

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

In Christ Alone

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsive) Based on Romans 14:11, Hebrews 2:12

Minister: *It is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God."*

Congregation: *I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.*

*SONG OF ASCENT (Unison)

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
Trinity Hymnal, 296 vs. 1, 3, 4

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruling Elder

Isaiah 45:20-25
1 Corinthians 8:9-11, 9:22

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE (Unison)

Psalm 133

1. How beau - ti - ful the sight of breth - ren who a - gree in
2. 'Tis like the dew that fills the cups of Her - mon's flow'rs; or
3. For there the Lord com - mands bless - ings, a bound - less store, from
5 friend - ship to u - nite, and bonds of char - i - ty; 'tis like the pre - cious
Zi - on's fruit - ful hill, bright with the drops of show'rs, when min - gling o - dours
11 his un - spar - ings hands, yea, life for - ev - er - more: thrice hap - py they who
oint - ment, shed o'er all his robes, from Aar - on's head.
breathe a - round, and glo - ry rests on all the ground.
meet a - bove to spend e - ter - ni - ty in love!

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

Ruling Elder

CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison)

Psalm 51:1-2

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison)

2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake [God] made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

*HYMN OF REJOICING (Unison)

The Apostles' Creed

1. I be - lieve in God the Fa - ther, Ma - ker of the heav'n and earth, and in
2. Suf - fered un - der Pon - tius Pi - late, cru - ci - fied, en - dur - ing hell, laid with -
3. At God's right hand he is seat - ed, 'til his com - ing, as he said; fin - al
5 4. I be - lieve the church of Je - sus ho - ly, cath - o - lic re - mains; we are
Je - sus Christ, our Sav - ior, God's own Son, of match - less worth; by the
in the grave so si - lent, as the proph - ets did fore - tell. But the
judg - ment will be met - ed to the liv - ing and the dead. I con -
9 one thro' all the ag - es, the com - mun - ion of the saints. I be -
Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ed, vir - gin Mar - y bore God's Son, he in
stone - sealed tomb was emp - tied on the third day; he a - rose: in - to
fess the Ho - ly Spir - it has been sent thro' Christ the Son to ap -
13 lieve sins are for - giv - en, that our bod - ies will be raised, life with
whom I have be - liev - ed: God Al - might - y, Three in One.
heav - en made his en - try, Might - y Con - queror of his foes.
ply sal - va - tion's mer - it; God the Spir - it, Three in One.
God is nev - er end - ed. A - men, let his name be praised.

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*

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY (Unison)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Deacon

SERMON

Keep the Main Thing the Main Thing
Romans 14:1-12 (Pew Bible, 948-949)

Dr. John Clayton

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INTRODUCTION, INVITATION, WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

Nothing but the Blood
Trinity Hymnal, 307 vs. 1-4

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS AND CONSECRATION

SURSUM CORDA

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (Unison)

Benediction
Trinity Hymnal, 730

*PASTORAL BENEDICTION (Minister)

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

Congregation: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

* = Please stand if able.

Sermon Notes

Keep the Main Thing the Main Thing
Romans 14:1-12 (Pew Bible, 948-949)

I. Introduction

II. In Non-essentials: Liberty

III. In Essentials: Unity

IV. In All Things: Charity

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.

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.

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. 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.

Lord's Supper: We will be observing the Lord's Supper this morning. We ask that you begin now examining yourself and preparing your heart to celebrate the sacrament. If you are not a member of Covenant, you are welcome to celebrate the sacrament with us if you have made a credible profession of faith in Christ, have been baptized, and are in good standing with a like-kind Protestant church.

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.

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 – August 7th: \$11,628
Designated giving: \$50
Total giving: \$11,678

General fund giving (YTD): \$303,613
Designated giving (YTD): \$2,574
Total giving (YTD): \$306,188

Ministry Staff

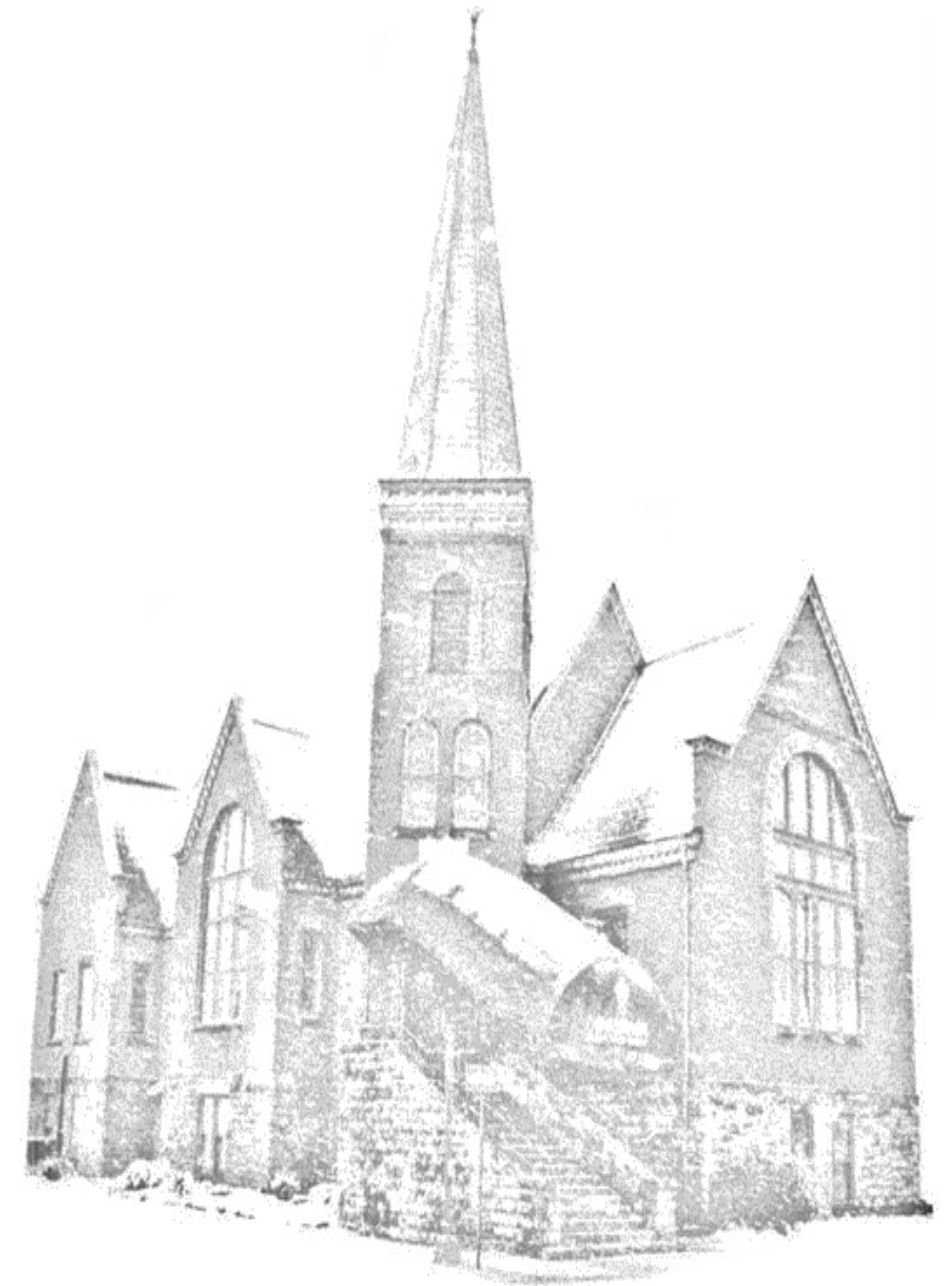
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Lord's Day, August 14, 2022

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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