

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 *Come, All Christians, Be Committed*

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Minister) Based on Hebrews 10:19, 22-23

Minister: Sisters and brothers, have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus; let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

***SONG OF ASCENT** (Unison) *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (Psalm 46)*
Trinity Hymnal, 92

SCRIPTURE READING Ruling Elder

Psalm 133:1
1 Corinthians 12:4-7

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

***HYMN OF PRAISE** (Unison) *Psalm 133*

1. How beau - ti - ful the sight of breth - ren who a - gree in
2. 'Tis like the dew that fills the cups of Her - mon's flow'rs; or
3. For there the Lord com - mands bless - ings, a bound - less store, from

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friend-ship to u - nite, and bonds of char - i - ty; 'tis like the pre - cious
Zi - on's fruit - ful hill, bright with the drops of show'rs, when min - gling o - dors
his un - spar - ings hands, yea, life for - ev - er - more: thrice hap - py they who

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oint - ment, shed o'er all his robes, from Aar - on's head.
breathe a - round, and glo - ry rests on all the ground.
meet a - bove to spend e - ter - ni - ty in love!

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION Ruling Elder

GLORIA PATRI (Unison) Trinity Hymnal, 734

CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison) Daniel 9:4-5

O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison) Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

***HYMN OF REJOICING** (Unison) *How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place*
Trinity Hymnal, 469 vs. 1, 2, 4, 6

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

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Deacon

SERMON *Unity of the Spirit* Dr. John Clayton
Philippians 2:1-4 (Pew Bible, 980-981)

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** (Unison) *Blest Be the Tie that Binds*
Trinity Hymnal, 359

***BENEDICTION** Romans 15:5-6

Congregational Response: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE *How Beautiful the Sight*

* = Please stand if able.

Sermon Notes

Unity of the Spirit

Philippians 2:1-4 (Pew Bible, 980-981)

I. Introduction

II. The Holy Spirit *encourages* us to look to Christ

III. The Holy Spirit *consoles* us in the love of Christ

IV. The Holy Spirit *unites* us as the Body of Christ

V. The Holy Spirit *enables* us to love like Christ

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 the church office to sign-up.

November 19th

Sunday School – Sydney Clayton & Judy Sagely

Worship Service – Susan Rodriguez & Jade Meinardus

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

Covenant Women Connect: Please save the date for our Christmas fellowship on December 7th at 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the home of Jill Gibson. Please bring a savory or sweet item to share.

Communicant Class: Our Communicant Class continues Sunday at 9:30.

Parish Groups and Pizza: Please join us for a relaxed lunch and time of fellowship immediately following the worship service in the Fellowship Hall.

Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – November 5th: \$9,891
Designated giving: \$50
Total giving: \$9,941

General fund giving (YTD): \$466,707
Designated giving (YTD): \$2,020
Total giving (YTD): \$468,727

Ministry Staff

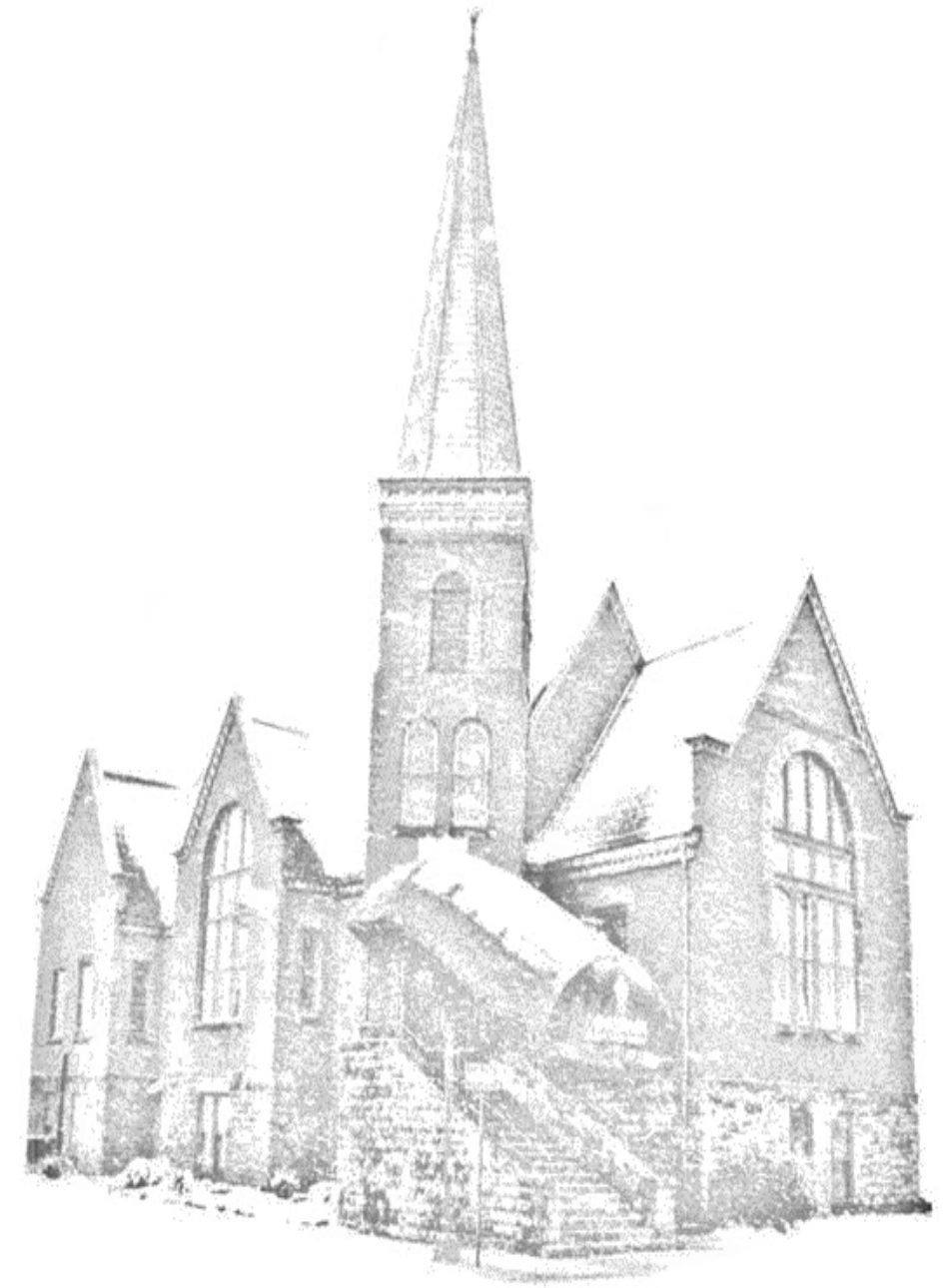
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Lord's Day, November 12, 2023

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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