

# LORD'S DAY 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** *Now Thank We All Our God*

## STRIKING OF THE HOUR

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsive)  
Based on Philippians 4:18-19; Psalm 19:14

**Minister:** Come to the Lord and bring a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

**Congregation:** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

**\*SONG OF ASCENT** (Unison) *God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory*  
Trinity Hymnal, 122

**SCRIPTURE READING** Ruling Elder

*Proverbs 22:8-9*  
*2 Corinthians 9:6-15*

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

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** (Unison) *Psalm 112*

1. O praise the LORD! The man is blest who fears the LORD a - right, — the  
2. The man is good and tru - ly blest who free - ly gives and lends, — who  
3. He has dis - persed his wealth a - broad and giv - en to the poor; — his  
man who finds in his com - mands his plea - sure and de - light. — His  
just - ly gov - erns his af - fairs, who truth and right ex - tends. — There  
5 horn with hon - or shall be raised, his righ - teous - ness en - dures. — The  
chil - dren will be might - y men, up - on the earth re - nowned; — the  
sure - ly is not an - y - thing that ev - er will him move; — the  
7 wick - ed looks on an - gri - ly; he grits his teeth, dis - mayed, — but  
gen - er - a - tion of the just in bless - ing will a - bound. —  
righ - teous man's me - mo - ri - al will ev - er - last - ing prove. —  
melts a - way, and his de - sire will in - to noth - ing fade. —

**PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION** Ruling Elder

**GLORIA PATRI** (Unison) Trinity Hymnal, 734

**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) *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*  
Trinity Hymnal, 32

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed*  
Trinity Hymnal, 845

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION** Minister

**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)  
*The Heav'ns Sing Praises*

**\*DOXOLOGY** (Unison) Trinity Hymnal, 731

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Deacon

**SERMON** *Live for God's Glory* Dr. John Clayton  
Ecclesiastes 11:1-10 (Pew Bible, 559)

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** (Unison) *Amazing Grace!*  
Trinity Hymnal, 460 vs. 1-4

**\*BENEDICTION** Numbers 6:24-26

**Congregational Response:** Thanks be to God! Amen.

**POSTLUDE** *Lord, Thou Lov'st the Cheerful Giver*

\* = Please stand if able.

# Sermon Notes

*Live for God's Glory*

Ecclesiastes 11:1-10 (Pew Bible, 559)

## I. Give Generously

## II. Work Diligently

## III. Walk Wisely

## IV. Trust Willingly

# 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.

**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. Parents, please accompany your children to the restroom during the worship service.

**Prayer Ministry:** If you have a prayer request, please send your request to [pray@cpcfs.org](mailto:pray@cpcfs.org). If you would like to receive the prayer email, please go to <https://tinyletter.com/cpcfs-prays>.

**Sunday School Volunteer:** We need a volunteer to teach our 1st and 2nd graders in Sunday School. If you would be interested in teaching or being on a rotation to teach, please call the church office.

**Nursery Volunteers:** We need more nursery worker volunteers. If you are willing to serve on a volunteer rotation, please contact the church office to sign-up.

### September 24th

**Sunday School** – Nan Hudson & Marian Henry

**Worship Service** – Liddia Bourlon & Claire Clayton

**Membership:** The Session will be conducting membership interviews on Sunday mornings in August and September. If you are interested in becoming a member, please first watch our Membership Matters videos (<https://cpcfs.org/intimate-relationships/membership/membership-matters>) and then call the church office to schedule your interview.

**Music Ministry:** Choir practice is on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary, and the handbell choir will begin practicing on October 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

**Covenant Game Night:** Game Night is this Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-8:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. To reserve your spot, please contact Marian Henry at (918) 728-5844 so she can coordinate the food.

**Covenant Women Connect:** We will have our next fellowship on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at the home of Karen Fleming. If you would like to, please bring a savory or sweet item to share.

**Chili Cook Off:** Save the date for our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili-Cook Off on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at Bonanza Park. More details to come.

## Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – September 17<sup>th</sup>: \$8,230

Designated giving: \$0

Total giving: \$8230

General fund giving (YTD): \$365,818

Designated giving (YTD): \$1,770

Total giving (YTD): \$367,588

## Ministry Staff

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# Covenant Presbyterian Church

Fort Smith, Arkansas



## Lord's Day, September 24, 2023

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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