

DIVINE 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

A Child of the King

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Minister)

Psalm 72:18-19

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen!

*SONG OF ASCENT (Unison)

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Trinity Hymnal, 53 vs. 1, 2, 5*

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruling Elder

*Psalm 34:8-14
1 John 3:1-2, 23-24*

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE (Unison)

Psalm 34 (verses 8-14)

1. O taste and you will see the LORD is good! How blest the
2. O come, you children, listen unto me, and I will
man who puts his trust in him! O fear the LORD, all
teach you how to fear the LORD. Who longs for life, its
you he has re-deemed! For those who fear him never suffer
good, through man's days? From evil keep your tongue, your lips from
want. Young lions hunger, they may lack for food;
lies. Depart from every evil way, do good,
but those who seek the LORD shall have no want.
and ever seek to follow after peace.

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

Ruling Elder

GLORIA PATRI (Unison)

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison)

Psalm 130:1-2

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison)

Isaiah 53:5

[Christ] was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

*HYMN OF REJOICING (Unison)

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

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary,
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell. **
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 catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

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 (Choir)

*DOXOLOGY (Unison)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Deacon

SERMON

*If Children, then Heirs
Romans 8:12-17 (Pew Bible, 944)*

Dr. John Clayton

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (Unison)

*Blessed Assurance
Trinity Hymnal, 693*

*PASTORAL BENEDICTION (Minister)

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Congregation: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

Blessed Assurance

* = Please stand if able.

**According to the Westminster Larger Catechism, "Christ's humiliation after his death consisted in his being buried, and continuing in the state of the dead, and under the power of death till the third day; which hath been otherwise expressed in these words, *He descended into hell*" (WLC 50).

Sermon Notes

If Children, then Heirs
Romans 8:12-17 (Pew Bible, 944)

I. Introduction

II. Adopted

III. Confirmed

IV. Endowed

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.

Seating: Please be courteous by moving toward the front of the sanctuary providing room in the back for those arriving late.

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.

Paraments: Liturgical colors have an instructional purpose and point us to the life of Christ and the great acts of redemptive history. White paraments adorn the pulpit and communion table during the celebration of Christmas, Easter, and other days to represent the purity of Christ and the joy and peace believers find in Him.

Adult Sunday School Series: Please join us in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday for breakfast at 9:00 a.m. and Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. for our series, *Proverbs: Words of Wisdom*, a topical study of select proverbs.

Parish Groups: Our January Parish Groups will meet today, January 9th. Check with your parish leader for more information.

Daily Bible Reading: Join us in 2022 as we will be using the Everyday in the Word plan which provides a daily reading from the Old and New Testaments as well as Psalms and Proverbs. Copies of the reading plan are available in the sanctuary foyer or in the Fellowship Hall.

Women's Morning Bible Study: Our Wednesday morning Bible study will begin January 12th, 10:00 am - 11:30 am. We will be studying the book of Ephesians, using *Alive in Him*, by Gloria Furman. The study will meet in the Fellowship Hall and will be available via Zoom. Please join us!

Women's Evening Bible Study: Our monthly Bible study will resume on Thursday, January 13th at 6:30 pm (and will meet the 1st Thursday of the month from then on). We will continue our study of Ephesians using *Alive in Him*, by Gloria Furman. We are on chapter 4. Please join us!

Deacons' Meeting: Our January Deacons' Meeting will be tomorrow night, January 10th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – January 2nd: \$18,747	General fund giving (YTD): \$18,747
Designated giving: \$75	Designated giving (YTD): \$75
Total giving: \$18,822	Total giving (YTD): \$18,822

End of Year General fund giving – December 31: \$580,909
End of Year Designated giving: \$6,948
End of Year Total Giving: \$587,857

Ministry Staff

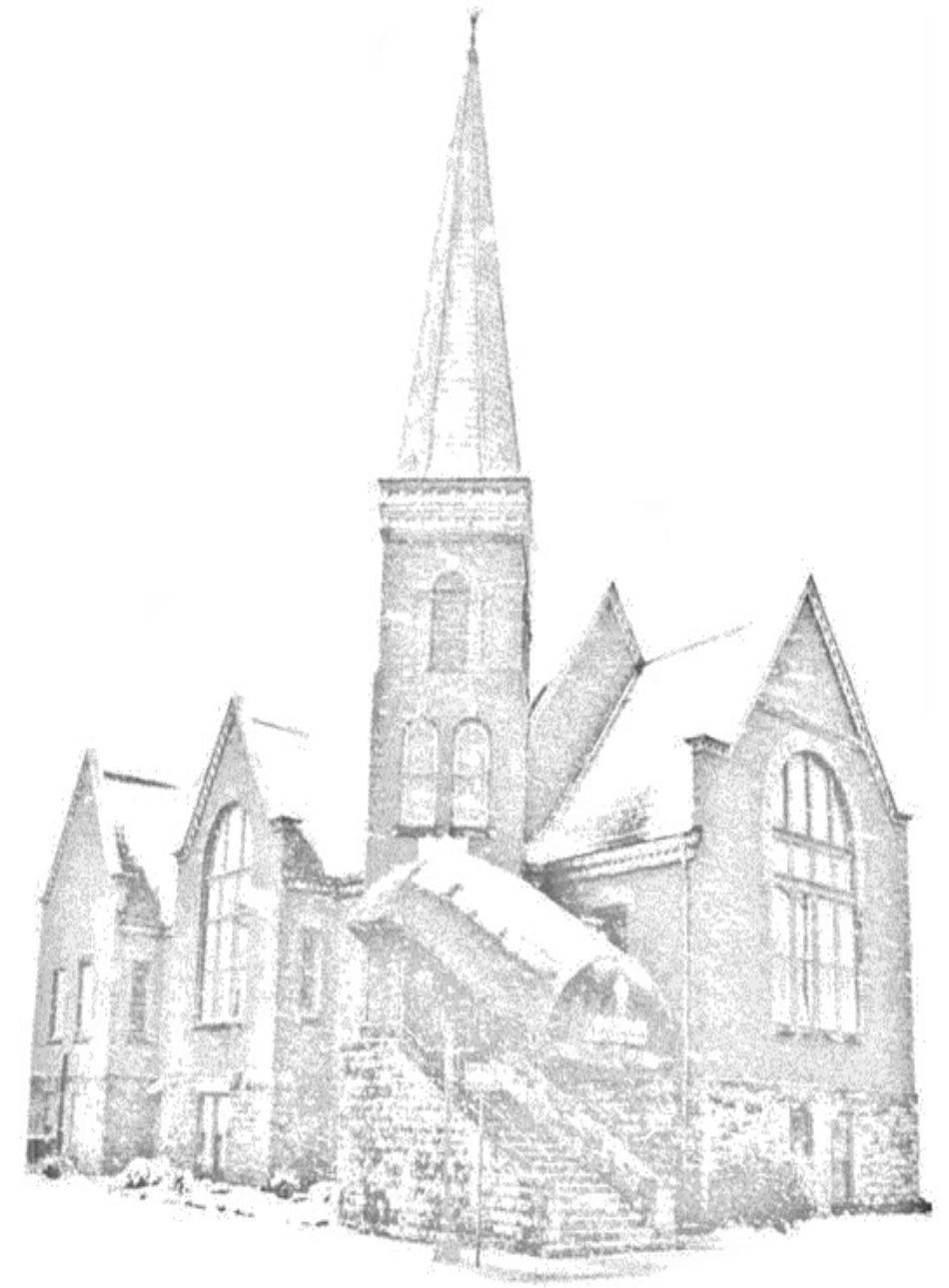
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Lord's Day, January 9, 2022

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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