

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 Come, All Christians, Be Committed

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Elder) (Based on Hebrews 1:8)

Elder: Of the Son, the Father says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom." Brothers and sisters, come before the throne of God and worship the King.

***SONG OF ASCENT** (Unison) Christ Shall Have Dominion
Trinity Hymnal, 439

SCRIPTURE READING Ruling Elder

Ezekiel 36:22-28
Romans 11:11-15, 23-27, 30-31

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
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
thine to sooth the sor - r'wing mind, with guilt and fear op - pressed; 'tis
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

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 25:6-7

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison) Romans 6:23

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***HYMN OF REJOICING** (Unison) To God Be the Glory
Trinity Hymnal, 55

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 A Task Unfinished Rev. Stephen Atkinson
Romans 11:11-15, 23-27, 30-31(Pew Bible, 947)

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** (Unison) Facing a Task Unfinished

1. Fac - ing a task un - fin - ished that drives us to our knees, a
2. Where oth - er lords be - side you hold their un - hin - dered sway, where
3. We bear the torch that flam - ing fell from the hands of those who
4. O Fa - ther, who sus - tained them, O Spir - it, who in - spired, Sav -
need that, un - di - min - ished, re - bukes our sloth - ful ease, we
for - ces that de - fied you de - fy you still to - day, with
gave their lives pro - claim - ing that Je - sus died and rose; ours
ior, whose love con - strained them to toil with zeal un - tired, from
who re - jice to know you re - new be - fore your throne the
none to heed their cry - ing for life and love and light, the
is the same com - mis - sion, the same glad mes - sage ours; fired
13 cow - ar - dice de - fend us, from leth - ar - gy a - wake! Forth
sol - emn pledge we owe you to go and make you known.
num - bered souls are dy - ing and pass in - to the night.
by the same am - bi - tion, and you we yield our pow'rs.
on your er - rands send us to you we yield our pow'rs.
for your sake.

***BENEDICTION** (Elder) 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 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Sermon Notes

A Task Unfinished

Romans 11:11-15, 23-27, 30-31(Pew Bible, 947)

I. Our Debt and Duty

II. God's Power and Plan

III. The Immensity of their Inclusion

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.

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.

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 24th: \$9,391
Designated giving: \$80
Total giving: \$9,471

General fund giving (YTD): \$286,639
Designated giving (YTD): \$3,767
Total giving (YTD): \$290,406

Ministry Staff

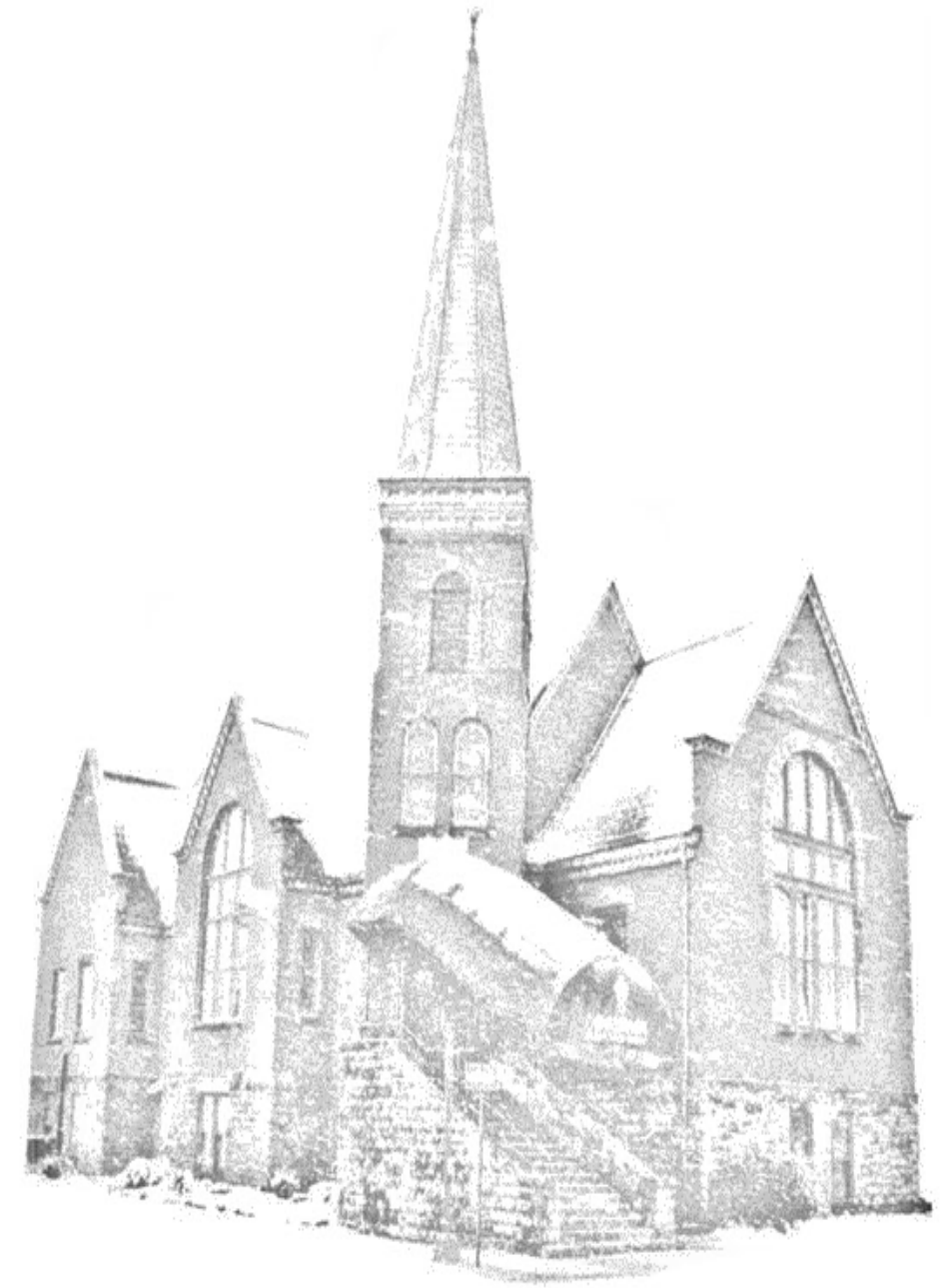
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Lord's Day, July 31, 2022

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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