

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Minister)

Psalm 147:1-5

Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting. The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

*SONG OF ASCENT (Unison)

Psalm 92 (verses 1-6, 13-15)

1. It's good to thank the Lord, to praise your name, Most High; to
2. Your deeds, Lord, made me glad; I'll sing of what you've done. How
3. You've raised, like ox, my horn, Poured fresh oil on my head. You
4. Those plant - ed by the Lord will in God's courts be seen; when

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tell your love at dawn, your faith - ful - ness by night with ten - stringed
great your works, O Lord, how deep your thoughts each one. A sense - less
made me see the spies And hear what plot - ters said. Like thriv - ing
10 old they'll still bear fruit and flour - ish fresh and green, and this pro -

lyre, re - sound - ing mu - sic played up - on the harp and lyre.
man de - void of know - ledge thisn truth will not un - der - stand.
palm The right - eous grows, like ce - dars tall On Leb - a - non.
claim: how up - right is the Lord, my rock, no wrong in him!

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruling Elder

*Hosea 2:23, 1:10
1 Timothy 1:15-16*

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

*HYMN OF PRAISE (Unison)

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
Trinity Hymnal, 164 vs. 1, 3, 4, 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)

Ezra 9:6

*O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift my face to you, my God, for our iniquities
have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has mounted up to the heavens.*

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison)

Romans 8:1-2

*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law
of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death*

*HYMN OF REJOICING (Unison)

*To God Be the Glory
Trinity Hymnal, 55*

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

*Vessels of Mercy
Romans 9:14-23 (Pew Bible, 945)*

Dr. John Clayton

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (Unison)

*Have Thine Own Way, Lord!
Trinity Hymnal, 688*

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

*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

Lord, My Weak Thought in Vain Would Climb

* = 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

Vessels of Mercy
Romans 9:14-23 (Pew Bible, 945)

I. Introduction

II. Who are you?

III. Who is God?

IV. How shall we then live?

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.

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.

Children & Restrooms: Parents, please accompany your children to the restroom during the worship service.

Women's Evening Bible Study: Our monthly Women's Bible Study will meet Thursday, March 3rd at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom. We are on chapter 5 of our study, *Alive in Him*, by Gloria Furman. Please join us!

Ladies Bunco Night: Friday, March 4th at 6:30 pm at the Creekmore Park Community Center, Azalea Room. Please bring a savory or sweet snack.

February Fellowship Luncheon: Our Covenant Family Meal is TODAY after the service in the Fellowship Hall. Menu: pasta bar (vegetarian and gluten free option available), salad, and bread. Please join us!

JBU Spring Choir Concert: Please join us on Saturday, March 19th at 6:00 p.m. as we host the John Brown University Choir for their Spring Concert.

New Members: Please welcome our newest church members Rusty Peoples and Michael and Emilie Games. New communing members make a public profession of faith and assent to the following declarations and promises, entering into a solemn covenant with God and his Church.

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – February 20th: \$3,850	General fund giving (YTD): \$80,214
Designated giving: \$50	Designated giving (YTD): \$325
Total giving: \$3,900	Total giving (YTD): \$80,539

Ministry Staff

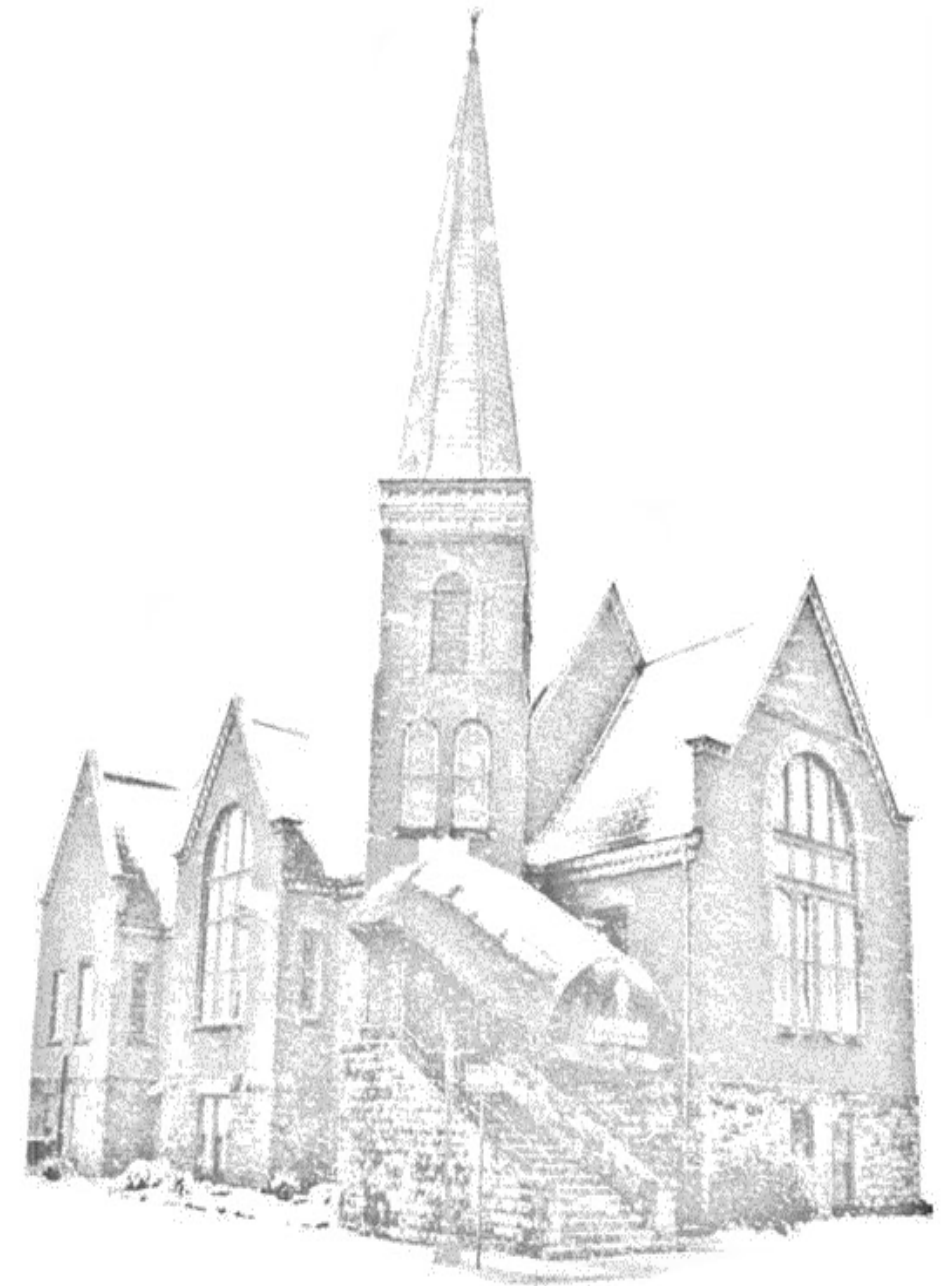
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Lord's Day, February 27, 2022

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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