

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 Sing, Choirs of New Jerusalem

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Minister) (Based on John 8:12; Luke 1:79)

Minister: *Jesus Christ is the light of the world. He came to give life to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide their feet into the way of peace. Whoever follows him will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. Christians, come and follow him. Come and worship your risen Lord!*

***SONG OF ASCENT** (Unison) *Join All the Glorious Names*
Trinity Hymnal, 301 vs. 1, 2, 3, 5

SCRIPTURE READING Ruling Elder

Isaiah 59:14-21
Hebrews 8:6-13

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

***HYMN OF PRAISE** (Unison) *Psalm 126*

1. When Zi-on's for-tunes God re-stored, it was a dream come true. Our
2. Re-store our for-tunes, gra-cious LORD, like streams in des-ert soil. A

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mouths were then with laugh-ter filled, our tongues with songs a-new. The
joy-ful har-vest will re-ward the weep-ing sow-er's toil. The

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na-tions said, "The LORD has done great things for Is-ra-el." The
man who, bear-ing seed to sow, goes out with tears of grief, will

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LORD did might-y things for us, and joy our hearts knew well.
come a-gain with songs of joy, bear-ing his har-vest sheaf.

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

* = 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).

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 *The Mystery of Israel* Dr. John Clayton
Romans 11:16-32 (Pew Bible, 947)

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** (Unison) *God Moves in a Mysterious Way*

1. God moves in a mys-te-ri-ous way, his
2. Ye fear-ful saints fresh-cour-age take, the
3. Judge not the Lord by fee-ble sense, but
4. His pur-pos-es will rip-en fast, un-
5. Blind un-be-lief is sure to err, and

won-ders to per-form. He plants his foot-steps on the
clouds you so much dread, are big with mer-cy, and shall
trust him for his grace. Be-hind a frown-ing prov-i-
fold-ing ev-'ry hour. The bud may have a bit-ter
scan his work in-vain. God is his own in-ter-pre-

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***PASTORAL BLESSING** (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 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

Sermon Notes

The Mystery of Israel

Romans 11:16-32 (Pew Bible, 947)

I. Introduction

II. Broken Off

III. Grafted in

IV. Grown together

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.

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.

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

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 May Parish Groups will meet Sunday, May 15th. Check with your parish leader for time and location.

Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – May 1st: \$11,324

Designated giving: \$240

Total giving: \$11,564

General fund giving (YTD): \$190,898

Designated giving (YTD): \$2,169

Total giving (YTD): \$193,067

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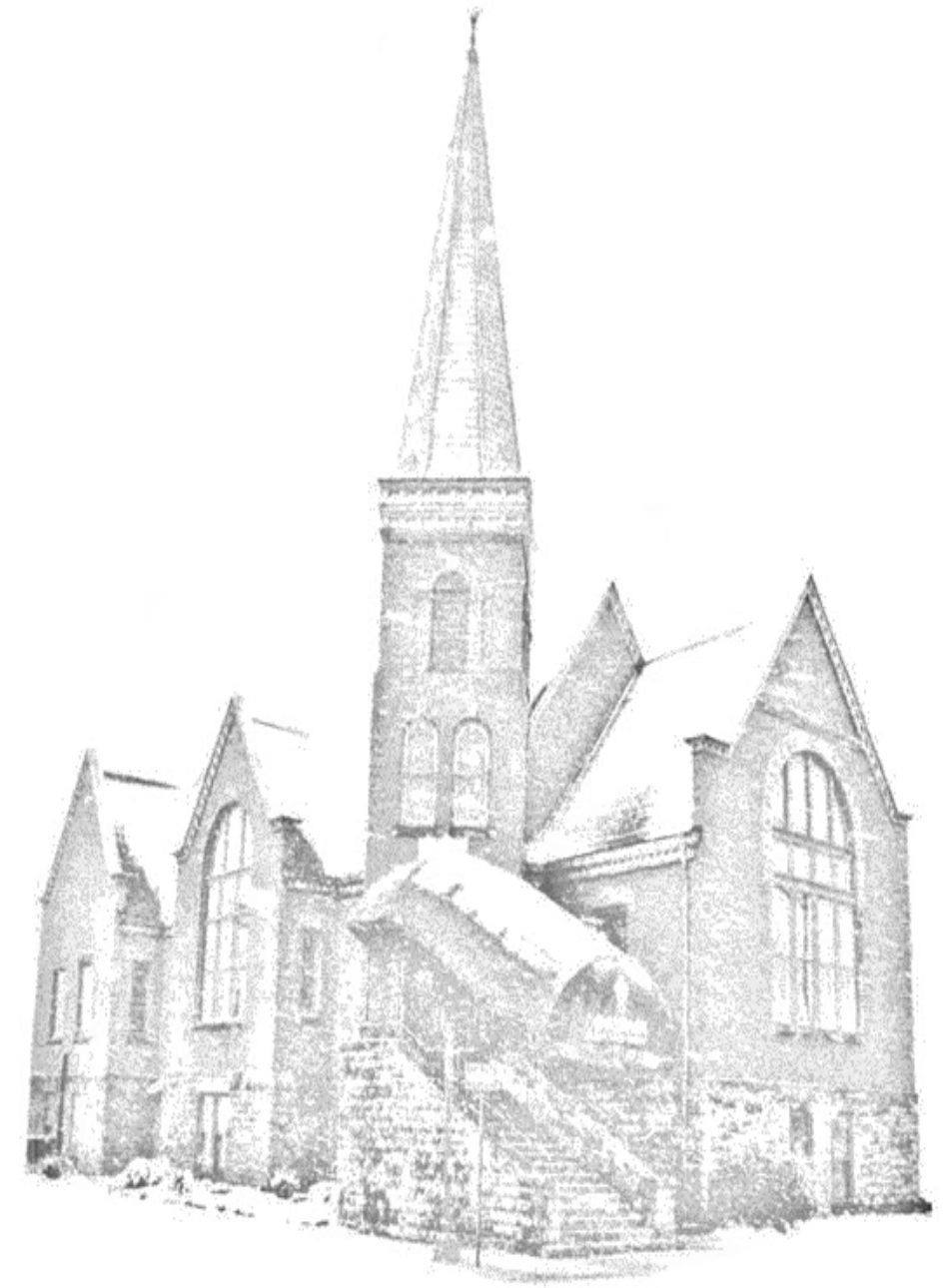
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Lord's Day, May 8, 2022

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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