

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 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Minister)** Psalm 103:20-22

Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word! Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will! Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul!

***SONG OF ASCENT (Unison)** Holy, Holy, Holy!
Trinity Hymnal, 100 vs. 1, 2, 4

SCRIPTURE READING Ruling Elder

*Psalm 51:17
Romans 12:1-2*

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

***HYMN OF PRAISE (Unison)** Fairest Lord Jesus
Trinity Hymnal, 170

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 51:1-2

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison) 2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake [God] made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

***HYMN OF REJOICING (Unison)** Psalm 34

1. Through all the chang-ing scenes of life, in trou-ble and in joy, the
2. Oh, mag-ni-fy the Lord with me; with me ex-alt his name; when
3. Oh, make but tri-al of his love, ex-per-ience will de-cide how
prais-es of my God shall still my heart and tongue em-ploy. Of
in dis-tress to him I called, he to my res-cue came. The
blest they are, and on-ly they, who in his truth con-fide. Fear
his de-liv-erance I will boast, till all that are dis-tressed from
hosts of God en-camp a-round the dwell-ings of the just; de-
him, ye saints, and you will then have no-thing else to fear; make
my ex-am-ple com-fort take, and charm their griefs to rest.
liv-erance he af-fords to all who on his suc-cor trust.
you his ser-vice your de-light, your wants shall be his care.

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.

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 A Beautiful Thing Dr. John Clayton
Matthew 26:1-16 (Pew Bible, 831)

***HYMN OF RESPONSE (Unison)** Trust and Obey
Trinity Hymnal, 672 vs. 1, 4, 5

***PASTORAL BENEDICTION (Minister)** Based on Philippians 4:7

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Congregation: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE Have Thine Own Way, Lord!

* = 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

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I. Introduction

II. The Plot

III. The Purpose

A. Priorities

B. Praise

C. Preparation

IV. The Perfidy

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.

Women's Evening Bible Study: Please join us Tuesday, February 2nd, for our next evening study at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and online via Zoom. We will be covering chapters 7 and 8.

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.

MTW Virtual Conference: MTW will be hosting a virtual missions conference on Friday and Saturday, February 19th and 20th. There is no charge for the conference, but you must register to watch/participate. Please visit mtw.org/vmc for more information and to register.

The AC Course: Steven Atkinson with CWI has created a homestudy course created to assist and equip you in local Jewish evangelism. If you are interested in the course, simply email cwinamerica@gmail.com and write "Subscribe AC" in the subject line.

Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – January 24th: \$10,653	General fund giving (YTD): \$43,765
Designated giving: \$36	Designated giving (YTD): \$292
Total giving: \$10,689	Total giving (YTD): \$44,057

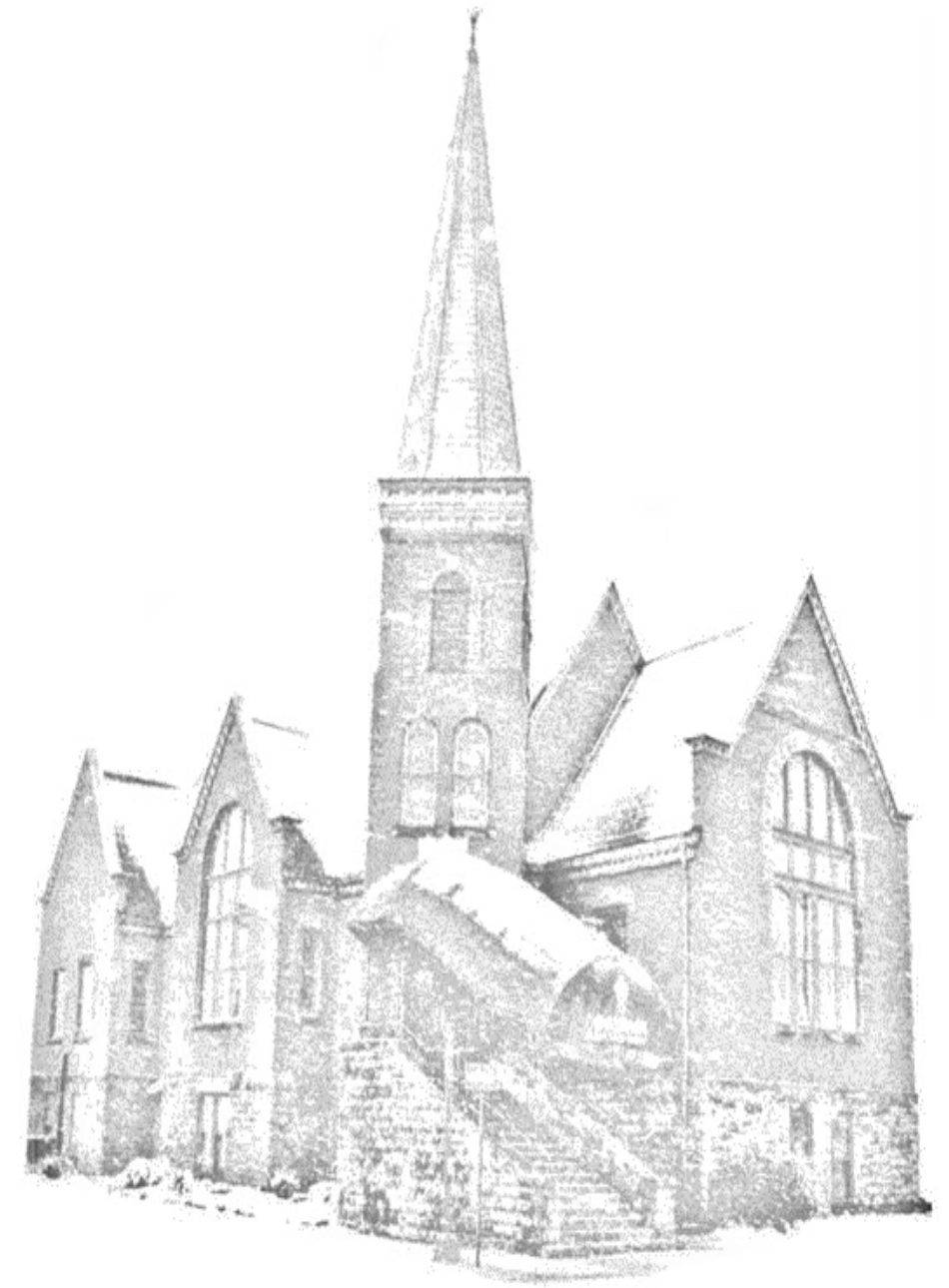
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Lord's Day, January 31, 2021 10:30 A.M.

"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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