

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

It Is Well with My Soul

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Minister)

Psalm 34:1-3

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!

*SONG OF ASCENT (Unison)

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
Trinity Hymnal, 164 vs. 1-4

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruling Elder

Jeremiah 31:31-33
Galatians 5:16-24

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

*HYMN OF PRAISE (Unison)

Eternal Spirit, God of Truth
(Psalm 51:10-12)



1. E - ter - nal Spir - it, God of truth, our con - trite hearts in - spire; ig -
2. Sub - due the pow'r of ev - 'ry sin, what - e'er that sin may be, that
5 nite a flame of heav'n - ly love, and feed the pure de - sire. 'Tis
we, in sin - gle - ness of heart, may wor - ship on - ly thee. Then
9 thine to sooth the sor - r'wing mind, with guilt and fear op - pressed; 'tis
with our spir - it wit - ness bear that we are sons of God, re -
13 thine to bid the dy - ing live, and give the wea - ry rest.
deemed from sin and death and hell thro' Christ's a - ton - ing blood.

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)

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

Minister: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

Congregation: of all things visible and invisible.

Minister: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds,

Congregation: God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,

Minister: begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;

Congregation: by whom all things were made;

Minister: who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man;

Congregation: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried;

Minister: and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;

Congregation: and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

Minister: And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,

Congregation: who proceeds from the Father and the Son;

Minister: who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

Congregation: and we believe in one holy catholic** and apostolic Church;

Minister: we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;

Congregation: and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PASTORAL 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)

My Father's World

*DOXOLOGY (Unison)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Deacon

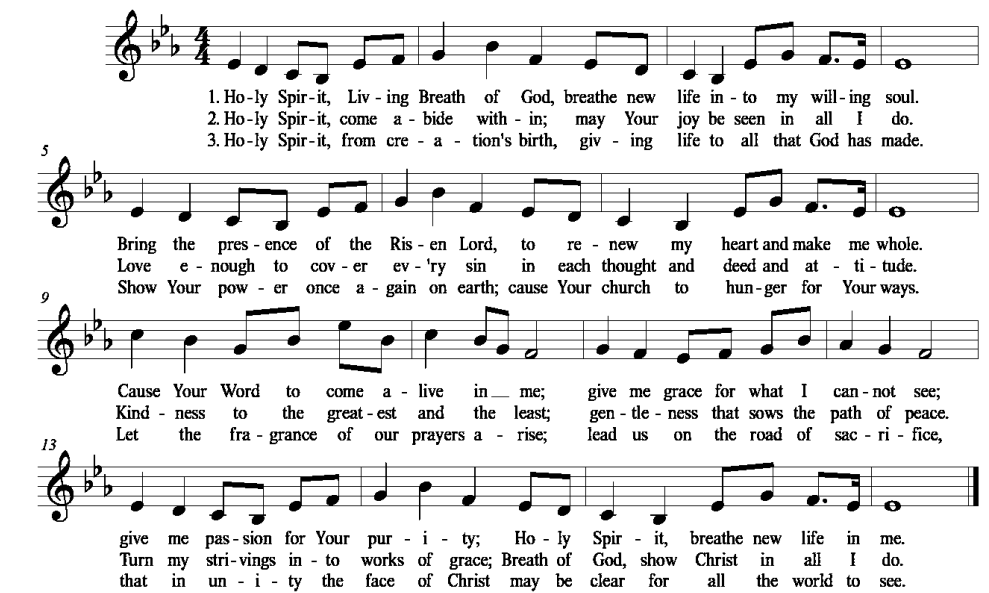
SERMON

The Spirit is Life
Romans 8:5-11 (Pew Bible, 944)

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.
9 Show Your pow - er once a - gain on earth; cause Your church to hun - ger for Your ways.
13 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,
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.

*PASTORAL BENEDICTION (Minister)

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

I Need Thee, Precious Jesus

* = Please stand if able.

**The word "catholic" means universal.

Sermon Notes

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I. Introduction

II. Life according to the Flesh

III. Life according to the Spirit

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.

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.

Prayer Ministry: If you have a prayer request that you would like the church to pray for, you can send your request to pray@cpcfs.org. Your prayer request will be sent out in our weekly prayer ministry email. If you would like to receive the weekly prayer email, please go to <https://tinyletter.com/cpcfs-prays>.

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. as we continue with *Proverbs: Words of Wisdom*, a topical study of select proverbs.

Women's Evening Bible Study: The monthly evening study will be Thursday, December 2nd 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.

Parish Groups: Our Nov/Dec Parish Groups will meet Sunday evening, December 5th. Check with your parish leader for more information.

Women In the Church Christmas Fellowship: Please mark your calendars for a Women's Christmas Gathering on Thursday, December 9th. We will meet at Susan Haines' house from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Please bring a savory or sweet appetizer to share. Contact Rebecca Garrett with any questions, (479) 719-2203.

Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – November 14th: \$8,555	General fund giving (YTD): \$431,447
Designated giving: \$235	Designated giving (YTD): \$5,798
Total giving: \$8,790	Total giving (YTD): \$437,245

Ministry Staff

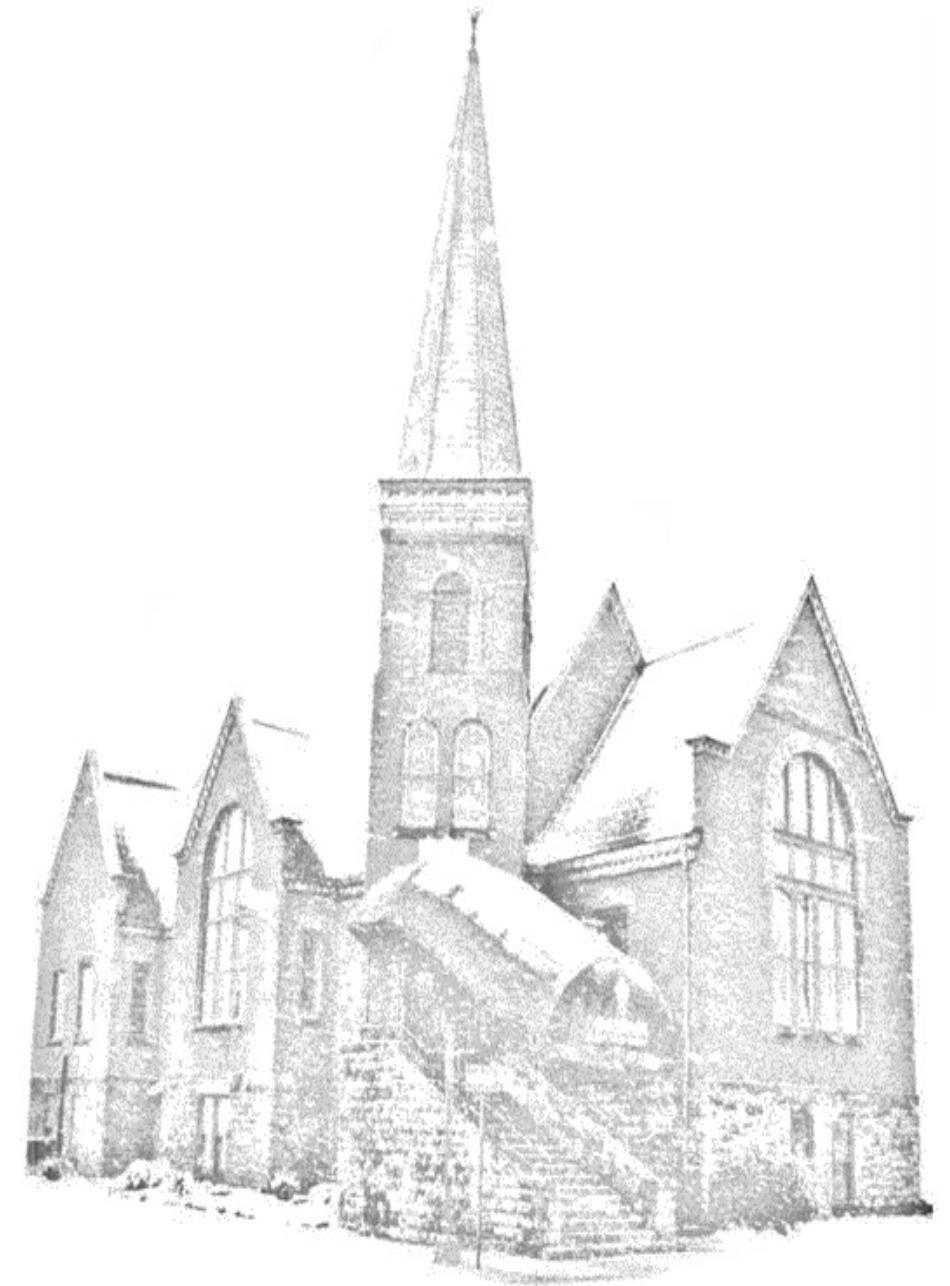
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Lord's Day, November 21, 2021

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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