

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

O Worship the King

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Minister)

Psalm 138:1-2

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.

*SONG OF ASCENT (Unison)

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!
Trinity Hymnal, 296 vs. 1, 3, 4

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruling Elder

1 Chronicles 29:11-13
1 Peter 4:10-11

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

*HYMN OF PRAISE (Unison)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Trinity Hymnal, 53 vs. 1, 2, 3, 5

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 25:6-7

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison)

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*HYMN OF REJOICING (Unison)

How Great Thou Art
Trinity Hymnal, 44 vs. 1, 3, 4

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

The Nicene Creed

Minister: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

Congregation: of all things visible and invisible.

Minister: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds,

Congregation: God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,

Minister: begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;

Congregation: by whom all things were made;

Minister: 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;

Congregation: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried;

Minister: and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;

Congregation: and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

Minister: And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,

Congregation: who proceeds from the Father and the Son;

Minister: who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

Congregation: and we believe in one holy catholic** and apostolic Church;

Minister: we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;

Congregation: and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PASTORAL 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*

SERMON

The Joy of Your Master
Matthew 25:14-30 (Pew Bible, 830)

Dr. John Clayton

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (Unison)

Take My Life, and Let It Be
Trinity Hymnal, 585 vs. 1, 3, 4, 6

*PASTORAL BENEDICTION (Minister)

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

* = Please stand if able.

**The word "catholic" means universal.

Sermon Notes

The Joy of Your Master

Matthew 25:14-30 (Pew Bible, 830)

I. Introduction

II. The Privilege of Responsibility

III. The Sloth of Indifference

IV. The Reward of Faithfulness

V. The Judgment of Unfaithfulness

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.

Worship Service COVID-19 Protocol: Face masks will be required for the entirety of the service, including while sitting, standing, and singing. Face masks and hand sanitizer will continue to be provided in the foyer as you enter the church sanctuary, and seating will continue to be available on every other row, for proper distancing. At the conclusion of the service, we will dismiss by row.

As the coronavirus is spread primarily by airborne transmission and can be spread unknowingly by asymptomatic carriers, we encourage you to enjoy fellowshiping with one another outside after the worship service rather than inside the church sanctuary.

Women's Bible Study: The women's morning Bible study will meet Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall (In person and online). Contact Nancy for zoom login information. Books are \$12 and will be available in the church office, church sanctuary or in the Fellowship Hall.

Children's Catechism Club: Calling all children ages 4 years old to 6th grade! If you are interested in joining the fun, contact Angel Hartman or the church office. We are learning and memorizing the *First Catechism* and the *Shorter Catechism* this semester.

Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – January 10th: \$22,505
Designated giving: \$20
Total giving: \$22,525

General fund giving (YTD): \$26,239
Designated giving (YTD): \$120
Total giving (YTD): \$26,359

Ministry Staff

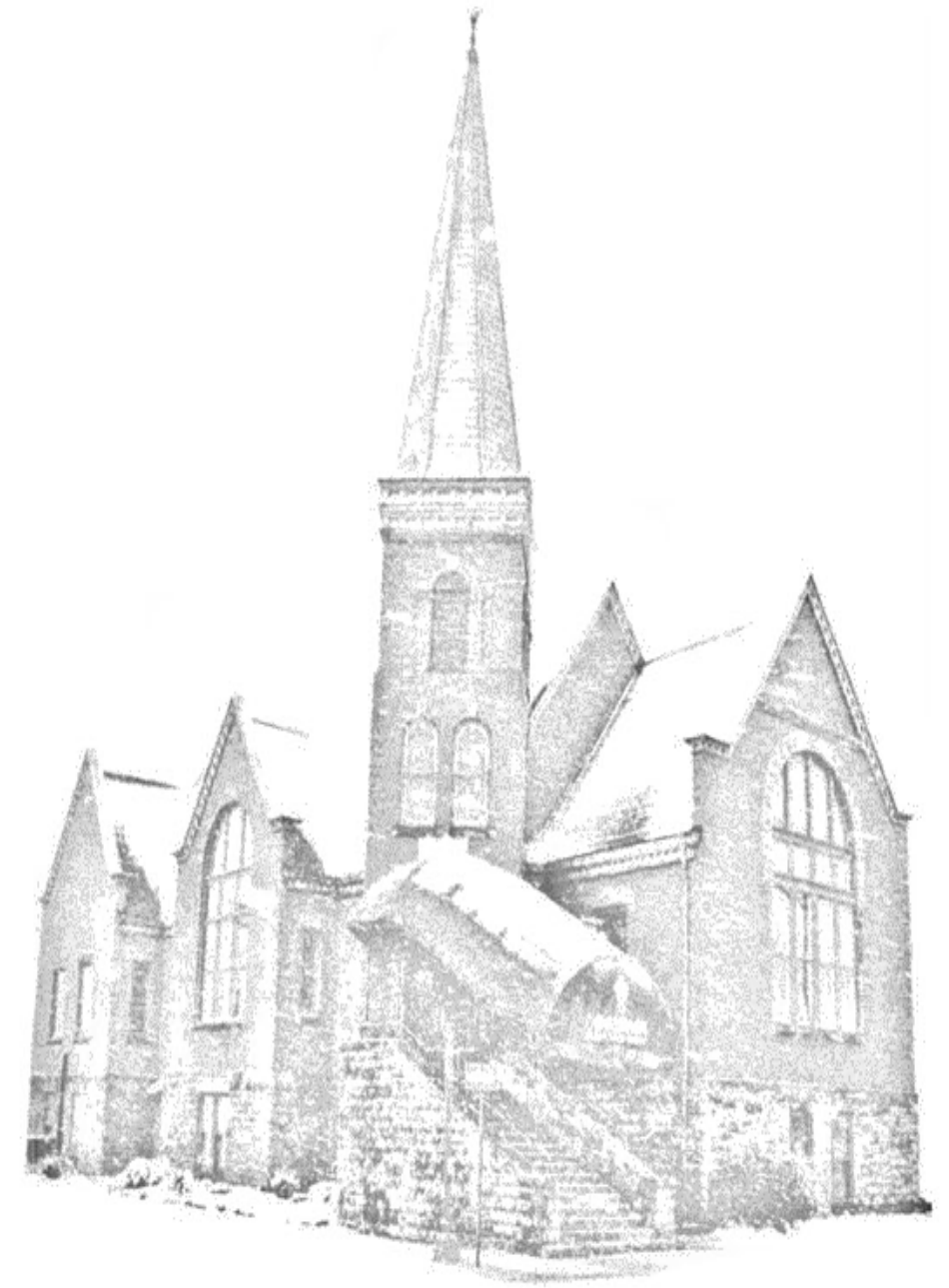
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Lord's Day, January 17, 2021

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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