

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

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Minister)

1 Cor. 3:16, 23

Beloved, because you are in Christ, and Christ is God's, and God's Spirit dwells in you, he will be pleased with your worship. Bow your hearts with reverence and glorify the triune Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

*SONG OF ASCENT (Unison)

Hallelujah! Thine the Glory
Trinity Hymnal, 179

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruling Elder

Jeremiah 7:5-8
John 15:1-8

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 130:1-2

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison)

Isaiah 53:5

[Christ] was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

*HYMN OF REJOICING (Unison)

The Apostles' Creed

1. I be - lieve in God the Fa - ther, Ma - ker of the heav'n and earth, and in
2. Suf - fered un - der Pon - tius Pi - late, cru - ci - fied, en - dur - ing hell, laid with -
3. At God's right hand he is seat - ed, 'til his com - ing, as he said; fin - al
4. I be - lieve the church of Je - sus ho - ly, cath - o - lic re - mains; we are

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Je - sus Christ, our Sav - ior, God's own Son, of match - less worth; by the
in the grave so si - lent, as the proph - ets did fore - tell. But the
judg - ment will be met - ed to the liv - ing and the dead. I con -
9 one thro' all the ag - es, the com - mun - ion of the saints. I be -
Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ed, vir - gin Mar - y bore God's Son, he in
stone - sealed tomb was emp - tied on the third day; he a - rose: in - to
fess the Ho - ly Spir - it has been sent thro' Christ the Son to ap -
13 lieve sins are for - giv - en, that our bod - ies will be raised, life with
whom I have be - liev - ed: God Al - might - y, Three in One.
heav - en made his en - try, Might - y Con - queror of his foes.
ply sal - va - tion's mer - it; God the Spir - it, Three in One.
God is nev - er end - ed. A - men, let his name be praised.

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

*DOXOLOGY (Unison)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Deacon

SERMON

The Holy Spirit Bears Fruit
Galatians 5:22-23 (Pew Bible, 975)

Dr. John Clayton

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me
Trinity Hymnal, 335

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (Unison)

Benediction
Trinity Hymnal, 730

*BENEDICTION

Hebrews 13:20-21

Congregational Response: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

Be Thou My Vision

* = Please stand if able.

Sermon Notes

The Holy Spirit Bears Fruit
Galatians 5:22-23 (Pew Bible, 975)

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. White paraments adorn the pulpit and communion table during the celebration of Christmas, Easter, and other days to represent the purity of Christ and the joy and peace believers find in Him.

Lord's Supper: We will be observing the Lord's Supper this morning. We ask that you begin now examining yourself and preparing your heart to celebrate the sacrament. If you are not a member of Covenant, you are welcome to celebrate the sacrament with us if you have made a credible profession of faith in Christ, have been baptized, and are in good standing with a like-kind Protestant church.

Benevolence Giving: We take up a separate offering for benevolence on the Lord's Supper Sunday (first Sunday of each month). Please designate benevolence gifts on your giving envelope and place it in the benevolence box at the back of the sanctuary.

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.

November 12th

Sunday School – Jayna Blan & Nan Hudson

Worship Service – Liddia Bourlon & Jennifer Burgin

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 29th: \$15,282

Designated giving: \$0

Total giving: \$15,282

General fund giving (YTD): \$459,026

Designated giving (YTD): \$1,970

Total giving (YTD): \$460,996

Ministry Staff

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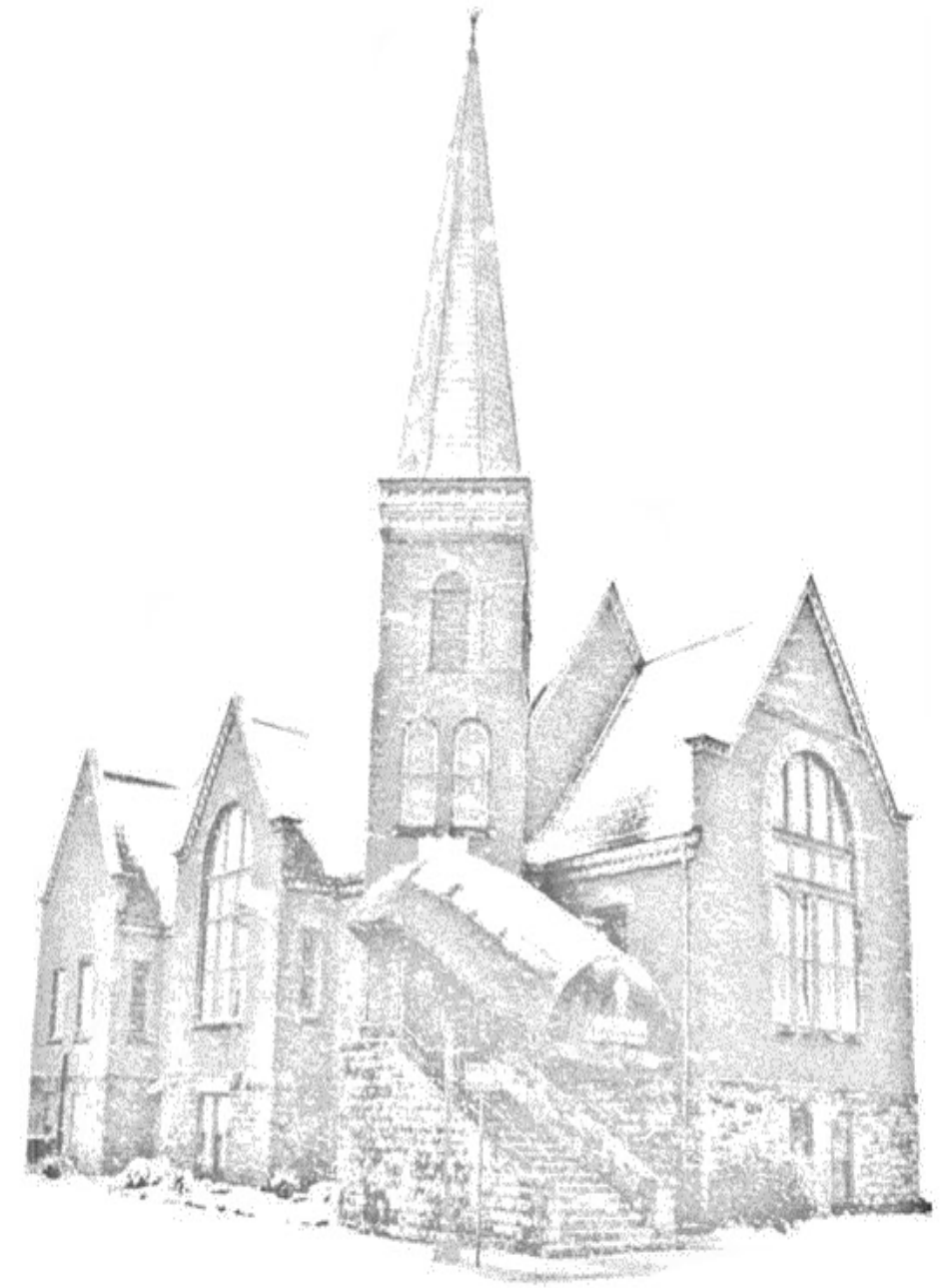
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Lord's Day, November 5, 2023

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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