

LORD'S DAY 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 God, beyond All Praising

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Based on Psalm 40:9-10; Isaiah 25:1

Minister: Tell the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; speak of the Lord's faithfulness and salvation; declare his steadfast love and faithfulness in the great congregation.

Congregation: O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things.

*SONG OF ASCENT (Unison)

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship
Trinity Hymnal, 381 vs. 1, 3, 4

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruling Elder

Isaiah 1:16-17
Luke 4:16-21

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

*HYMN OF PRAISE (Unison)

Hail to the Lord's Anointed (Psalm 72)
Trinity Hymnal, 311

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

Ruling Elder

GLORIA PATRI (Unison)

Trinity Hymnal, 734

CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison)

Daniel 9:18b-19a

For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison)

Romans 5:8-9

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

*HYMN OF REJOICING (Unison)

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 -

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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
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ness, the great un - change - a - ble "I Am," the King of glo - ry and of

12
me. My name is grav - en 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

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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.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed
Trinity Hymnal, 845

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Minister

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

VBS Children

*DOXOLOGY (Unison)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Deacon

SERMON

The Tie that Binds
Ecclesiastes 4:1-16 (Pew Bible, 555)

Dr. John Clayton

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (Unison)

Blessed Be the Tie That Binds
Trinity Hymnal, 359

*BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

Congregational Response: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

* = Please stand if able.

Sermon Notes

The Tie that Binds
Ecclesiastes 4:1-16 (Pew Bible, 555)

I. Introduction

II. When people are property

III. When people are tools

IV. When people are friends

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. 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.

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.

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.

Volunteers Needed: Volunteers are needed to run sound, slides, or the livestream on Sunday mornings. No experience is necessary. Please email Brandon at bbolin@cpdfs.org or call the church office (479-242-7737) for more information.

Covenant Women Connect: We will have our next fellowship on July 20th at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Josie Taylor. If you would like to bring a savory or sweet item to share, please do so.

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).

Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – June 18th: \$6,201
Designated giving: \$0
Total giving: \$6,201

General fund giving (YTD): \$241,780
Designated giving (YTD): \$1,200
Total giving (YTD): \$242,980

Ministry Staff

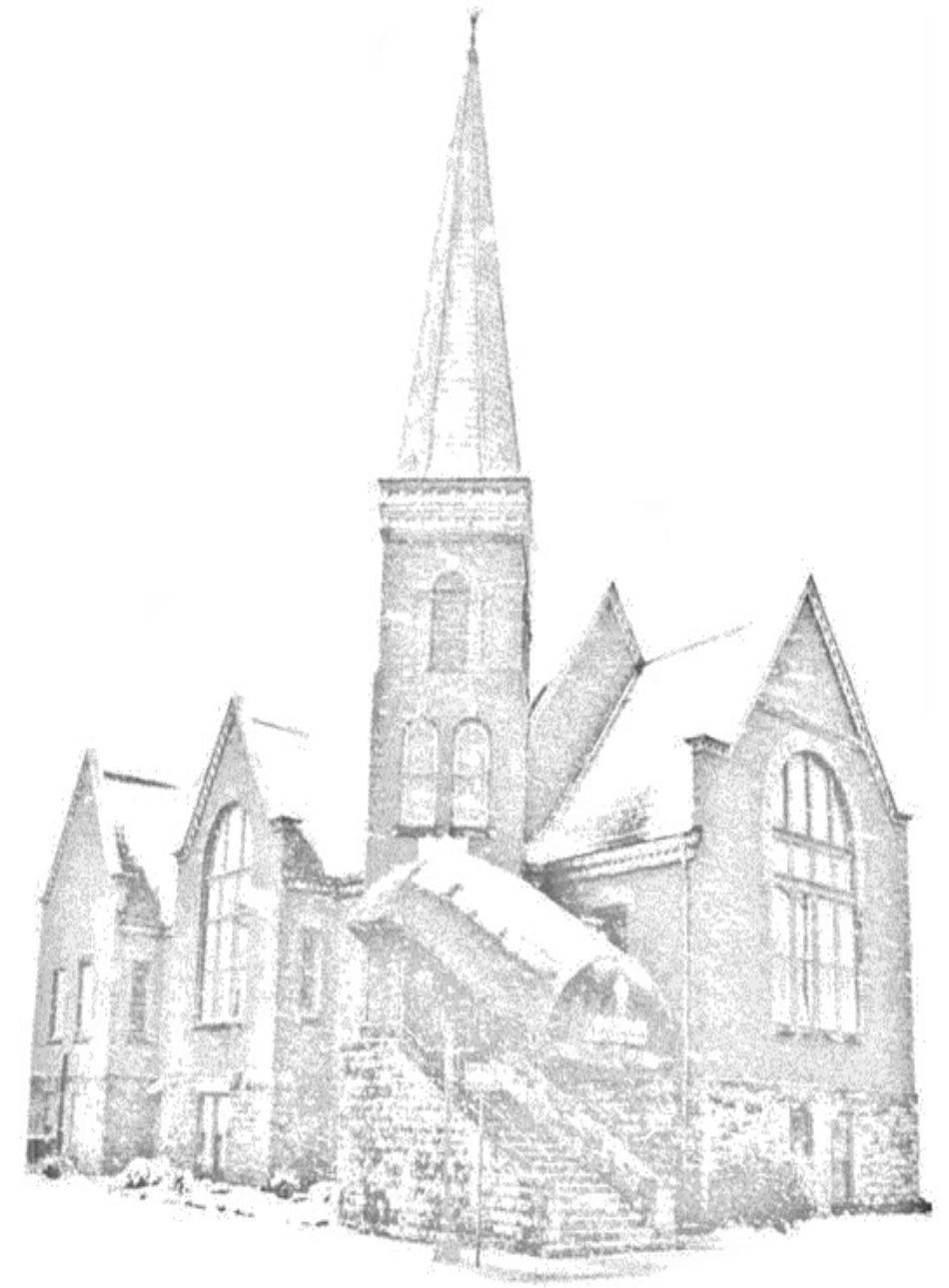
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Lord's Day, June 25, 2023

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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