

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

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Minister)

Psalm 29:1-4

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness. The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters. The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

*SONG OF ASCENT (Unison)

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Trinity Hymnal, 53 vs. 1, 2, 5*

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruling Elder Greg Bailey

*Joel 2:28-32
Acts 2:1-10*

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE (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
we, in sin - gle - ness of heart, may wor - ship on - ly thee. Then
9 thine to sooth the sor - r'wing mind, with guilt and fear op - pressed; 'tis
13 with our spir - it wit - ness 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.

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

Ruling Elder Greg Bailey

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 51:3-4

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison)

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*HYMN OF REJOICING (Unison)

*Amazing Grace!
Trinity Hymnal, 460 vs. 1-3*

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

*Walk by the Spirit
Galatians 5:16-17 (Pew Bible, 975)*

Dr. John Clayton

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

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;
Kind - ness to the great - est and the least; gen - tle - ness that sows the path of peace.
13 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.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (Unison)

*Benediction
Trinity Hymnal, 730*

*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

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

* = 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

Walk by the Spirit

Galatians 5:16-17 (Pew Bible, 975)

I. Introduction

II. Presence

III. Power

IV. Purpose

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.

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.

New & Improved Library: Our library has significantly expanded! We now have over 1800 books and videos available for checkout, and they are all searchable by name, title, and subject. Go to <https://cpcfs.libib.com/> to find a book and check it out during weekly church office hours or on Sunday morning.

Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – May 24th: \$9,984
Designated giving: \$0
Total giving: \$4,497

General fund giving (YTD): \$174,173
Designated giving (YTD): \$2,334
Total giving (YTD): \$176,507

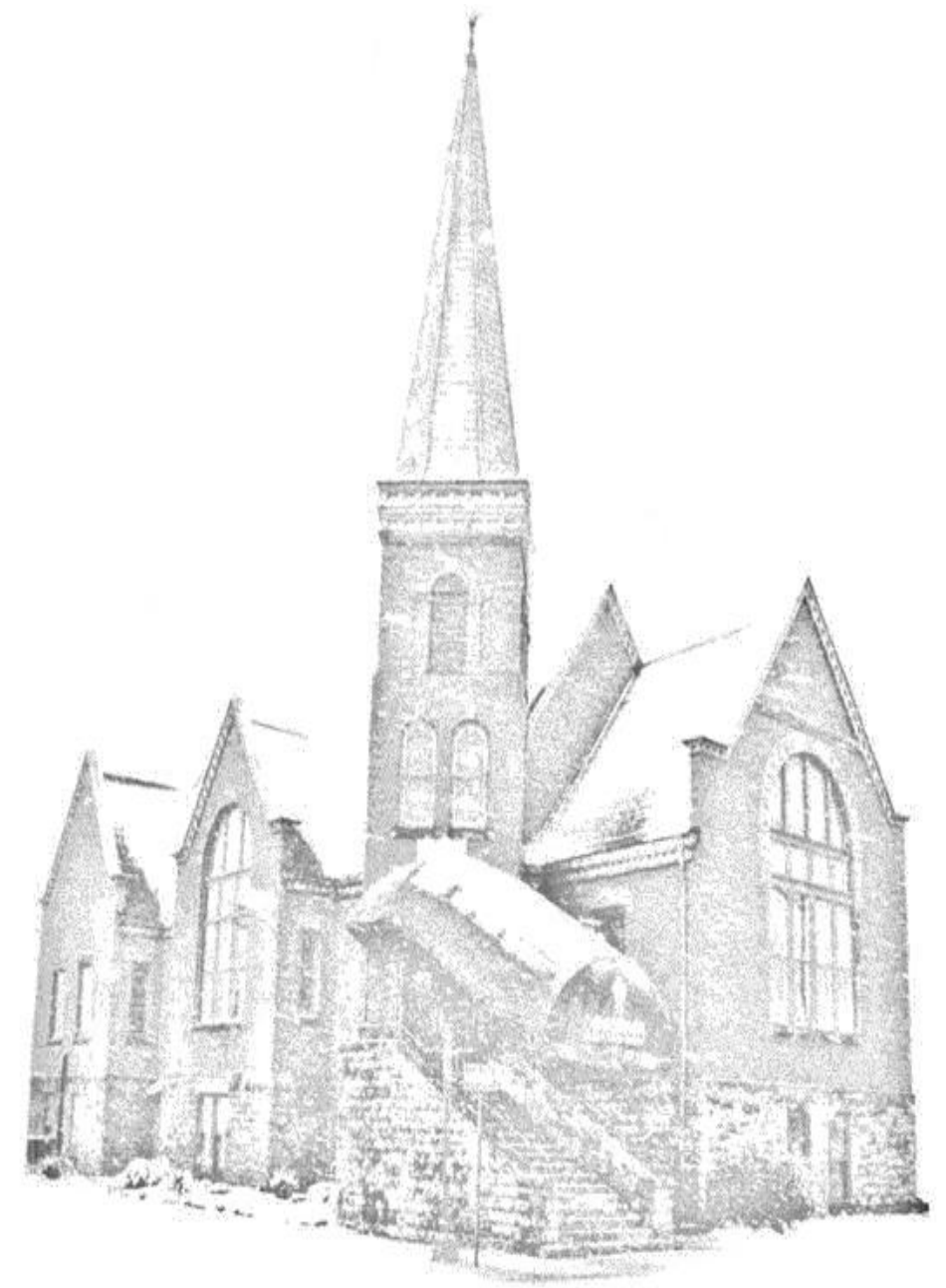
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Lord's Day, May 31, 2020

11:00 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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