

# LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

*The prelude is a sacred curtain dropped between the world and the sanctuary. During this time, be prayerful and reverent in preparation for the worship of our holy God in His sanctuary. (Please silence all phones and electronic devices.)*

## PRELUDE

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

## STRIKING OF THE HOUR

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (Minister)

Based on Psalm 147:12-14, 19-20

**Minister:** Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion! For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you. He makes peace in your borders; he fills you with the finest of the wheat. He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and rules to Israel. Praise the Lord!

### \*SONG OF ASCENT (Unison)

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (Psalm 90)*  
Trinity Hymnal, 30

## SCRIPTURE READING

Ruling Elder

*Ezekiel 13:3-7;  
Romans 6:1, 15, 23*

**Elder:** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Congregation:** Thanks be to God.

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE (Unison)

*Soldiers of Christ, Arise*  
Trinity Hymnal, 575

## PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

Ruling Elder

### GLORIA PATRI (Unison)

Trinity Hymnal, 734

## CONFESSION OF SIN (Responsive)

Ephesians 2:1-3

**Elder:** Let us now humbly confess our sins together.

**Congregation:** [We] were dead in our trespasses and sins in which we once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Responsive)

Ephesians 2:4-5; Galatians 2:20

**Elder:** But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

**Congregation:** I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself up for me.

### \*HYMN OF REJOICING (Unison)

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
Trinity Hymnal, 457

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*  
Trinity Hymnal, 845

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Minister

## THE 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*

## WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### \*DOXOLOGY (Unison)

Trinity Hymnal, 731

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Deacon

## SERMON

*Beloved, Contend for the Faith*  
Jude 1-4 (Pew Bible, 1027)

Dr. John Clayton

### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE (Unison)

*Be Thou My Vision*  
Trinity Hymnal, 642 vs. 1, 3, 5

### \*BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

**Congregational Response:** Thanks be to God! Amen.

## POSTLUDE

*Faith of Our Fathers*

\* = Please stand if able.

# Sermon Notes

*Beloved, Contend for the Faith*  
Jude 1-4 (Pew Bible, 1027)

## I. Introduction

## II. Live as Loved

## III. Beware the Perversion of Grace

## IV. Contend for the Faith

# Covenant Presbyterian Church of Fort Smith

## Welcome & Announcements

**Welcome to Covenant Presbyterian Church of Fort Smith!** We are thankful that you have come to worship the true and living God with us. Our worship service, in essence, is a covenant renewal ceremony in which the covenant community gathers to hear the covenant promises, which have been secured for us by Christ, and respond in faith. The congregation is not a passive but active participant in the worship service.

If you are visiting with us this morning, **please complete a visitor's card** and place it in the offering plate during the offertory so that we may have a record of your visit.

**Paraments:** Liturgical colors have an instructional purpose and point us to the life of Christ and the great acts of redemptive history. Green is displayed during "ordinary time" which includes the period between Epiphany and Lent and the period between Pentecost and Advent. Green represents spiritual growth and world missions.

**Restrooms:** Restrooms are available at the East-end on the sanctuary level or downstairs at the East-end of the hallway. Please use the restrooms downstairs during the worship service. Parents, please accompany your children to the restroom during the worship service.

**Nursery Volunteers:** We need more nursery worker volunteers. If you are willing to serve on a volunteer rotation, please contact the church office to sign-up.

### January 21st

Sunday School – Sydney Clayton & Judy Sagely  
Worship Service – Rebecca Garrett & Katie Feero

**2024 Devotional Guide:** Our 2024 devotional guide is still available at the back of the Sanctuary. This plan will lead you in reading through the Old and New Testament once and the Psalms twice. It also includes daily prayers, the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' Creed, and the Westminster Shorter Catechism questions 98 to 107.

**Memorize the Shorter Catechism:** Please join us in 2024 as we memorize the Westminster Shorter Catechism together, children and adults alike. For the first week, memorize catechism answers 9-11.

**The Midweek:** Join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a Bible study and prayer meeting.

**Covenant Women Connect:** Please join us this Thursday from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the home of Susan Haines. Please bring a savory or sweet item to share.

**2024 Women's Bible Study:** Starting January 18<sup>th</sup> on Thursday mornings at 10:00, Susan Rodriguez will lead our Women's Bible Study. Starting out, the class will consider the value and importance of God's Moral Law using *Ten Words to Live By: Delighting in and Doing What God Commands* by Jen Wilkin. Also, if you are willing to help with refreshments, please contact Susan directly.

**2024 Men's Bible Study:** Starting January 24<sup>th</sup> on Wednesday mornings at 10:00, Rusty Peoples will lead our Men's Bible Study through a verse-by-verse study of Philippians.

**January Parish Groups:** Mike Hudson's Parish Group will meet on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service. Dr. Jon Hendrickson's Parish Group will meet on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, at 5:30 p.m. at the Hendricksons' home.

**Missional Focus of the Week:** RUF Arkansas  
Please be in prayer for Austin Royal and the University of Arkansas Reformed University Fellowship campus ministry this week.

## Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – January 7<sup>th</sup>: \$6,854  
Designated giving: \$0  
Total giving: \$6,854

General fund giving (YTD): \$6,854  
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## Ministry Staff

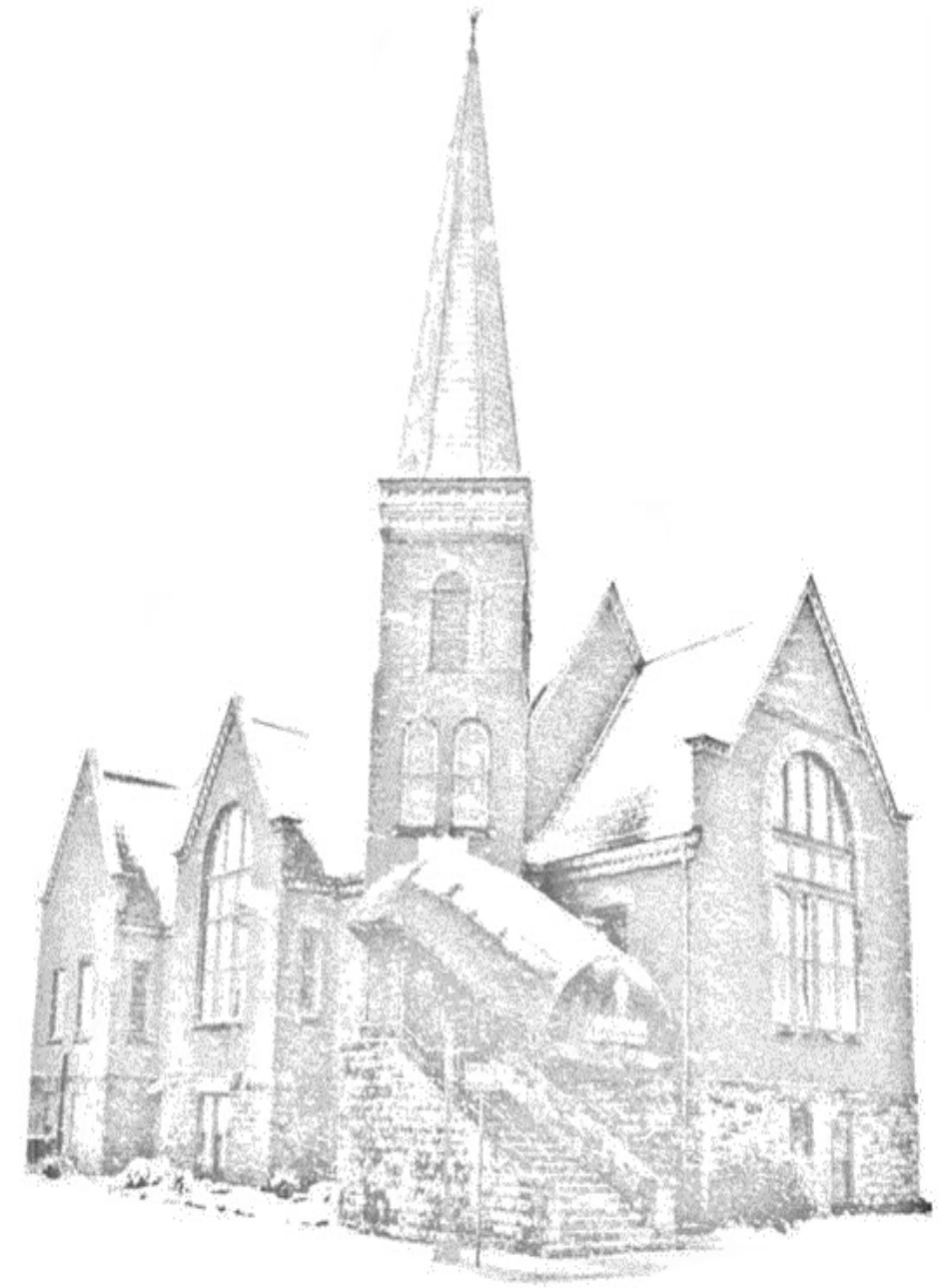
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# Covenant Presbyterian Church

## Fort Smith, Arkansas



## Lord's Day, January 14, 2024

### 10:30 A.M.

"It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name,  
O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
and your faithfulness by night" (Psalm 92:1,2)

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