

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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Psalm 66:8-9, 26:12

Minister: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.

Congregation: My foot stands on level ground; in the great assembly I will bless the Lord.

*SONG OF ASCENT (Unison)

We Come, O Christ, to You
Trinity Hymnal, 181

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruling Elder

1 Kings 17:17-24
John 11:21-27

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE (Unison)

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
Trinity Hymnal, 164 vs. 1, 2, 3, 5

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

Ruling Elder

GLORIA PATRI (Unison)

Trinity Hymnal, 734

CONFESSION OF SIN (Minister)

Ezra 9:6

O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift my face to you, my God, for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has mounted up to the heavens.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Minister)

Romans 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

*HYMN OF REJOICING (Unison)

Psalm 116

1. How fer-vent-ly I love the LORD—my cries for help he hears! So,
2. Up-on the LORD's name then I called, in my ex-trem-i-ty: "O
3. O now, my soul, re-turn a-gain to your own qui-et rest, be -
all my life I'll call-on him who turned to-me his ear. The
LORD, I beg you, spare my life; and let my soul go free." The
cause the LORD a-bun-dant-ly has caused you to be blessed. You
ropes of death en-tan-gled me and wrapped them-selves a-round; the
LORD our God is-kind and just; com-pas-sion-ate is he. The
freed from death; you dried my-tears, my stum-bling feet re-stored. And
ter-rors of the grave took hold—I grief and trou-ble found.
LORD pre-serves the meek in-heart; from depths he-res-cued me.
there-fore in the land of-life I'll walk be-fore the Lord.

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 (Chancel Choir)

Bless His Holy Name

*DOXOLOGY (Unison)

Trinity Hymnal, 731

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Deacon

SERMON

The Resurrection and the Life
Luke 7:11-17 (Pew Bible, 863)

Dr. John Clayton

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (Unison)

Be Still, My Soul
Trinity Hymnal, 689

RECOGNITION OF DEACON EMERITUS

*BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians 13:14

Congregational Response: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

Be Still, My Soul

Sermon Notes

The Resurrection and the Life
Luke 7:11-17 (Pew Bible, 863)

I. Introduction

II. The Anguish of Loss

III. The Word of Comfort

IV. The Command to Live

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.

Seating: Please be courteous by moving toward the front of the sanctuary providing room in the back for those arriving late.

January 19th Nursery Volunteers

Worship Service — Miranda Collier and Abigail Robbins

Covenant Youth: Our youth meet Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00 p.m. for grades 7th-12th downstairs in the youth girls' Sunday School classroom.

The Midweek: Join us for Bible study and prayer on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Choir: The choir meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

Membership: Are you interested in becoming a member? The Session will be conducting membership interviews in the months of February. Please call the church office if you would like to schedule an interview.

Parish Groups: If you have never attended a Parish Group now is the time! It's a great way to connect on a deeper level with people in the church. Please let us know if you aren't sure which parish you are in. Our Parish Groups will meet on the following Sundays:

January 19th: Hendrickson Parish at 5:00 p.m. at the Hendricksons' home

January 26th: Clayton/Coan Parish in the Fellowship Hall after the service

February 2nd: Hudson Parish in the Fellowship Hall after the service

Men's Bible Study: Our men's study meets on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Rusty Peoples will continue teaching through 1 Peter.

Women's Bible Study: Our women's winter study meets on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We are reading *Flourish: How the Love of Christ Frees Us from Self-Focus* by Lidia Brownback.

Deacon Emeritus Recognition: Today we recognize Deacon Emeritus Roger Ayers for his faithful years of service to our congregation. His steadfast commitment to our church body has exemplified true leadership and devotion. Thank you, Roger!

Missions Focus of the Week: Today is Sanctity of Life Sunday. Christians around the United States use the day to celebrate God's gift of life inside and outside of the womb.

Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – January 12th: \$2,887

Designated giving: \$0

Total giving: \$2,887

General fund giving (YTD): \$32,760

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Total giving (YTD): \$32,760

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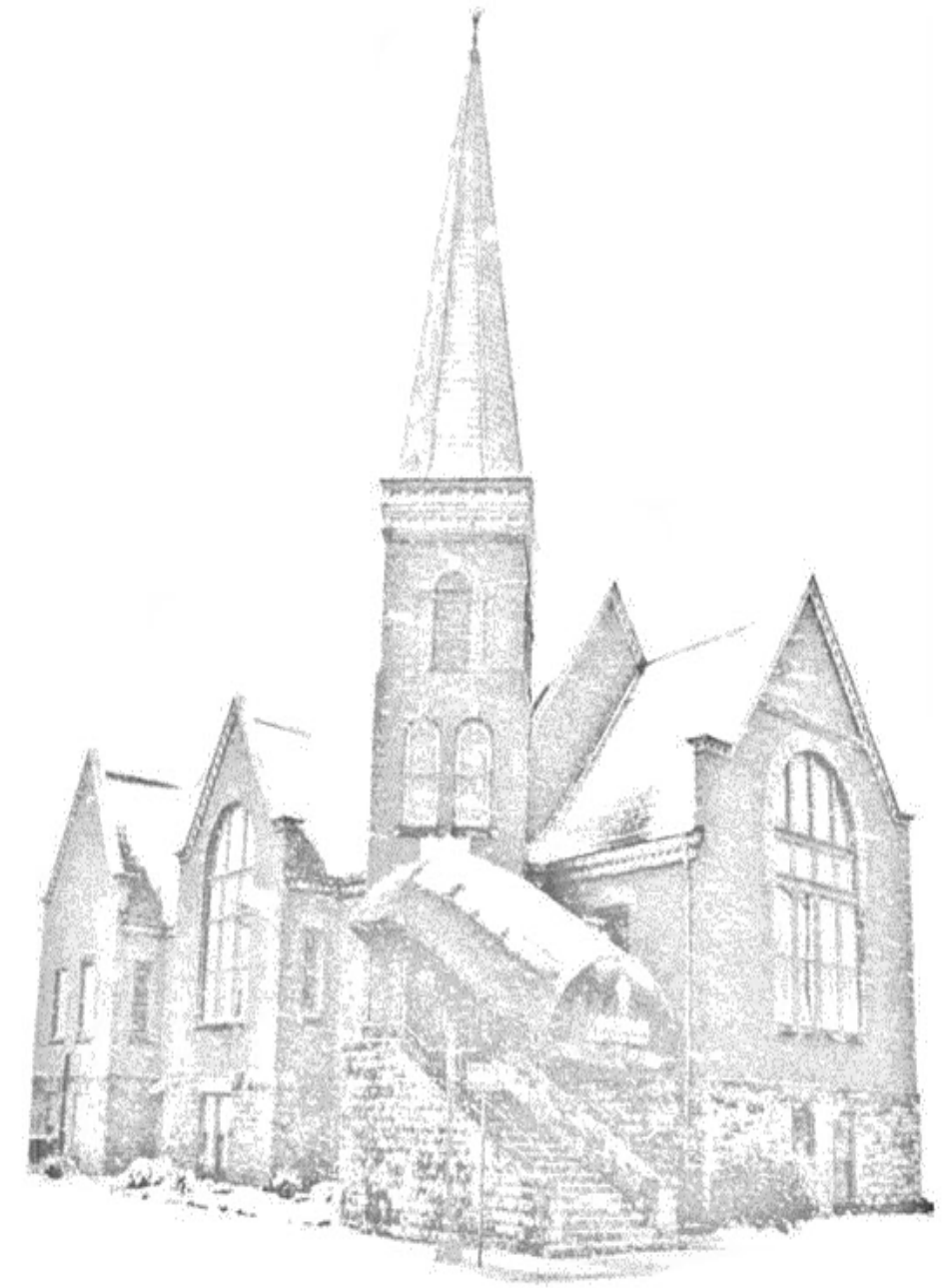
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Lord's Day, January 19, 2025

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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