

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 *How Firm a Foundation*

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Elder)** Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

***SONG OF ASCENT (Unison)** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*
Trinity Hymnal, 92

SCRIPTURE READING Ruling Elder

Zechariah 12:10-13:2
Romans 11:25-31

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

***HYMN OF PRAISE (Unison)** *There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood*
Trinity Hymnal, 253 vs. 1, 3, 5

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 79:9-10a

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and atone for our sins, for your name's sake! Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?"

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison) 1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

***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 -
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 -
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
- Thy might, And live a - lone by — mer - cy, — And live
- sup - port; I — wait for it with pa - tience, — I — wait
- rael free From all their sin and sor - row, — From all
— 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 Land Shall Mourn* Rev. Stephen Atkinson
Zechariah 12:12 (Pew Bible, 799)

***HYMN OF RESPONSE (Unison)** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*
Trinity Hymnal, 598

***PASTORAL BENEDICTION (Minister)** Based on Philippians 4:7

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Congregation: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE *Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending*

* = 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 Land Shall Mourn
Zechariah 12:12 (Pew Bible, 799)

I. The Extraordinary Providence and Prominence

II. The Evangelical Presence and Proclamation

III. The Eschatological Problem and Prospects

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.

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.

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.

Women's Morning Bible Study: Our Wednesday morning study continues at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and online via Zoom. We are using *A Holy Fear: Trading Lesser Fears for the Fear of the Lord* by Christina Fox.

Women's Evening Bible Study: The monthly evening study will be Thursday, November 4th in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 pm. We're using *Alive in Him: How Being Embraced by the Love of Christ Changes Everything* by Gloria Furman.

Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – October 24th: \$12,040	General fund giving (YTD): \$403,914
Designated giving: \$234	Designated giving (YTD): \$5,648
Total giving: \$12,274	Total giving (YTD): \$409,562

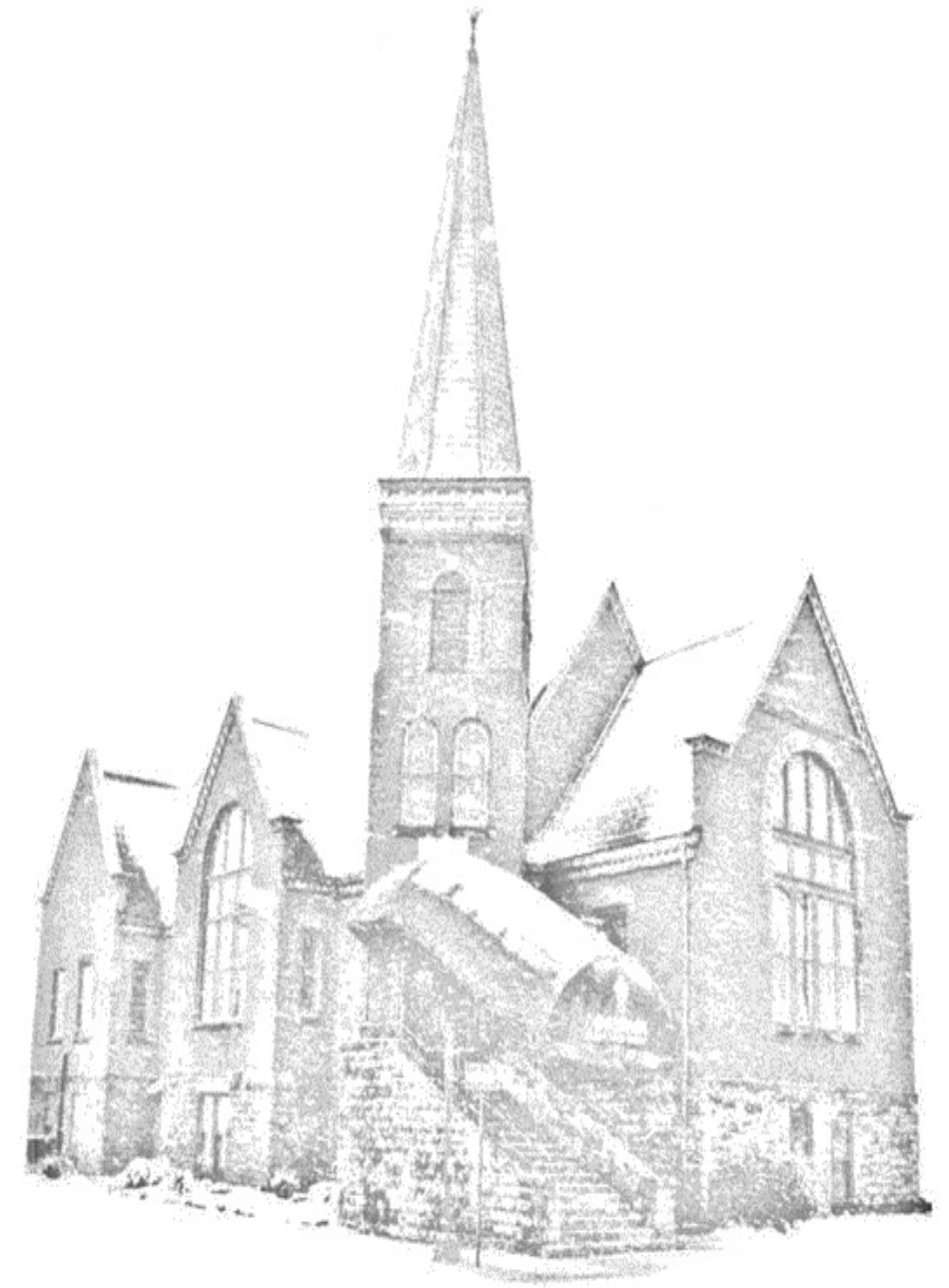
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Lord's Day, October 31, 2021 10:30 A.M.

"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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