

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 *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Minister) Based on Isaiah 45:1, 20, 22-23

Minister: *Thus says the Lord, "Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together; turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance."*

***SONG OF ASCENT** (Unison) *Behold Our God*

1. Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has num-bered ev'-ry grain of sand?
2. Who has giv-en coun-sel to the Lord? Who can ques-tion an-y of His words?
3. Who has felt the nails up-on His hand, bear-ing all the guilt of sin-ful man?

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Kings and na-tions trem-ble at His voice. All cre-a-tion ri-ses to re-
Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fa-thom all His won-drous
9 God e-ter-nal, hum-bled to the grave, Je-sus, Sav-ior, ri-sen now to

Chorus
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joyce. Be-hold our God, seat-ed on His throne. Come let us a-dore Him. Be-
deeds? reign!
hold our King, noth-ing can com- pare, come, let us a-dore Him!

SCRIPTURE READING Ruling Elder

Isaiah 9:2-7
Ephesians 5:1-14

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

***HYMN OF PRAISE** (Unison) *Psalm 1 vs. 1-4, 6*

1. That man is blest who, fear-ing God, from sin re-strains his feet, who
2. That man is nour-ished like a tree set by the riv-er's side; its
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will not stand with wick-ed men, who shuns the scorn-ers' seat. Yea,
leaf is green, its fruit is sure, and thus his works a-bide. The
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blest is he who makes God's law his por-tion and de-light, and
Lord will guard the right-eous well, their way to him is known; the
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med-i-tates up-on that law with glad-ness day and night.
way of sin-ners, far from God, shall sure-ly be o'er-thrown.

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) 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) *Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ*
Trinity Hymnal, 524

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

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 *Now Is the Time* Dr. John Clayton
Romans 13:11-14 (Pew Bible, 948)

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** (Unison) *Soldiers of Christ, Arise*
Trinity Hymnal, 575

***PASTORAL BENEDICTION (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 *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

* = 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

Now Is the Time

Romans 13:11-14 (Pew Bible, 948)

I. Introduction

II. Wake up

III. Cast off

IV. Put on

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.

Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – July 17th: \$3,765

Designated giving: \$0

Total giving: \$3,765

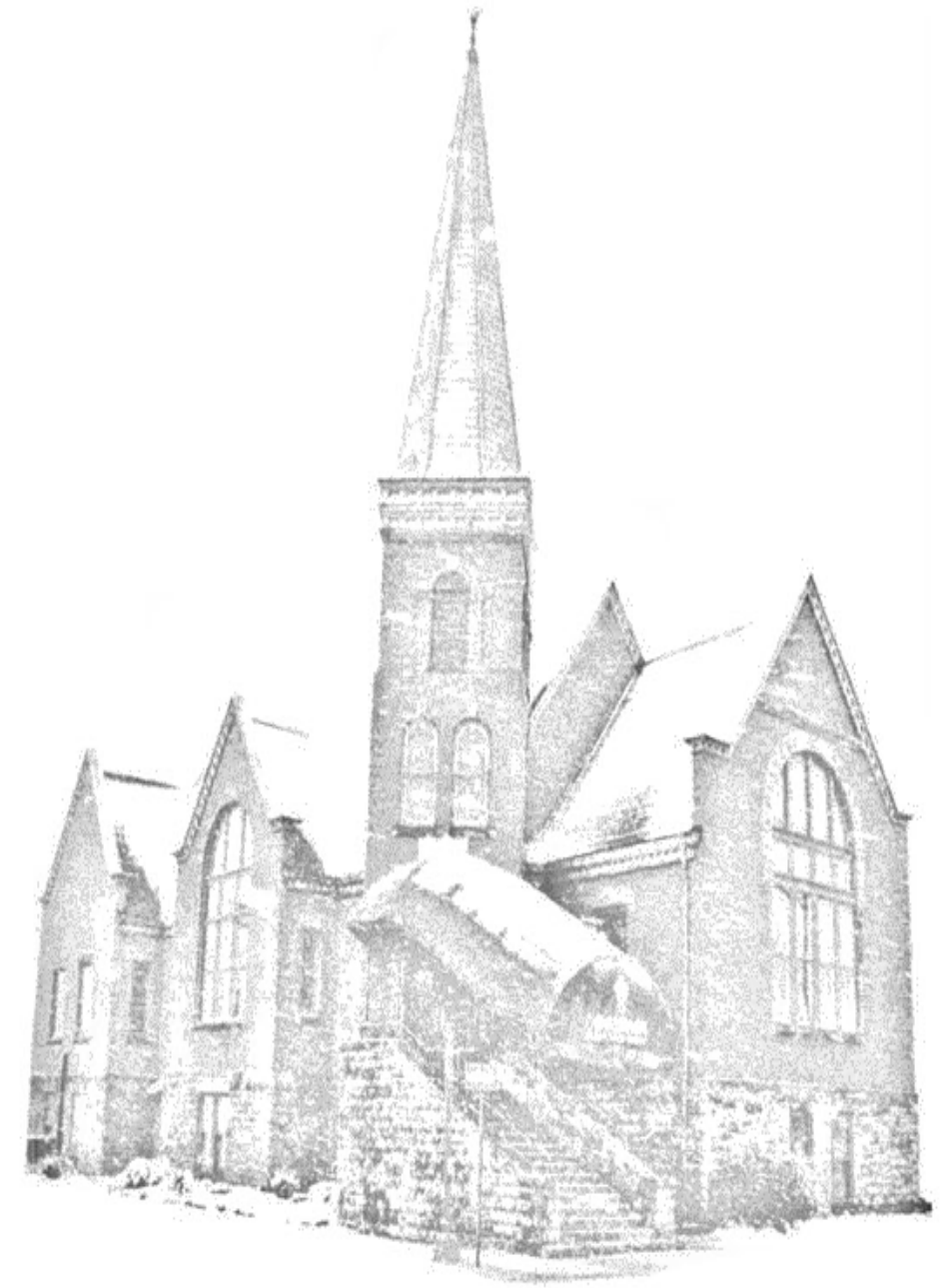
General fund giving (YTD): \$277,247

Designated giving (YTD): \$3,687

Total giving (YTD): \$280,934

Covenant Presbyterian Church

Fort Smith, Arkansas



Lord's Day, July 24, 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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