

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, Thou Almighty King

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Minister)

Based on Psalm 33:4-5, 1

Minister: *The word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord. Shout for joy in the Lord, O your righteous! Praise befits the upright.*

*SONG OF ASCENT (Unison)

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Trinity Hymnal, 92

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruling Elder

Isaiah 49:1-7
Acts 15:7-9

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE (Unison)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Trinity Hymnal, 32

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 79:9-10a

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and atone for our sins, for your name's sake! Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?"

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison)

1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

*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
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-
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-
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

Take Him at His Word
Romans 15:7-13 (Pew Bible, 949)

Dr. John Clayton

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

Every Promise of Your Word vs. 1, 3, 4

1. From the break-ing of the dawn to the set-ting of the sun, I will
2. When I stum-ble and I sin, con-dem-na-tion press-ing in, I will
3. When I'm faced with an-guished choice, I will lis-ten for Your voice, and I'll
4. Hope that lifts me from de-spair, love that casts out ev-'ry fear, as I
stand on ev-'ry prom-ise of Your Word. Words of pow-er, strong to save, that will
stand on ev-'ry prom-ise of Your Word. You are faith-ful to for-give, that in
stand on ev-'ry prom-ise of Your Word. Thru' this dark and trou-bled land, You will
stand on ev-'ry prom-ise of Your Word. Not for-sa-ken, not a-lone, for the
nev-er pass a-way. I will stand on ev-'ry prom-ise of Your Word. For Your
free-dom I might live. So I stand on ev-'ry prom-ise of Your Word. Guilt to
guide me with Your hand. As I stand on ev-'ry prom-ise of Your Word. And You've
Com-for-ter has come, and I stand on ev-'ry prom-ise of Your Word. Grace suf-
cov-e-nant is sure, and on this I am se-cure I can stand on ev-'ry
in no-cence re-stored. You re-mem-ber sins no more, so I'll stand on ev-'ry
prom-ised to com-plete, ev-'ry work be-gun in me. So I'll stand on ev-'ry
fi-cient, grace for me, grace for all who will be-lieve. We will stand on ev-'ry
prom-ise of Your Word.
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SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (Unison)

Benediction
Trinity Hymnal, 730

*PASTORAL BENEDICTION (Minister)

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope

Congregation: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

Across the Land

Sermon Notes

Take Him at His Word

Romans 15:7-13 (Pew Bible, 949)

I. Introduction

II. Faithful to His People

III. Faithful to His Promises

IV. Faithful in His Provision

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.

Parish Groups: Our Parish Groups will resume, September 18th. Check with your parish leader for time and location.

Chili Cook Off: Save the date for our 9th Annual Chili-Cook Off on Sunday, October 23rd. More details to come.

Women's Bible Studies: The Wednesday morning and Thursday evening Women's Bible studies have been cancelled for now.

Prayer Ministry: If you have a prayer request that you would like the church to pray for, you can send your request to pray@cpdfs.org. Your prayer request will be sent out in our weekly prayer ministry email. If you would like to receive the weekly prayer email, please go to <https://tinyletter.com/cpdfs-prays>.

Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – August 28th: \$2,799
Designated giving: \$200
Total giving: \$6,240

General fund giving (YTD): \$325,470
Designated giving (YTD): \$2,949
Total giving (YTD): \$328,419

Ministry Staff

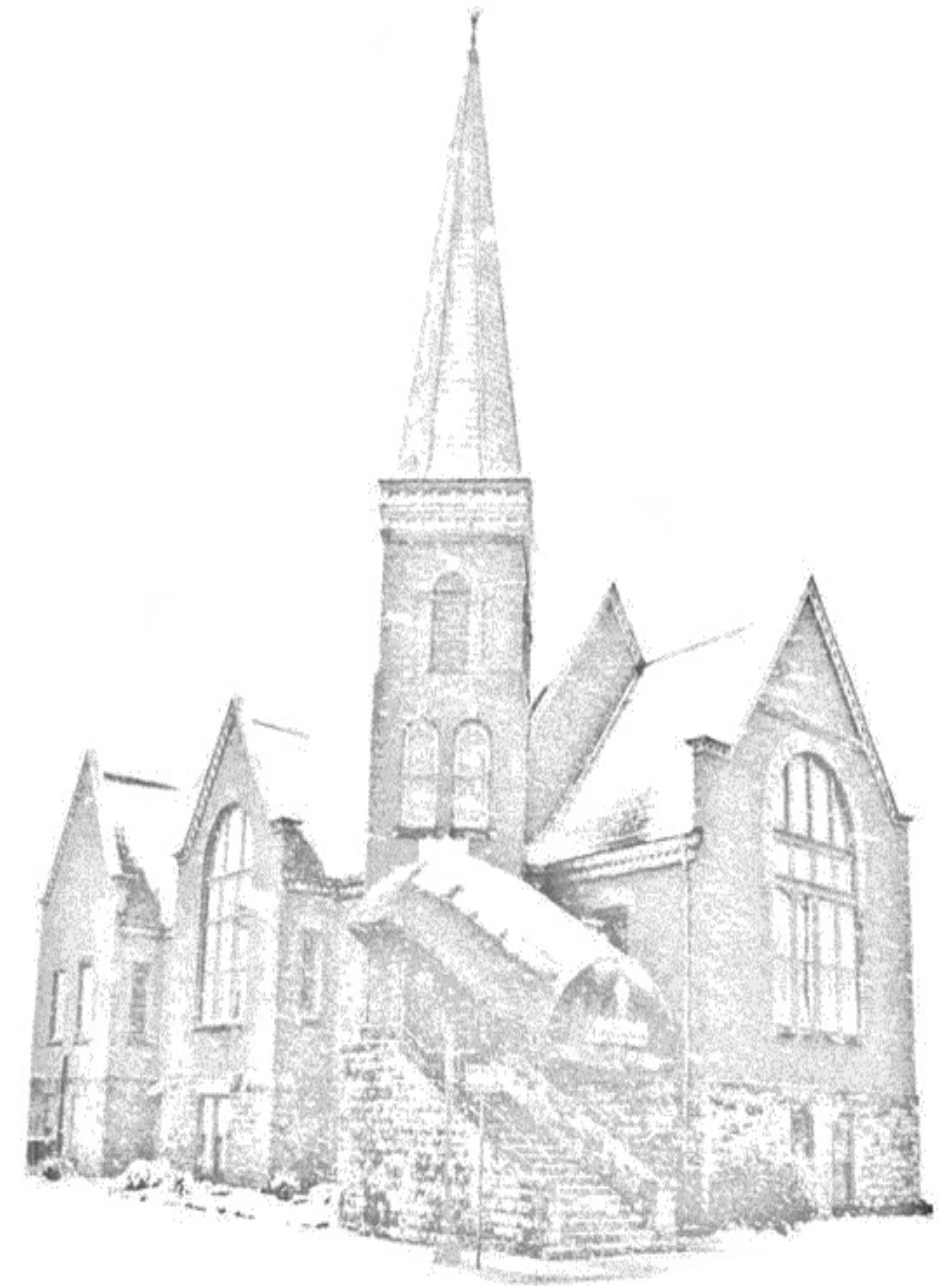
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Lord's Day, September 4, 2022

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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