

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 Sacred Head, Now Wounded

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Minister)

Psalm 30:1-4

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me. O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit. Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

*SONG OF ASCENT (Unison)

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruling Elder

Psalm 51:1-17
2 Peter 3:8-9

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE (Unison)

O Thou That Hea'st When Sinners Cry
Trinity Hymnal, 485 vs. 1-3

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)

The Apostles' Creed



1. I be - lieve in God the Fa - ther, Ma - ker of the heav'n and earth, and in
2. Suf - fered un - der Pon - tius Pi - late, cru - ci - fied, en - dur - ing hell, laid with -
3. At God's right hand he is seat - ed, 'til his com - ing, as he said; fin - al
4. I be - lieve the church of Je - sus ho - ly, cath - o - lic re - mains; we are

Je - sus Christ, our Sav - ior, God's own Son, of match - less worth; by the
in the grave so si - lent, as the proph - ets did fore - tell. But the
judg - ment will be met - ed to the liv - ing and the dead. I con -
one thro' all the ag - es, the com - mun - ion of the saints. I be -

Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ed, vir - gin Mar - y bore God's Son, he in
stone - sealed tomb was emp - tied on the third day; he a - rose: in - to
fess the Ho - ly Spir - it has been sent thro' Christ the Son to ap -
lieve sins are for - giv - en, that our bod - ies will be raised, life with

whom I have be - liev - ed: God Al - might - y, Three in One.
heav - en made his en - try, Might - y Con - queror of his foes.
ply sal - va - tion's mer - it; God the Spir - it, Three in One.
God is nev - er end - ed. A - men, let his name be praised.

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 Rooster's Crow
Matthew 26:69-27:10 (Pew Bible, 833)

Dr. John Clayton

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

Before the Throne of God Above



1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair, and tells me of the guilt with -
3. Be - hold Him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect spot - less right - eous -

plea, a great High Priest whose name is love, who e - ver lives and pleads for
in, up - ward I look and see Him there, who made an end to all my
ness, the great un - change - a - ble "I Am," the King of glo - ry and of

me. My name is writ - ten on His hands, my name is writ - ten on His
sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
grace. One with Him - self I can - not die, my soul is pur - chased by His

heart; I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence de -
free, for God the Just is sat - is - fied to look on Him and par - don
blood; my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Sav - ior and my

part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
me, to look on Him and par - don me.
God, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (Unison)

Benediction
Trinity Hymnal, 730

*PASTORAL BENEDICTION (Minister)

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

Congregation: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Sermon Notes

The Rooster's Crow

Matthew 26:69-27:10 (Pew Bible, 833)

I. Introduction

II. Denied

III. Devastated

IV. Departed

V. Delivered

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. 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.

Lord's Supper: We will be observing the Lord's Supper this morning. We ask that you begin now examining yourself and preparing your heart to celebrate the sacrament. If you are not a member of Covenant, you are welcome to celebrate the sacrament with us if you have made a credible profession of faith in Christ, have been baptized, and are in good standing with a like-kind Protestant church.

Benevolence Giving: We take up a separate offering for benevolence on the Lord's Supper Sunday (first Sunday of each month). Please designate benevolence gifts on your giving envelope and place it in the benevolence box at the back of the sanctuary.

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.

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.

Women's Evening Bible Study: We have made a change to our monthly Women's Bible Study. For the remainder of our Spring study, we will meet on **the 2nd Monday of the month**, beginning in March. Our next meeting will be **Monday, March 8th at 6:30 pm**. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom. Our Zoom information will remain the same.

Church Officer Nominations: We are currently accepting nominations for the office of Ruling Elder or Deacon between March 1st and 31st. Nomination forms are available in the church foyer or by contacting the church office.

Holy Week Services: March 28th – April 4th
Palm Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Maundy Thursday (Communion Service) - 6:00 p.m.
Good Friday Service - 6:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday Service – 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – February 28th: \$8,902	General fund giving (YTD): \$91,543
Designated giving: \$60	Designated giving (YTD): \$663
Total giving: \$8,962	Total giving (YTD): \$92,206

Ministry Staff

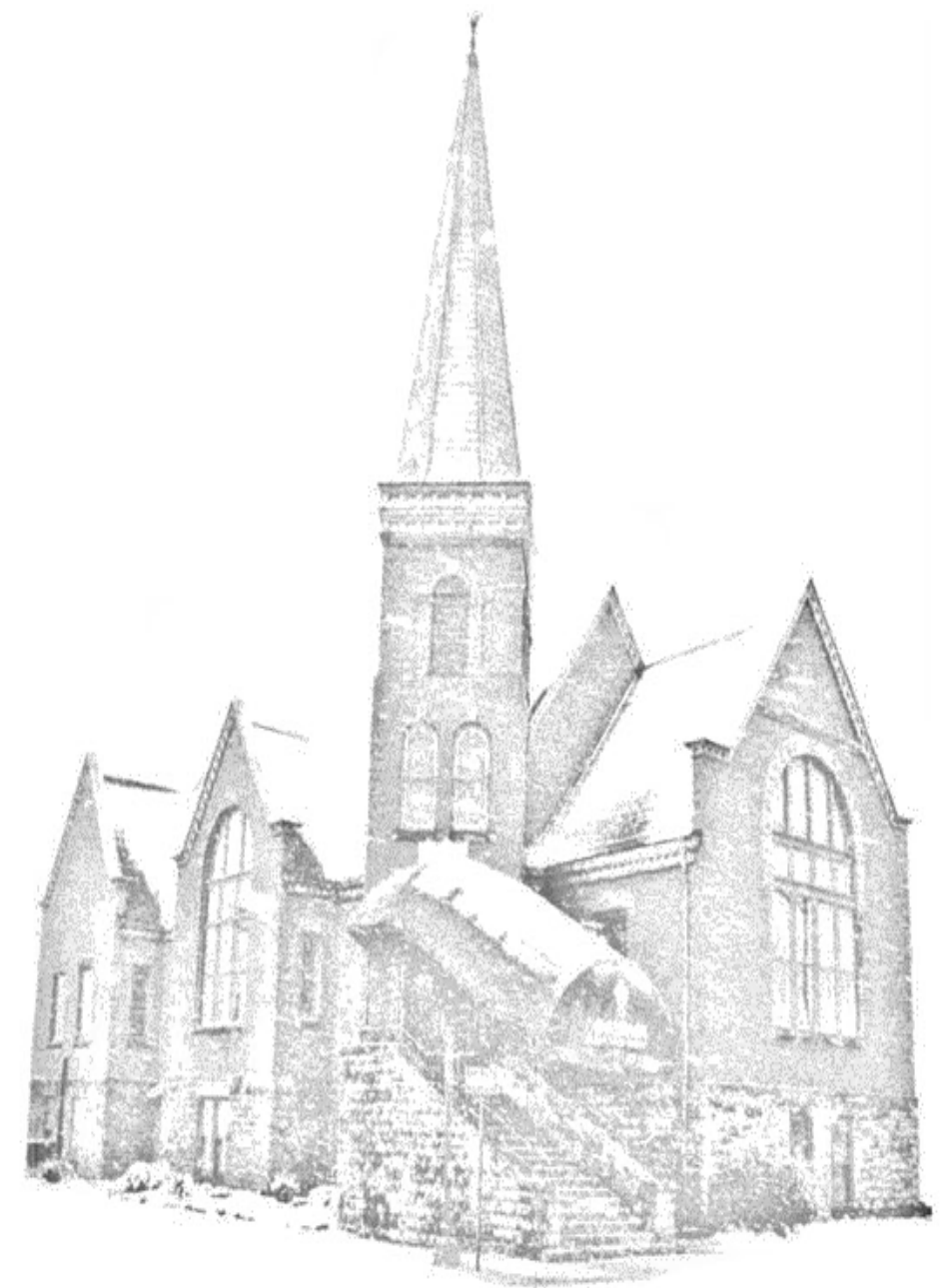
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Lord's Day, March 7, 2021

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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