

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

Now Thank We All Our God

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Minister)

Based on Genesis 2:7; Psalm 100:3-4

Minister: *The Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. It is God who made us; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!*

*SONG OF ASCENT (Unison)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Trinity Hymnal, 53 vs. 1, 2, 3, 5

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruling Elder

Psalm 100
1 Peter 4:7-11

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

*HYMN OF PRAISE (Unison)

We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator
Trinity Hymnal, 97

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)

Daniel 9:18b-19a

For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison)

Romans 5:8-9

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

*HYMN OF REJOICING (Unison)

Psalm 130 (From the Depths of Woe)

1. From the depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lam-en-ta-tion;
2. To wash a-way the crim-son stain, Grace, grace a-lone a-vail-
3. There-fore my trust is in the Lord, And not in my own mer-it;
4. Though great our sins and sore our woes, His grace much more a-bound-
-tion; Lord, turn a gra-cious ear to me And hear my sup-pli-ca-
-eth; Our works, a-las! Are all in vain; In much the best life fail-
-it; On Him my soul shall rest, His word Up-holds my faint-ing spir-
-eth; His help-ing hand no lim-it knows, Our up-most need it sound-
-tion; If Thou in-i-qui-ties dost mark, Our se-cret sins and mis-
-eth; No man can glo-ry in Thy sight, All must a-like con-fess-
-it; His prom-ised mer-cy is my fort, My com-fort, and my sweet
-eth. Our Shep-herd good and true is He, Who will at last His Is-
-deeds dark, O who shall stand be-fore Thee? O who live
- Thy might, And live a-lone by mer-cy, And live
- sup-port; I wait for it with pa-tience, I wait all-
-rael free From all their sin and sor-row, From all their
- shall stand be-fore Thee?
- a-lone by mer-cy.
- for it with pa-tience.
- their sin and sor-row.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary,
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.**

The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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 (Choir)

*DOXOLOGY (Unison)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Deacon

SERMON

The Extraordinary from the Ordinary
Romans 16:1-16 (Pew Bible, 950-951)

Dr. John Clayton

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (Unison)

By Faith

1. By faith we see the hand of God in the
2. By faith our fa-thers roamed the earth, with the
3. By faith the pro-phets saw a day when the
4. By faith the church was called to go in the
5. By faith this moun-tain shall be moved, and the
light of cre-a-tion's grand de-sign. In the lives of those who prove His
pow'r of His prom-ise in their hearts, of a ho-ly cit-y built by
longed-for Mes-si-ah would ap-pear, with the pow'r to break the chains of
pow'r of the Spir-it to the lost. To de-liv-er cap-tives and to
pow'r of the gos-pel shall pre-vail; for we know in Christ all things are
faith-ful-ness, who walk by faith and not by sight.
God's own hand, a place where peace and jus-tice reign. Chorus: We will
sin and death, and rise tri-um-phant from the grave.
preach good news in ev-'ry cor-ner of the earth.
pos-si-ble for all who call up-on His name.
stand as chil-dren of the prom-ise; we will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's re-ward; till the
race is fin-ished and the work is done. We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

*PASTORAL BLESSING (Minister)

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Congregation: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

* = Please stand if able.

**According to the Westminster Larger Catechism, "Christ's humiliation after his death consisted in his being buried, and continuing in the state of the dead, and under the power of death till the third day; which hath been otherwise expressed in these words, *He descended into hell*" (WLC 50).

Sermon Notes

The Extraordinary from the Ordinary
Romans 16:1-16 (Pew Bible, 950-951)

I. Introduction

II. Ordinary People

III. Ordinary Service

IV. Extraordinary Results

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.

Children & Restrooms: Parents, please accompany your children to the restroom during the worship service.

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.

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

Opportunities to Serve: The Community Rescue Mission needs volunteers *NOW* to serve in the following areas:

- 2 to 5 volunteers are needed to cook and serve dinner at 5:30 on the 2nd Sunday of the month and the 4th Saturday of the month.
- A volunteer is needed to answer the phone from noon to 4:00 p.m. on the 3rd and 4th Thursday of the month.
- A volunteer is needed to help with childcare on the 1st Thursdays from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and Tuesdays from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Heather Sanders at (479) 434-2155.

10-Year Anniversary Picture: October marks our 10-year anniversary, and to celebrate we are asking everyone to be present on Sunday, October 30th, for our church family picture to be taken immediately following the worship service.

Weekly Giving Summary

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| General fund giving – September 18th: \$4,577 | General fund giving (YTD): \$348,758 |
| Designated giving: \$0 | Designated giving (YTD): \$2,999 |
| Total giving: \$4,577 | Total giving (YTD): \$351,757 |

Ministry Staff

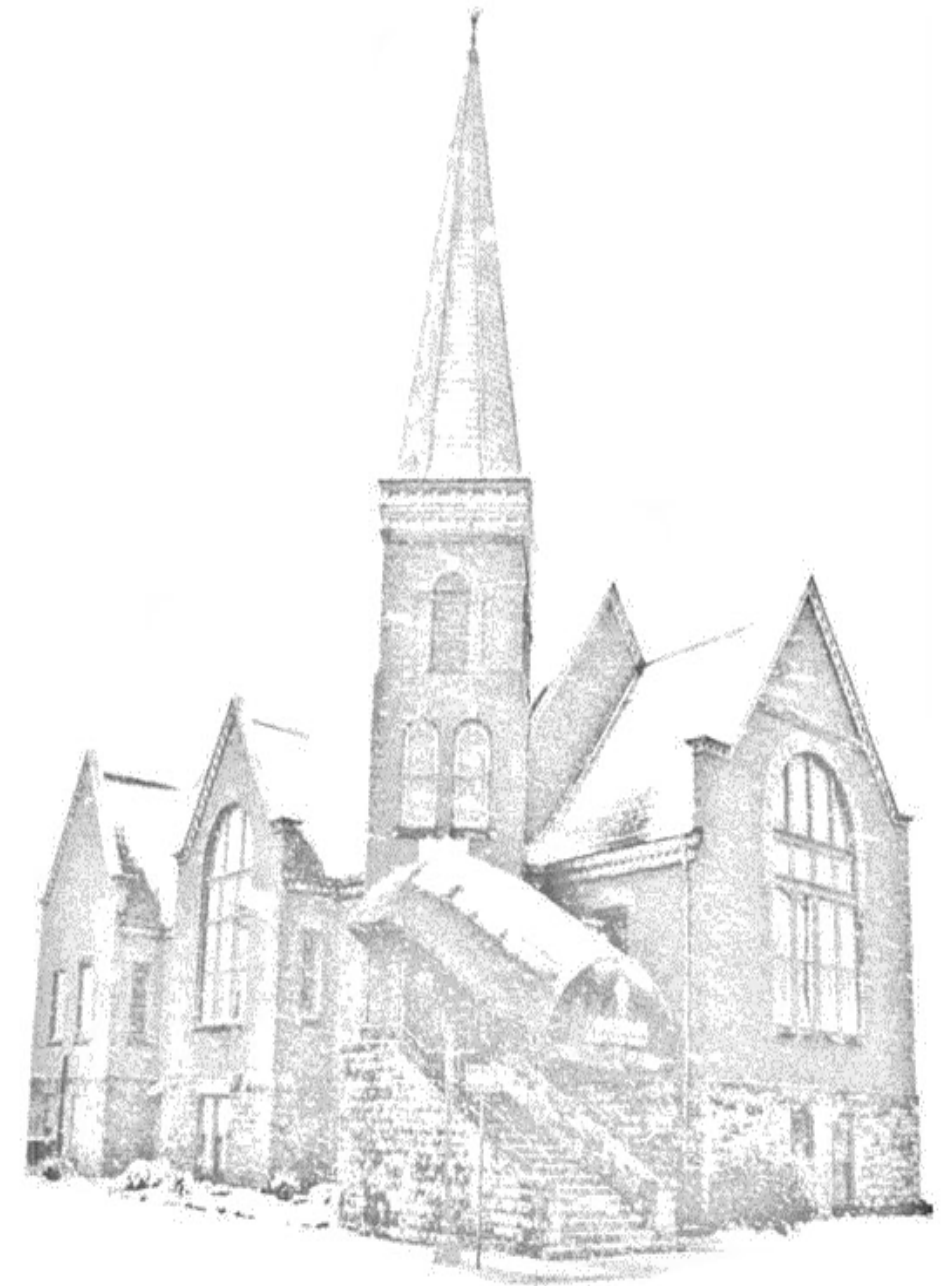
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Lord's Day, September 25, 2022

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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