

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

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Minister)

Psalm 147:1-5

Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant,[a] and a song of praise is fitting. The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

*SONG OF ASCENT (Unison)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Psalm 103)
Trinity Hymnal, 53 vs. 1, 2, 4, 5

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruling Elder

Leviticus 26:11-13
Ephesians 2:14-22

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

*HYMN OF PRAISE (Unison)

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Trinity Hymnal, 457

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 25:16-18

Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison)

Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

*HYMN OF REJOICING (Unison)

Rock of Ages (When the Day Seems Long)

1. Rock of Ag - es, when the day seems long, from this
2. Rock of Ag - es, you have brought me near, you have
3. Rock of Ag - es, bro - ken, scorned for me; who am
4. Rock of Ag - es, "It is done!" You cried. The cur - tain's

la - bor and this heart - ache I have come; the skies will wear out, but you re -
poured out your life - blood, your love, your tears, to make this stone - heart come a -
torn and I see jus - tice sat - is - fied. Now write your mer - cy here on my

main the same. Rock of Ag - es, I praise your name. Rock of
live a - gain; Rock of Ag - es, for - give my sin. Rock of
9 death and pain. Rock of Ag - es, my Of - fer - ing - stand.
heart and hands. Rock of Ag - es, in faith I stand.

14 Ag - es, Rock of Ag - es, bind your child - ren un - til the
king - dom comes; Rock of Ag - es, your will be done.

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

The Nicene Creed

Minister: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

Congregation: of all things visible and invisible.

Minister: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds,

Congregation: God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,

Minister: begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;

Congregation: by whom all things were made;

Minister: who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man;

Congregation: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried;

Minister: and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;

Congregation: and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

Minister: And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,

Congregation: who proceeds from the Father and the Son;

Minister: who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

Congregation: and we believe in one holy catholic** and apostolic Church;

Minister: we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;

Congregation: and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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*

SERMON

When God Dwells
Matthew 23:37-24:1-2 (Pew Bible, 829)

Dr. John Clayton

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (Unison)

Benediction
Trinity Hymnal, 730

*PASTORAL BENEDICTION (Minister)

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

Lift High the Cross

* = Please stand if able.

**The word "catholic" means universal.

Sermon Notes

When God Dwells

Matthew 23:37-24:1-2 (Pew Bible, 829)

I. Introduction

II. When God Desires

III. When God Departs

IV. When God Dwells

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.

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.

Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – September 13th: \$18,796
Designated giving: \$345
Total giving: \$19,141

General fund giving (YTD): \$300,683
Designated giving (YTD): \$3,949
Total giving (YTD): \$304,632

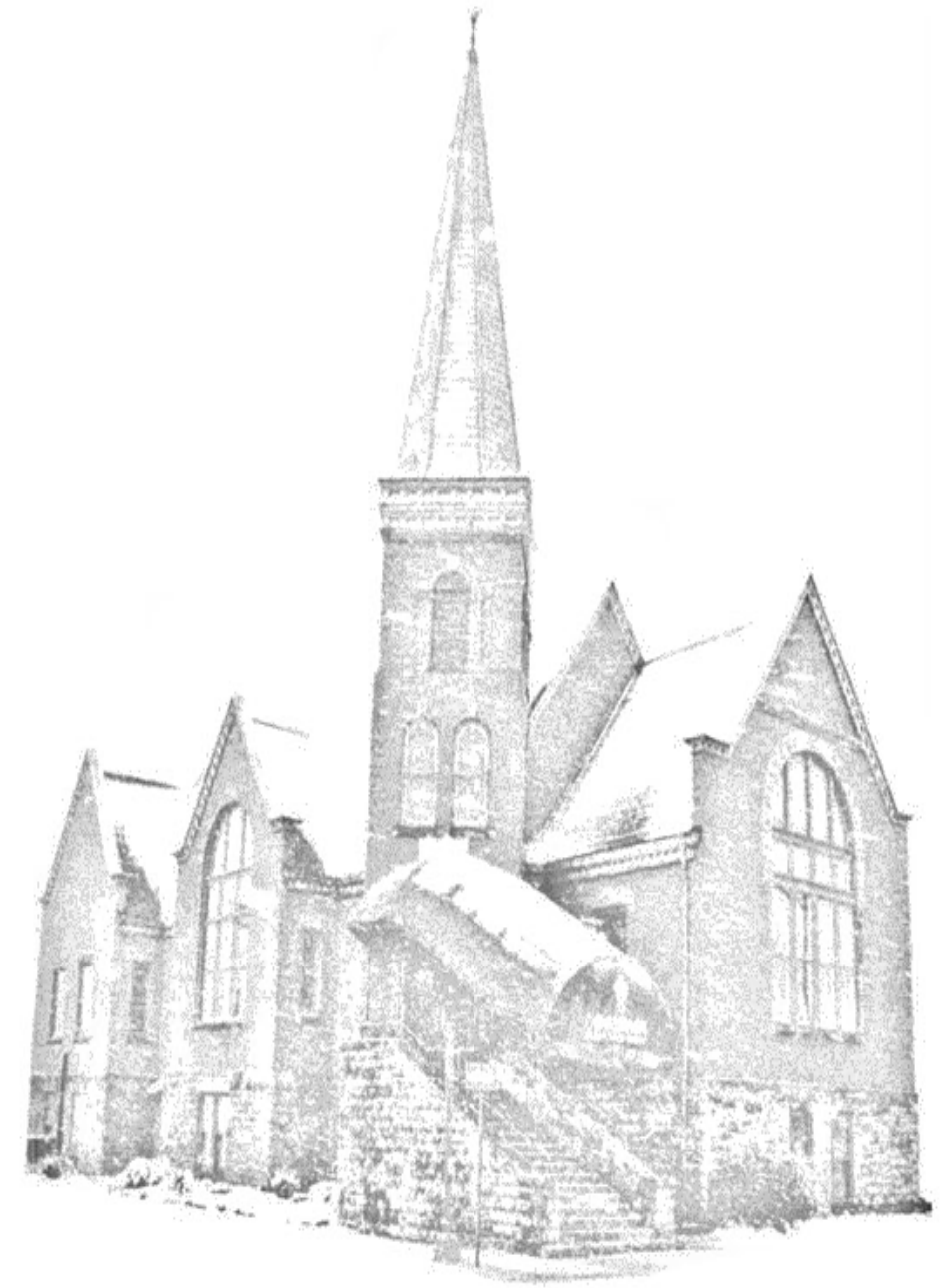
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Lord's Day, September 20, 2020

9:30 A.M. & 11:00 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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