

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 *Now Thank We All Our God*

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsive) Based Psalm 145:21; Revelation 4:8

Minister: My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

Congregation: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!

***SONG OF ASCENT** (Unison) *Holy, Holy, Holy!*
Trinity Hymnal, 100

SCRIPTURE READING Ruling Elder

*Ezekiel 33:30-32
Colossians 2:20-3:3*

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

***HYMN OF PRAISE** (Unison) *Psalm 1*

1. That man is blessed who does not walk as wick-ed men ad-vise, nor
2. He's like a deep-ly plant-ed tree be-side the wa-ter stream, which
3. The wick-ed there-fore will not stand when time of judg-ment comes, nor

stand where sin-ners meet, nor sit where scorn-ers pose as wise. In-
in its sea-son bears its fruit, whose leaves stay fresh and green. In-
will the sin-ners stand a-mong as-sem-bled right-eous ones. Be-

stead he is the one who makes the LORDS's law his de-light, and
all he does he will suc-ceed. The wick-ed are not so, but
cause the LORD the right-eous loves; the path they walk he knows. The

in that law he med-i-tates by day and in the night.
they are like the scat-tered chaff swept by the winds that blow.
wick-ed walk a dif-ferent path, that to des-truc-tion goes.

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 (Responsive) 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** (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)

***DOXOLOGY** (Unison) Trinity Hymnal, 731

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Deacon

SERMON *The Veil of Unbelief* Dr. John Clayton
Luke 7:24-35 (Pew Bible, 864)

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** *Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands*
Trinity Hymnal, 427

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 RESPONSE** (Unison) *Benediction*
Trinity Hymnal, 730

***BENEDICTION** (Responsive) Hebrews 13:20-21

Congregation: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE *God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength*

Sermon Notes

The Veil of Unbelief
Luke 7:24-35 (Pew Bible, 864)

I. Introduction

II. The Revelation of God

III. The Veil of Unbelief

IV. The Gospel of Grace

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.

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.

February 2nd Nursery Volunteers

Worship Service — Angel And Elle Hartman

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 practices every 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 and March. Please call the church office if you would like to schedule an interview.

Men's Bible Study: Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We are currently studying 1 Peter.

Women's Bible Study: 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.

2025 Devotional Guide: Our 2025 devotional guide is available at the back of the Sanctuary. This plan will lead you in reading through the Old and New Testament once and the Psalms twice. It also includes daily prayers, the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' Creed, and the Westminster Shorter Catechism questions 98 to 107.

2024 Financial Report: Our Year-end 2024 Financial Summary and 2025 Budget Report is available on the foyer table.

Missions Focus of the Week: MTW Missionaries - Jamie and Jacki Gildard – Toulouse, France. Please be in prayer for the Gildards this week.

Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – January 26th: \$5,189
Designated giving: \$0
Total giving: \$5,189

General fund giving (YTD): \$92,426
Designated giving (YTD): \$40
Total giving (YTD): \$92,466

Ministry Staff

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Lord's Day, February 2, 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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