His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles.

**The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth.**

The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.

**All who worship images are put to shame, those who boast in idols – worship him, all you gods!**

Zion hears and rejoices and the villages of Judah are glad because of your judgments, O LORD.

**For you, O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.**

Let those who love the LORD hate evil,

**for he guards the lives of his faithful ones and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**

Light is shed upon the righteous and joy on the upright in heart.

**Rejoice in the LORD, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name.**

## **Unison Prayer of Confession:**

LORD of the cloud and fire, lead me as you led the Israelites out of Egypt, through the Red Sea and both into and out of the wilderness into the land of promise. Remind me that I am only a stranger here, to be blessed with a stranger's indifference to the riches of this world; remind me that my hands hold a pilgrim's staff, that my march is Zionward, that my eyes are toward the coming of the Lord.

My heart is in Your hands without reserve. I love You with soul, mind, body, strength, might, spirit, affection, will, desire, intellect, and understanding. Compared with You the sun is darkness, all beauty deformity, all wisdom folly, the best goodness faulty.

Invigorate my love that it may rise worthily to You, tightly entwine itself round You, be allured by You. Then shall my pilgrim walk be endless praise. In Christ, our Savior's name, Amen.

## Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him. John 14:21*

1. Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down:  
 2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry trou-bled breast;  
 3. Come, Al-might-y to de-liv-er, let us all thy life re-ceive;  
 4. Fin-ish, then, thy new cre-a-tion; pure and spot-less let us be:

fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy faith-ful mer-cies crown:  
 let us all in thee in-her-it, let us find the prom-ised rest:  
 sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er-more thy tem-ples leave.  
 let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-ly re-stored in thee;

Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion, pure, un-bound-ed love thou art;  
 take a-way the love of sin-ning; Al-pha and O-me-ga be;  
 Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing, serve thee as thy hosts a-bove,  
 changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry, till in heav'n we take our place,

vis-it us with thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.  
 End of faith, as its Be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.  
 pray, and praise thee, with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.  
 till we cast our crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise.

# O Lord Most High, with All My Heart

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*I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders. Ps. 9:1*

♩ D G A<sup>7</sup> D Bm D G D <sup>7</sup> A D D<sup>7</sup>

1. O Lord Most High, with all my heart your won - drous  
 2. The Lord, the ev - er - last - ing King, is seat - ed  
 3. Je - ho - vah will a ref - uge prove, a ref - uge  
 4. All they, O Lord, that know your name their con - fi -  
 5. Sing prais - es to the Lord Most High, to him who

G D A<sup>7</sup> D A E A A<sup>7</sup>

works I will pro - claim; I will be glad and  
 on his judg - ment throne; the righ - teous Judge of  
 • strong for all op - pressed, a safe re - treat, where  
 dence in you will place, for you have ne'er for -  
 does in Zi - on dwell; de - clare his might - y

D E<sup>7</sup> A ♩ D Em D A<sup>7</sup> Bm G D A<sup>7</sup> D <sup>7</sup>

give you thanks and sing the prais - es of your name.  
 all the world will make his per - fect jus - tice known.  
 • wea - ry souls in trou - bled times may sure - ly rest.  
 sak - en them who ear - nest - ly have sought your face.  
 deeds a - broad, his deeds a - mong the na - tions tell.

# THE NICENE CREED



We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# Psalm 68

## Verses 1 - 2



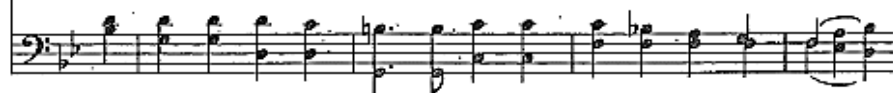
Let God a rise, and scat - tered far be all His en - e - mies;



And let all those who do Him hate be - fore His pres - ence flee,



As smoke is driv en, drive Thou them; as wax melts by the fire,



Let wick - ed men be - fore God's face so per - ish in His ire.



TUNE: ALL SAINTS NEW C.M.D.  
(new *Trinity Hymnal*, p. 452)  
("Macedonia")

*Verses 3-6, 34-35*

But let all righteous men be glad;  
Let them before God's sight  
Be very joyful; yea, let them  
Rejoice with all their might.  
Sing praise to God; prepare His way;  
Jehovah is His name,  
Who rideth through the wilderness;  
Before Him joy proclaim.

He takes a father's place to those  
Who are left fatherless;  
The widow's judge is God within  
His place of holiness.  
Yea, God the solitary sets  
In families; from bands  
The chained doth free; but rebels do  
Inhabit desert lands.

All strength to God do ye ascribe,  
Because His majesty  
Is over Is-ra-el; His strength  
Is in the heaven's high.  
Thou, God, are dreadful from Thy place;  
Isr'el's own God is He,  
Who gives His people strength and power;  
O let God bless-ed be.

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# Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

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*The Sovereign LORD says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation." Is. 28:16*

1. Christ is made the sure founda-tion, Christ the head and cor-ner-stone,  
 2. All that ded-i-cat-ed cit-y, dear-ly loved of God on high,  
 3. To this tem-ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, to-day:  
 4. Here vouch-safe to all thy ser-vants what they ask of thee to gain,  
 5. Laud and hon-or to the Fa-ther, laud and hon-or to the Son,

cho-sen of the Lord and pre-cious, bind-ing all the church in one;  
 in ex-ul-tant ju-bi-la-tion pours per-pet-ual mel-o-dy;  
 • with thy wont-ed lov-ing-kind-ness hear thy peo-ple as they pray;  
 what they gain from thee for-ev-er with the bless-ed to re-tain,  
 laud and hon-or to the Spir-it, ev-er Three and ev-er One,

ho-ly Zi-on's help for-ev-er, and her con-fi-dence a-lone.  
 God the One in Three a-dor-ing in glad hymns e-ter-nal-ly  
 • and thy full-est ben-e-dic-tion shed with-in its walls al-way.  
 and here-after in thy glo-ry ev-er-more with thee to reign.  
 One in might, and One in glo-ry, while un-end-ing a-ges run.

Latin 7th cent.  
 Tr. by John Mason Neale, 1851  
 AL in *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861

REGENT SQUARE, 8.7.8.7.87.  
 Henry Smart, 1876