

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 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Elder) Based on Romans 8:16-17

Minister: The Holy Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs of God. Fellow heirs with Christ, come and bow your hearts to the Father and worship him.

***SONG OF ASCENT** (Unison) *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Psalm 103)*
Trinity Hymnal, 53 vs. 1, 2, 3, 5

SCRIPTURE READING Ruling Elder

Ezekiel 36:26-27
Titus 3:5

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

***HYMN OF PRAISE** (Unison) *Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me*
Trinity Hymnal, 335

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION Ruling Elder

GLORIA PATRI (Unison) Trinity Hymnal, 734

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) *Amazing Grace!*
Trinity Hymnal, 460 vs. 1-4

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Nicene Creed*
Trinity Hymnal, 846

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)
I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Deacon

SERMON *The Holy Spirit Works* Dr. John Clayton
Ephesians 2:8-10 (Pew Bible, 976)

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** (Unison) *Union with Thee*

***BENEDICTION** 2 Corinthians 13:14

Congregational Response: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE *Union with Thee*

* = Please stand if able.

Sermon Notes

The Holy Spirit Works
Ephesians 2:8-10 (Pew Bible, 976)

I. Convincing us of our sin and misery

II. Enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ

III. Renewing our wills

IV. Persuading and enabling us to embrace Jesus 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@cpdfs.org. If you would like to receive the prayer email, please go to <https://tinyletter.com/cpdfs-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.

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

Youth Christmas Party: Ugly Christmas Sweater Party for Youth grades 7th-12th. Saturday, December 9th from 6:00-8:30 in the Fellowship Hall. There will be food, fun, and prizes. See Greg or Angel Hartman for details.

Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – November 12th: \$7,740	General fund giving (YTD): \$476,647
Designated giving: \$0	Designated giving (YTD): \$2,020
Total giving: \$7,740	Total giving (YTD): \$478,667

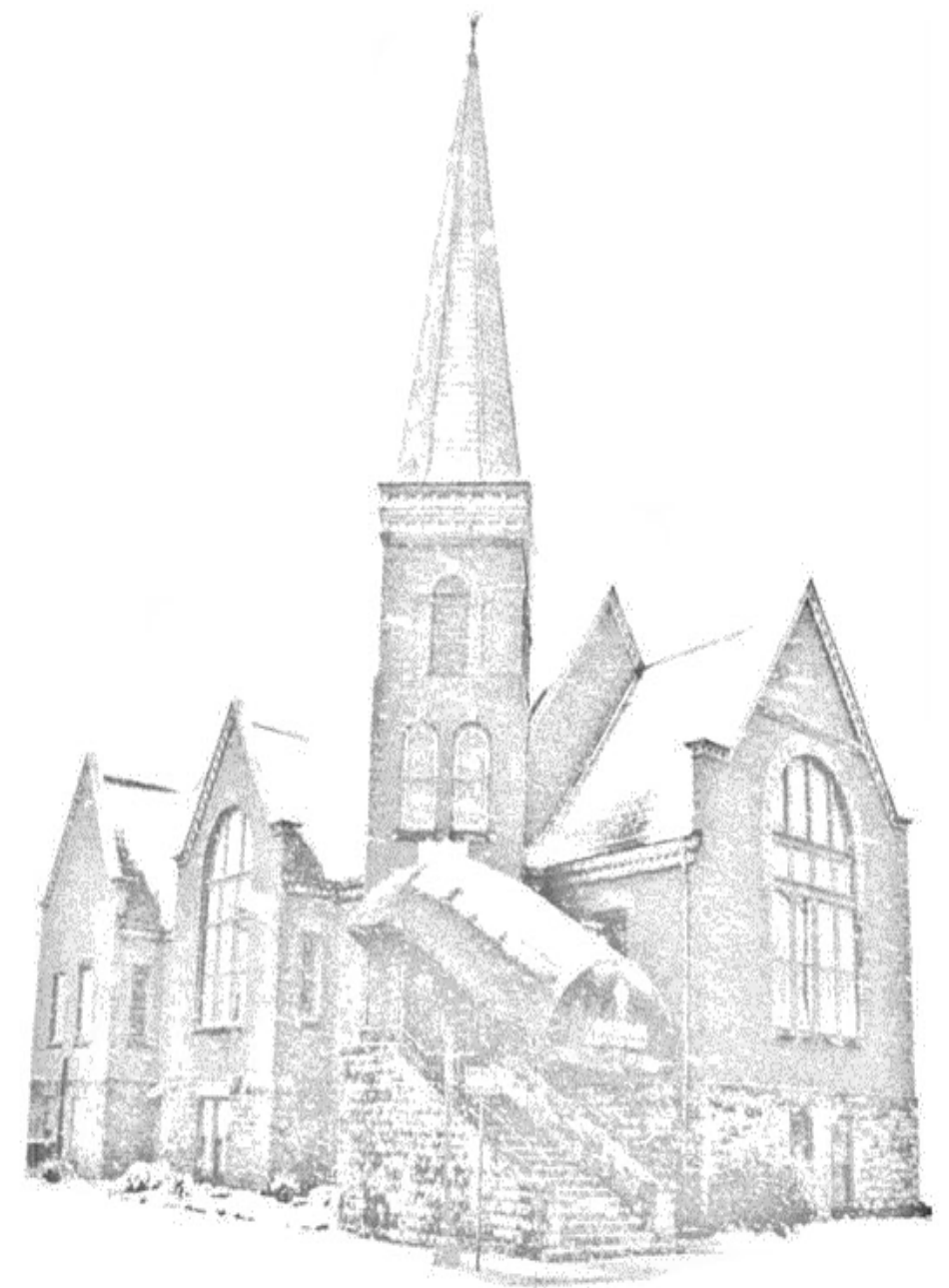
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Lord's Day, November 19, 2023

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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