

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.)

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Lord, I want to be a Christian (McDonald)*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Minister) John 4:23-24

[The] hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

***SONG OF ASCENT** (Unison) *The Glorious Gates of Righteousness* (Psalm 118) st. 1, 3, 4

1. The glo - rious gates of right - eous - ness throw o - pen un - to
 2. This is thy tem - ple gate, O LORD, the just shall en - ter
 3. The stone re - ject - ed and de - spised is now the cor - ner -
 4. In this the day that thou hast made, tri - um - phant - ly we

me, and I will en - ter them with praise, O
 there. My Sav - ior, I will give thee thanks, O
 stone; how won - drous are the ways of God, un -
 sing; send now pros - per - i - ty, O LORD; O

LORD, my God, to thee, and I will en - ter
 thou that hear - est pray'r; my Sav - ior, I will
 fath - omed and un - known; how won - drous are the
 LORD, sal - va - tion bring; send now pros - per - i -

them with praise, O LORD, my God, to thee.
 give thee thanks, O thou that hear - est prayer.
 ways of God, un - fath - omed and un - known!
 ty, O LORD; O LORD, sal - va - tion bring.

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION Ruling Elder

GLORIA PATRI (Unison) Trinity Hymnal, 734

CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison)

Psalm 130:1-2

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison)

Isaiah 53:5

[Christ] was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

***HYMN OF REJOICING** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*
Trinity Hymnal, 457

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruling Elder

Psalm 107:1-3

John 10:7-18

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE (Unison)

The Apostles' Creed

1. I be - lieve in God the Fa - ther, Ma - ker of the heav'n and earth, and in
 2. Suf - fered un - der Pon - tius Pi - late, cru - ci - fied, en - dur - ing hell, laid with -
 3. At God's right hand he is seat - ed, 'til his com - ing, as he said; fin - al
 4. I be - lieve the church of Je - sus ho - ly, cath - o - lic re - mains; we are

Je - sus Christ, our Sav - ior, God's own Son, of match - less worth; by the
 in the grave so si - lent, as the proph - ets did fore - tell. But the
 judg - ment will be met - ed to the liv - ing and the dead. I con -
 one thro' all the ag - es, the com - mun - ion of the saints. I be -

Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ed, vir - gin Mar - y bore God's Son, he in
 stone - sealed tomb was emp - tied on the third day; he a - rose: in - to
 fess the Ho - ly Spir - it has been sent thro' Christ the Son to ap -
 lieve sins are for - giv - en, that our bod - ies will be raised, life with

whom I have be - liev - ed: God Al - might - y, Three in One.
 heav - en made his en - try, Might - y Con - queror of his foes.
 ply sal - va - tion's mer - it, God the Spir - it, Three in One.
 God is nev - er end - ed. A - men, let his name be praised.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION Minister

* = Please stand if able.

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)

Fairest Lord Jesus

*DOXOLOGY (Unison)

Trinity Hymnal, 731

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Deacon

SERMON *The Inclusive Exclusive Christian Faith* Dr. John Clayton
Luke 13:22-30 (Pew Bible, 873)

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** *How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place*
Trinity Hymnal, 469

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Minister: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Minister: ...Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we worship and adore your glorious name, evermore praising you saying:

Congregation: *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

HYMN OF REFLECTION

Come unto Jesus

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (Unison)

Benediction
Trinity Hymnal, 730

*BENEDICTION (Responsive)

Hebrews 13:20-21

Congregation: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

God of Grace (Manz)

Sermon Notes

The Inclusive Exclusive Christian Faith
Luke 13:22-30 (Pew Bible, 873)

I. Introduction

II. Saved from What?

III. How Many?

IV. Who's In?

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. White paraments adorn the pulpit and communion table during the celebration of the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper as well as Christmas, Easter, and other days to represent the purity of Christ and the joy and peace believers find in Him.

Lord's Supper: What is required for the worthy receiving of the Lord's Supper? It is required of them that would worthily partake of the Lord's Supper, that they examine themselves of their knowledge to discern the Lord's body, of their faith to feed upon him, of their repentance, love, and new obedience; lest, coming unworthily, they eat and drink judgment to themselves (WSC, 97).

Benevolence Giving: We take up a separate offering for benevolence on the Lord's Supper Sunday (first Sunday of each month). Please designate benevolence gifts on your giving envelope and place it in the benevolence box at the back of the sanctuary.

February 1st Nursery Volunteers

Worship Service — Sydney Clayton and Judy Sagely

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

Choir: The choir practices every Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

Men's Bible Study: Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Adult Sunday School: Join us each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall as we continue our series on Church History.

Midweek Announcements: If you would like to be on our church-wide email list, please call the church office.

Young Men's Night: Young Men, join us on Thursday, February 5th at 7:00 p.m. at JD Clayton's home for a time of fellowship. Contact JD for more details.

Congregational Meeting: A congregational meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, February 15th, at 10:00 a.m. in the church sanctuary for the purpose of electing two men to the office of ruling elder. Candidates for these two openings are Ryan Feero and Steve Rowland, who were nominated from the congregation, trained, tested (by written examination and oral interview), and approved by the Session as eligible to be voted on by the congregation. All communing members in good and regular standing are requested to be present and participate in voting.

Valentine Fellowship Luncheon: Our next Covenant Family Meal will be Sunday, February 15th after the service in the Fellowship Hall. Menu: lasagna, salad, green beans, and bread. Please bring a dessert.

Cry Room and Nursery Available: Parents, if your baby begins to fuss or cry, we have resources available for you and your child: a nursery (for children up to 36 mos.) and "cry rooms" are available, outfitted with service audio, downstairs in rooms 1, 2, & 7.

Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – January 25th: \$9,642

Designated giving: \$0

Total giving: \$9,642

General fund giving (YTD): \$69,670

Designated giving (YTD): \$728

Total giving (YTD): \$70,398

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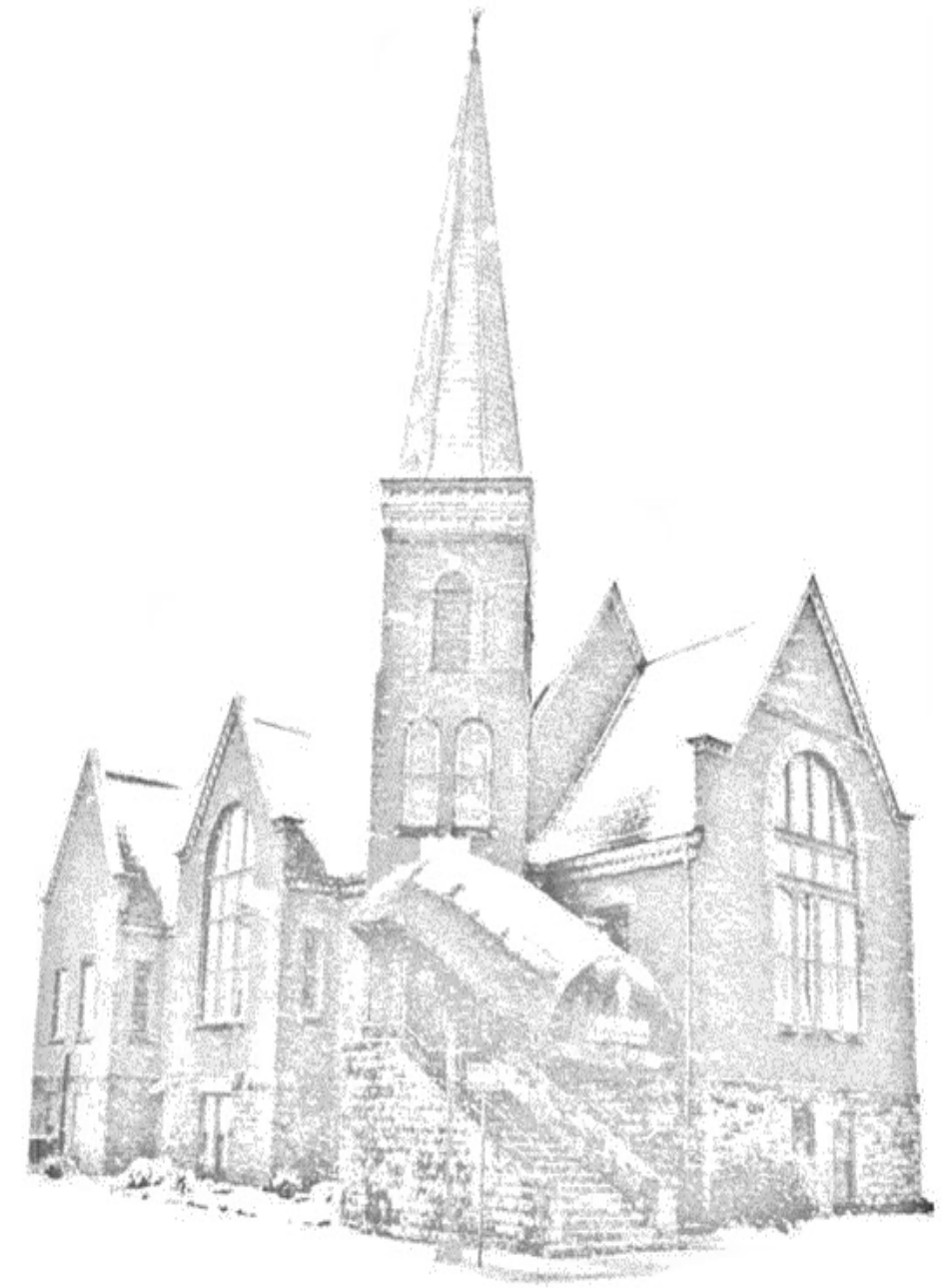
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Lord's Day, February 1, 2026

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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