

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

Holy, Holy, Holy!

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Elder)

Based on 1 John 5:20

Elder: We know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. Bow your hearts to worship him today.

*SONG OF ASCENT (Unison)

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
Trinity Hymnal, 38

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruling Elder

Isaiah 64:1-9
John 1:1-5, 14, 16-17

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

*HYMN OF PRAISE (Unison)

O Word of God Incarnate
Trinity Hymnal, 140

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

Ruling Elder

GLORIA PATRI (Unison)

Trinity Hymnal, 734

CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison)

Psalm 25:6-7

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison)

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*HYMN OF REJOICING (Unison)

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul
(Psalm 146)
Trinity Hymnal, 57

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 (Handbell Ensemble)

Amazing Grace

*DOXOLOGY (Unison)

Trinity Hymnal, 731

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Deacon

SERMON

The Truth of the Gospel
1 Corinthians 2:6-16 (Pew Bible, 953)

RE Rick Coan

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (Unison)

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

1. God moves in a mys - te - rious way, his
2. Ye fear - ful saints fresh cour - age take, the
3. Judge not the Lord by fee - ble sense, but
4. His pur - pos - es will rip - en fast, un -
5. Blind un - be - lief is sure to err, and

won - ders to per - form. He plants his foot - steps on the
clouds you so much dread, are big with mer - cy, and shall
trust him for his grace. Be - hind a frown - ing prov - i -
fold - ing ev - 'ry hour. The bud may have a bit - ter
scan his work in vain. God is his own in - ter - pre -

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— break, with bless - ings on your head, are filled with mer - cy
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ter - pre - ter, and he will make it plain.

*BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

Congregational Response: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

* = Please stand if able.

Sermon Notes

The Truth of the Gospel

1 Corinthians 2:6-16 (Pew Bible, 953)

I. Introduction

II. Truth Rooted in Wisdom

III. Unknowable Truth

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.

Covenant Presbyterian Church

Fort Smith, Arkansas



Lord's Day, November 26, 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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