

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

Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Minister)

Psalm 133

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! It is like oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

*SONG OF ASCENT (Unison)

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship
Trinity Hymnal, 381

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruling Elder

Numbers 11:16-17
1 Timothy 3:1-13

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

PASTORAL PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE (Unison)

Psalm 133

1. How ex - cel - lent a thing it is, how
2. For it is like the pre - cious oil poured
3. Like Her - mon's dew, up - on the hill of
pleas - ant and how good, when
out on Aa - ron's head, that
Zi - on it de - scends. The
bro - thers dwell in un - i - ty and
run - ning o - ver, down his beard, up
Lord com - mands his bless - ing there: the
live as broth - ers should
on his col - lar spread.
life that nev - er ends.

SERMON

The Giver's Gifts
Ephesians 4:1-16 (Pew Bible, 977)

Dr. John Clayton

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

Rick Coan, ruling elder-elect
Pete Fleps, deacon-elect
Steve Kirk, deacon-elect

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?

3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?

4. Do you accept the office of ruling elder (or deacon, as the case may be) in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?

5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?

6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity, and edification of the Church?

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

1. Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive Rick Coan as ruling elder, Pete Fleps and Steve Kirk as deacon?

2. Do you promise to yield to Rick Coan as ruling elder, and Pete Fleps and Steve Kirk as deacon all that honor, encouragement and obedience in the Lord to which his office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles him?

PRAYING AND LAYING ON OF HANDS (Elders)

RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP

THE MINISTERIAL PRONOUNCEMENT

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (Unison)

The Church's One Foundation
Trinity Hymnal, 347

PASTORAL BENEDICTION

Ephesians 3:20-21

Minister: *Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever.*

Congregation: *Thanks be to God! Amen.*

POSTLUDE

Lead On, O King Eternal

* = Please stand if able.

I. Introduction

II. Christ gives gifts

III. Christ's Church receives gifts

IV. Christ assigns gifts

Covenant Presbyterian Church of Fort Smith
Ordination & Installation

According to our *Book of Church Order*:

The Elder

This office is one of dignity and usefulness. The man who fills it has in Scripture different titles expressive of his various duties. As he has the oversight of the flock of Christ, he is termed bishop or pastor. As it is his duty to be grave and prudent, an example to the flock, and to govern well in the house and Kingdom of Christ, he is termed presbyter or elder. As he expounds the Word, and by sound doctrine both exhorts and convinces the gainsayer, he is termed teacher. These titles do not indicate different grades of office, but all describe one and the same office (8-1).

The Deacon

The office of deacon is set forth in the Scriptures as ordinary and perpetual in the Church. The office is one of sympathy and service, after the example of the Lord Jesus; it expresses also the communion of saints, especially in their helping one another in time of need (9-1).

**According to our Book of Church Order regarding the
"Doctrine of Ordination":**

1. Those who have been called to office in the Church are to be inducted by the ordination of a court.
2. Ordination is the authoritative admission of one duly called to an office in the Church of God, accompanied with prayer and the laying on of hands, to which it is proper to add the giving of the right hand of fellowship.
3. As every ecclesiastical office, according to the Scriptures, is a special charge, no man shall be ordained unless it be to the performance of a definite work.

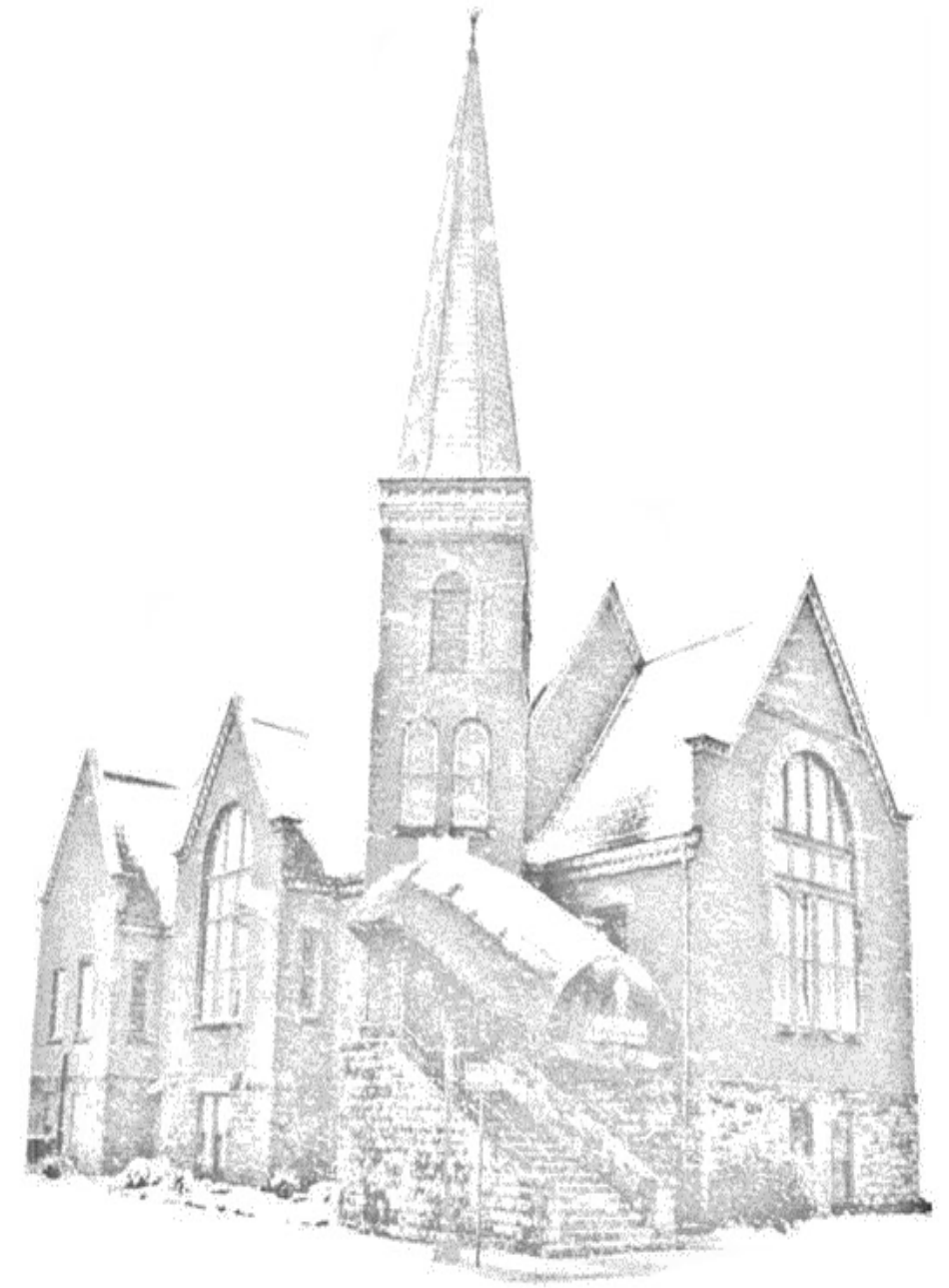
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September 12, 2021 5:30 P.M.

"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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