

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

Let All Things Now Living

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Minister)

Based on Deuteronomy 8:3

Minister: The Lord fed your fathers manna in the wilderness, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. Come, worship Christ, the Living Word, and feed upon the Bread of Life.

*SONG OF ASCENT (Unison)

How Firm a Foundation
Trinity Hymnal, 94 vs. 1, 5, 6

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruling Elder

Psalm 119:105
2 Timothy 3:16-17

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

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

Ruling Elder

GLORIA PATRI (Unison)

Trinity Hymnal, 734

CONFESSION OF SIN (Responsive)

Ephesians 2:1-3

Elder: Let us now humbly confess our sins together

Congregation: [We] were dead in our trespasses and sins in which we once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Responsive)

Ephesians 2:4-5; Galatians 2:20

Elder: But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

Congregation: I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself up for me.

*HYMN OF REJOICING (Unison)

O Thou That Hear'st When Sinners Cry
(Psalm 51)
Trinity Hymnal, 485 vs. 1, 2, 4, 6

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Responsive)

Westminster Confession of Faith 8.1

Minister: *What do we believe concerning Christ the Mediator?*

Congregation: *It pleased God, in his eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, his only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man, the Prophet, Priest, and King, the Head and Savior of his church, the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world: unto whom he did from all eternity give a people, to be his seed, and to be by him in time redeemed, justified, sanctified, and glorified.*

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)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

*DOXOLOGY (Unison)

Trinity Hymnal, 731

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Deacon

SERMON

The Holy Spirit Speaks
2 Peter 1:16-21 (Pew Bible, 1018)

Dr. John Clayton

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (Unison)

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

1. Ho-ly Spir-it, Liv-ing Breath of God, breathe new life in-to my will-ing soul.
2. Ho-ly Spir-it, come a-bide with-in; may Your joy be seen in all I do.
3. Ho-ly Spir-it, from cre-a-tion's birth, giv-ing life to all that God has made.

5
Bring the pres-ence of the Ris-en Lord, to re-new my heart and make me whole.
Love e-nough to cov-er ev-'ry sin in each thought and deed and at-ti-tude.
Show Your pow-er once a-gain on earth; cause Your church to hun-ger for Your ways.

9
Cause Your Word to come a-live in-me; give me grace for what I can-not see;
Kind-ness to the great-est and the least; gen-tle-ness that sows the path of peace.
Let the fra-grance of our prayers a-rise; lead us on the road of sac-ri-fice,

13
give me pas-sion for Your pur-i-ty; Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe new life in me.
Turn my stri-vings in-to works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.
that in un-i-ty the face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

*BENEDICTION

Ephesians 3:16, 19

Congregational Response: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

* = Please stand if able.

Sermon Notes

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I. The Branch and Its Fruit

II. The Fruit of the Spirit

III. Bearing the Spirit's Fruit

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. 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 our Nursery Coordinator, Jade Meinardus, or call the church office.

October 29th

Sunday School – Janice Bailey & Jade Meinardus

Worship Service – Liddia Bourlon & Jill Rowland

Membership: The Session will be conducting membership interviews on Sunday mornings in November. 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.

Anniversary Picture: Our 11-year anniversary church family picture will be taken immediately following the worship service.

Parish Groups and Pizza: Please plan to join us for a relaxed lunch and time of fellowship immediately following the worship service on November 12th.

Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – October 22nd: \$6,034
Designated giving: \$0
Total giving: \$6,034

General fund giving (YTD): \$443,744
Designated giving (YTD): \$1,970
Total giving (YTD): \$445,714

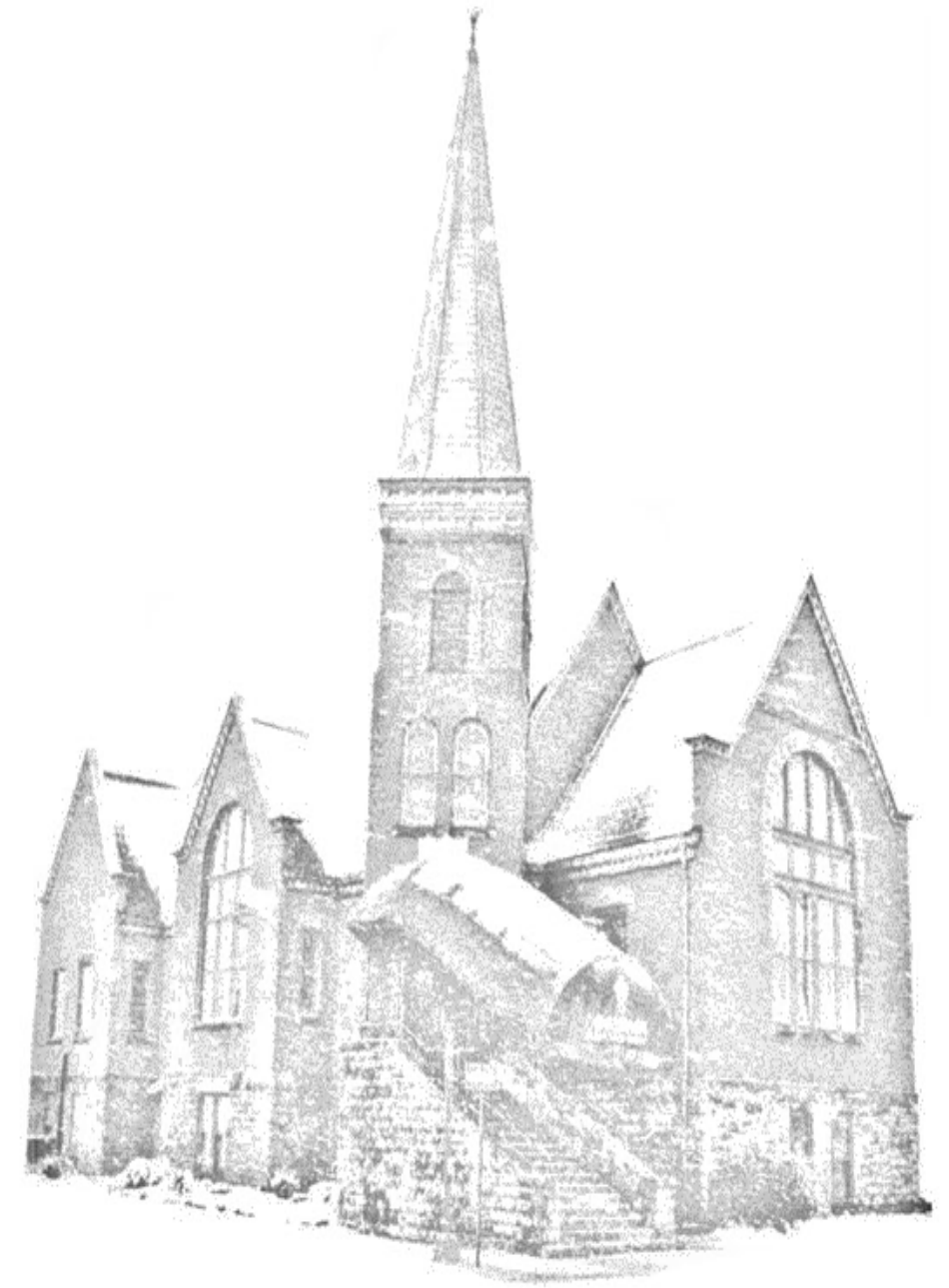
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Lord's Day, October 29, 2023

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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