

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

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Minister)

Based on 1 Timothy 6:14-16

Minister: Our Lord Jesus Christ is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion.

Congregation: Amen.

*SONG OF ASCENT (Unison)

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
Trinity Hymnal, 38

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruling Elder

Psalm 51:10-12
1 John 1:5-9

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE (Unison)

Jesus, Lover of My Soul
Trinity Hymnal, 508

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

Ruling Elder

GLORIA PATRI (Unison)

Trinity Hymnal, 734

CONFESSION OF SIN (Minister)

Psalm 25:16-18

Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Minister)

Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

*HYMN OF REJOICING (Unison)

God, Be Merciful to Me (Psalm 51)
Trinity Hymnal, 486 vs. 1, 4, 5, 6

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed
Trinity Hymnal, 845

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Ruling Elder

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 Will Awaken the Dawn

*DOXOLOGY (Unison)

Trinity Hymnal, 731

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Deacon

SERMON

He Will: Be Clean
Luke 5:12-26 (Pew Bible, 861)

Dr. John Clayton

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (Unison)

Psalm 130 (From the Depths of Woe)

*BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

Congregational Response: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

From the Depths of Woe

* = Please stand if able.

Sermon Notes

He Will: Be Clean

Luke 5:12-26 (Pew Bible, 861)

I. Introduction

II. The Compassion to Cleanse

III. The Prerogative to Pray

IV. The Authority to Absolve

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.

Children's Sunday School Volunteer: We need a Preschool/1-2nd grade teacher to serve on a monthly rotation. If you are interested, please let Liddia Bourlon know or call the church office.

October 13th Nursery Volunteers

Worship Service — Lauren, Gillian, and Georgia Good

Memorize the Shorter Catechism: For this week, memorize answer #41.

Covenant Youth: Covenant Youth will not meet on October 16th.

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.

Congregational Meeting: A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, November 3, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the church sanctuary, immediately preceding the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is for the election of two Deacons. The following have been nominated from the congregation and tested and approved by the Session for consideration: Phil Leraris and Blake Robbins.

Covenant Women Connect: We will meet at Marian Henry's on October 17th at 11:00 a.m. Adrian Veltkamp will be teaching us her favorite bread baking recipe. Please bring a savory or sweet item to share.

Chili Cook Off: October 27th is our 11th Annual Chili-Cook Off at Bonanza Park from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Sign up at the back of the sanctuary to bring chili, cornbread or dessert. Please bring lawn chairs.

Men's Night: Men, save the date, November 7th, for our Fall Men's Night. We will meet at Mike Hudson's for gumbo and sub sandwiches at 5:00 p.m. Please bring a lawn chair.

Missional Focus of the Week: HOPE Campus provides a safe environment and comprehensive services to homeless adults on their journey to self-sufficiency and permanent housing.

Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – October 6th: \$15,818

Designated giving: \$150,090

Total giving: \$165,908

General fund giving (YTD): \$535,475

Designated giving (YTD): \$228,002

Total giving (YTD): \$763,477

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Lord's Day, October 13, 2024

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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