

DIVINE 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 Chorale Prelude on "Ich halte treulich still" (J. S. Bach)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Minister) Psalm 99:1-3, 5

The Lord is King; let the peoples tremble; he sits between the cherubim; let the earth shake. The Lord is great in Zion and high above all peoples. They shall give thanks unto his Name, which is great and wonderful; holy is he and mighty, a King who loves justice. O magnify the Lord our God, and fall down before his footstool, for he is holy.

***SONG OF ASCENT** (Unison) *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*
Trinity Hymnal, 103

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION Ruling Elder

GLORIA PATRI (Unison) Trinity Hymnal, 734

CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison) Daniel 9:18b-19a

For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

 (Unison)

Romans 5:8-9

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

*HYMN OF REJOICING

Man of Sorrows! What a Name
Trinity Hymnal, 246

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruling Elder

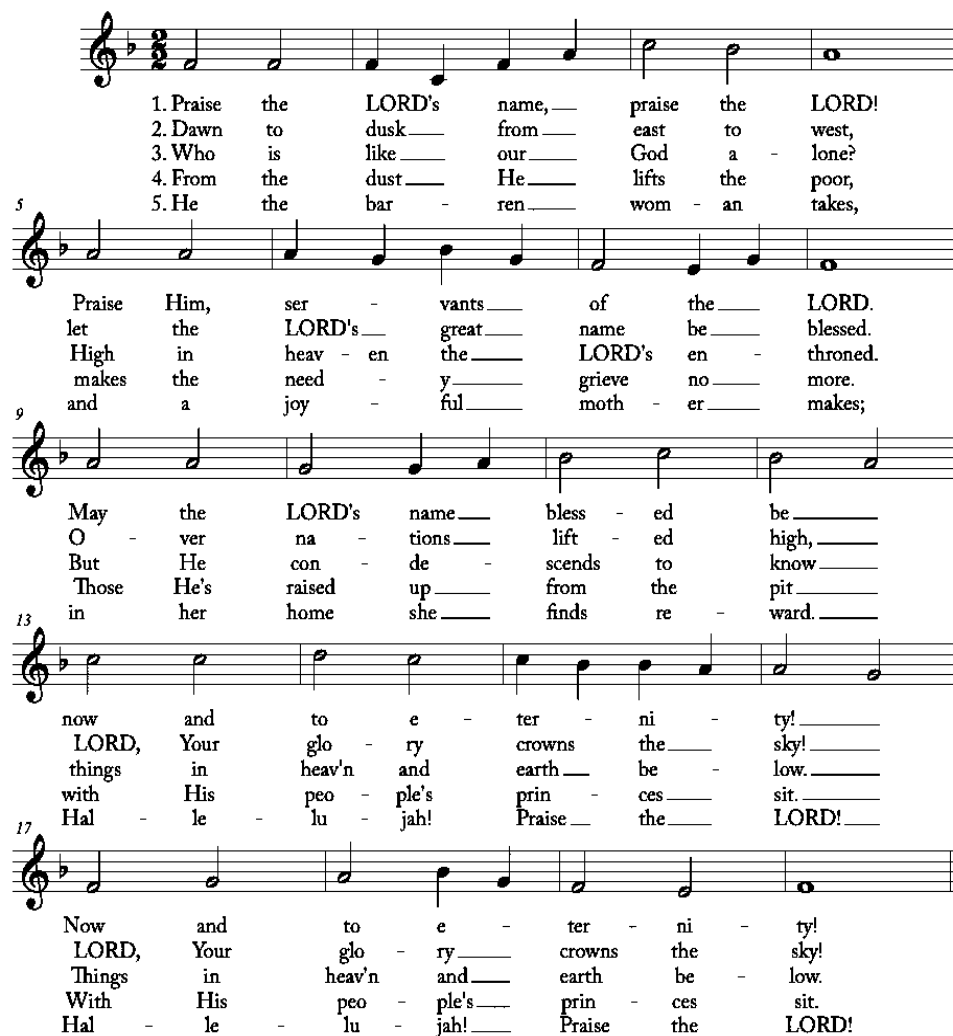
Proverbs 11:2
Philippians 2:3-11

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

*HYMN OF PRAISE

 (Unison)

Psalm 113 (st. 1-4)



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

 (Unison)

The Nicene Creed
Trinity Hymnal, 846

PASTORAL PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

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)

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

*DOXOLOGY

 (Unison)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Deacon

SERMON

The Wisdom of Humility
Luke 14:1-11 (Pew Bible, 873)

Dr. John Clayton

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** (Unison) *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*
Trinity Hymnal, 252

***PASTORAL BLESSING** (Responsive) 2 Corinthians 13:14

Congregation: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE *Grand Choeur in D major (C. Callahan)*

* = Please stand if able.

Sermon Notes

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I. Introduction

II. The Silence of Unbelief

III. The Place of Honor

IV. The Wisdom of Humility

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 an 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.

February 15th Nursery Volunteers

Worship Service — Catherine and Lucy Oostdyk

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.

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

Missional Focus of the Week: Church planter in training at Crow Road Free Church – Glasgow, Scotland. Please pray for Crow Road Free Church's church-planting efforts this week.

Valentine Fellowship Luncheon: Please join us today for our Covenant Family Meal after the service in the Fellowship Hall. Menu: lasagna, salad, green beans, bread, and dessert.

2025 Financial Report: Our Year-end 2025 Financial Summary and 2026 Budget Report is available on the foyer table.

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 – February 8th: \$12,257

Designated giving: \$0

Total giving: \$12,257

General fund giving (YTD): \$98,502

Designated giving (YTD): \$828

Total giving (YTD): \$99,331

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Lord's Day, February 15, 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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