

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

And Can It Be

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Minister) Based on Ephesians 1:3-4; Psalm 28:7

Minister: Come and bless the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

Congregation: The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

***SONG OF ASCENT** (Unison)

Crown Him with Many Crowns
Trinity Hymnal, 295

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruling Elder

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
Romans 5:6-11

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

***HYMN OF PRAISE** (Unison)

To God Be the Glory
Trinity Hymnal, 55

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

Ruling Elder

GLORIA PATRI (Unison)

Trinity Hymnal, 734

CONFESSION OF SIN

 (Minister)

Psalm 51:1-2

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

 (Minister)

2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake [God] made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

***HYMN OF REJOICING** (Unison)

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all mea - sure that
2. Be - hold the man up - on a cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders; Ash -
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing, no gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom; but

3
He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His trea - sure. How
I amed, I fear my mock - ing voice to call out a - mong the scof - fers. It
I will boast in Je - sus Christ, His death, and res - ur - rec - tion. Why

5
great the pain of sear - ing loss, the Fa - ther turns His face a - way, as
was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished; His
should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer; but

7
wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring ma - ny sons to glo - ry.
dy - ing breath has brought me life; I know that it is fin - ished.
this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed
Trinity Hymnal, 846

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)

Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All

***DOXOLOGY** (Unison)

Trinity Hymnal, 731

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Deacon

SERMON

A Time for Every Matter
Luke 5:27-39 (Pew Bible, 861)

Dr. John Clayton

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** (Unison)

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

***BENEDICTION**

2 Corinthians 13:14

Congregational Response: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

Amazing Grace!

* = Please stand if able.

Sermon Notes

A Time for Every Matter
Luke 5:27-39 (Pew Bible, 861)

I. Introduction

II. A Time to Believe

III. A Time to Share

IV. A Time to Feast

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 20th Nursery Volunteers

Worship Service — Susan and Ava Rodriguez

Memorize the Shorter Catechism: For this week, memorize answer #42.

Covenant Youth: Our youth meet Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00 p.m. for grades 7th-12th upstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

Anniversary Picture: October marks our 12-year anniversary. Please be present next Sunday, October 27th, for our church family picture to be taken immediately following the worship service.

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: Covenant College – The mission of Covenant College is to explore and express the preeminence of Jesus Christ in all things, offering the world biblically grounded men and women equipped to live out extraordinary callings in ordinary places.

Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – October 13 th : \$10,281	General fund giving (YTD): \$547,078
Designated giving: \$0	Designated giving (YTD): \$125,098
Total giving: \$10,281	Total giving (YTD): \$674,924

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Lord's Day, October 20, 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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