

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 Holy Ghost, Dispel Our Sadness

THE SILENT PRAYER UPON ENTERING THE CHURCH

O God, who as at this time taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending to them the light of Your Holy Spirit; grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Savior, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Minister) Based on Romans 8:16-17

Minister: The Holy Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs of God. Fellow heirs with Christ, come and bow your hearts to the Father and worship him.

***SONG OF ASCENT** (Unison) Eternal Spirit, God of Truth
(Based on Psalm 51:10-12)

1. E - ter - nal Spir - it, God of truth, our con - trite hearts in - spire; ig -
2. Sub - due the pow'r of ev - 'ry sin, what - e'er that sin may be, that
5 nite a flame of heav'n - ly love, and feed the pure de - sire. 'Tis
9 we, in sin - gle - ness of heart, may wor - ship on - ly thee. Then
13 thine to sooth the sor - r'wing mind, with guilt and fear op - pressed; 'tis
with our spir - it witness bear that we are sons of God, re -
thine to bid the dy - ing live, and give the wea - ry rest.
deemed from sin and death and hell thro' Christ's a - ton - ing blood.

SCRIPTURE READING Ruling Elder

Isaiah 63:7-14
Ephesians 1:3-6

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

***HYMN OF PRAISE** (Unison)

How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place
Trinity Hymnal, 469 vs. 1-4

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 79:9-10a

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and atone for our sins, for your name's sake! Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?"

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison) 1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

***HYMN OF REJOICING** (Unison) Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord
Trinity Hymnal, 465

CONFESSION OF FAITH (Responsive) Westminster Confession of Faith,
Chapter 13

Minister: They, who are once effectually called, and regenerated, having a new heart, and a new spirit created in them, are further sanctified, really and personally, through the virtue of Christ's death and resurrection, by his Word and Spirit dwelling in them:

Congregation: the dominion of the whole body of sin is destroyed, and the several lusts thereof are more and more weakened and mortified;

Minister: and they more and more quickened and strengthened in all saving graces, to the practice of true holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.

Congregation: This sanctification is throughout, in the whole man; yet imperfect in this life, there abiding still some remnants of corruption in every part;

Minister: whence ariseth a continual and irreconcilable war, the flesh lusting against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh.

Congregation: In which war, although the remaining corruption, for a time, may much prevail;

Minister: yet, through the continual supply of strength from the sanctifying Spirit of Christ, the regenerate part doth overcome;

Congregation: and so, the saints grow in grace, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

PASTORAL PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* = Please stand if able.

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 For the Beauty of the Earth
Brandon Bolin, violin
Carol Cannedy, piano

***DOXOLOGY** (Unison)

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Deacon

SERMON The Goal of Our Election Dr. John Clayton
Galatians 5:16-25 (Pew Bible, 975)

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** (Unison) Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

1. Ho - ly Spir - it, Liv - ing Breath of God, breathe new life in - to my will - ing soul.
2. Ho - ly Spir - it, come a - bide with - in; may Your joy be seen in all I do.
3. Ho - ly Spir - it, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv - ing life to all that God has made.
5 Bring the pres - ence of the Ris - en Lord, to re - new my heart and make me whole.
Love e - nough to cov - er ev - 'ry sin in each thought and deed and at - ti - tude.
9 Show Your pow - er once a - gain on earth; cause Your church to hun - ger for Your ways.
Cause Your Word to come a - live in me; give me grace for what I can - not see;
13 Kind - ness to the great - est and the least; gen - tle - ness that sows the path of peace.
Let the fra - grance of our prayers a - rise; lead us on the road of sac - ri - fice,
give me pas - sion for Your pur - i - ty; Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe new life in me.
Turn my stri - vings in - to works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.
that in un - i - ty the face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

***PASTORAL BENEDICTION (Responsive)** John 14:26-27

Minister: May the Holy Spirit teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that Christ has said to you, and give you peace.

Congregation: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE Amazing Grace

Sermon Notes

The Goal of Our Election
Galatians 5:16-25 (Pew Bible, 975)

I. Introduction

II. What is holiness?

III. What keeps us from holiness?

IV. What does holiness look like?

WSC Q 35. What is sanctification?

A. Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

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 an 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. On Pentecost Sunday, red paraments adorn the pulpit and communion table and represent the color of fire of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost.

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. Parents, please accompany your children to the restroom during the worship service.

Nursery: Our nursery is available for children up to three years old during Sunday School and the worship service.

Quiet Room: A quiet room with a live audio feed of the service is available downstairs in Room 1. There, mothers may attend to the needs of their children.

Prayer Ministry: If you have a prayer request, please send your request to pray@cpdfs.org. If you would like to receive the prayer email, please go to <https://tinyletter.com/cpdfs-prays>.

Sunday School Series: In the Reformed tradition, we believe that God has chosen to work through outward and ordinary means of grace whereby we hear the gospel and are nurtured in our faith. According to the Shorter Catechism, the means of grace include "the word, sacraments, and prayer; all of which are made effectual to the elect for salvation" (WSC Q. 88). Join us next Sunday at 9:30 a.m. as we continue our study of the Ordinary Means of Grace.

Volunteers Needed: Volunteers are needed to run sound, slides, or the livestream on Sunday mornings. No experience is necessary. Please email Brandon or call the church office for more information.

VBS June 19th-21st: Parents, VBS child registration forms are on the foyer table. Thank you to all who have volunteered to help. In addition to these volunteers, we will also need volunteers for set up on Sunday, June 18th. If you have any questions regarding VBS, please contact Liddia Bournon.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper: We will be observing the Lord's Supper next Sunday. In preparation, let us consider what is required of us: "It is required of them that would worthily partake of the Lord's supper, that they examine themselves of their knowledge to discern the Lord's body, of their faith to feed upon him, of their repentance, love, and new obedience; lest, coming unworthily, they eat and drink judgment to themselves" (Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q. 97).

Pentecost Sunday: Today is Pentecost Sunday, fifty days after Easter, the occasion of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in fulfillment of the promise of Joel 2:28-32, "I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh." We recognize today our utter dependence on the gift of the Holy Spirit for salvation and living.

Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – May 21st: \$6,783
Designated giving: \$200
Total giving: \$6,983

General fund giving (YTD): \$218,397
Designated giving (YTD): \$2,292
Total giving (YTD): \$219,497

Ministry Staff

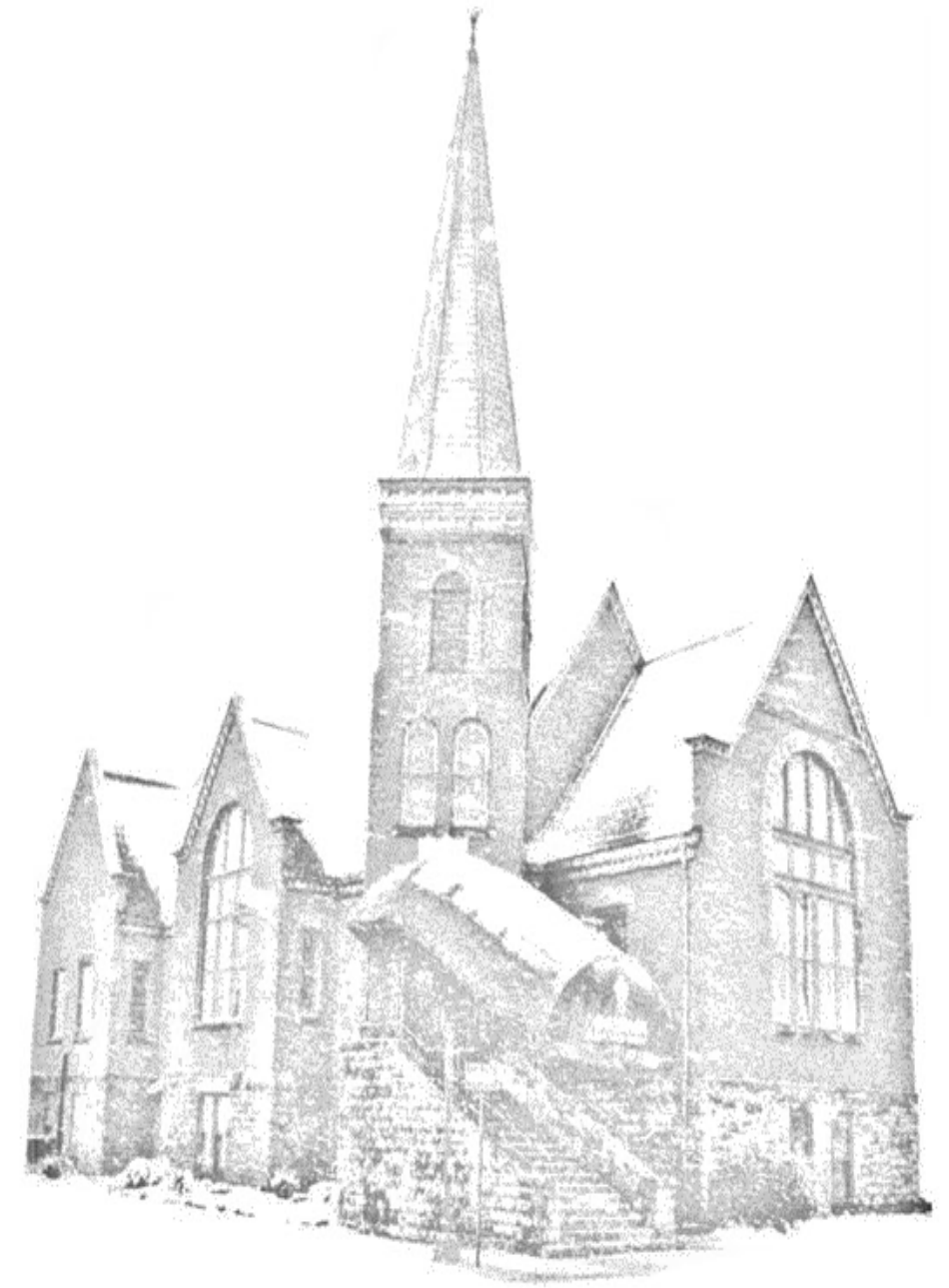
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Pentecost Sunday, May 28, 2023

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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