

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Minister)** 1 John 4:7-10

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

***SONG OF ASCENT (Unison)** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*
Trinity Hymnal, 529 st. 1, 2, 4

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION Ruling Elder

GLORIA PATRI (Unison) Trinity Hymnal, 734

CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison) Ezra 9:6

O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift my face to you, my God, for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has mounted up to the heavens.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison) Romans 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

***HYMN OF REJOICING** *Not What My Hands Have Done*
Trinity Hymnal, 461 st. 1, 2, 4, 5

SCRIPTURE READING Ruling Elder

Deuteronomy 6:4-9
Galatians 2:20

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
5. 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 -
9. 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 -
13. 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

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 and Handbell Choir)

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say Trinity Hymnal, 304

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Deacon

SERMON *Crucified with Christ* Dr. John Clayton
Luke 14:25-35 (Pew Bible, 873)

* = Please stand if able.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts
st. 1, 3, 4, 5

1. Je - sus, thou joy changed of lov - ing hearts, thou
2. Thy truth un - changed hath ev - er stood; thou
3. We tase thee, O thou liv - ing bread; and
4. Our rest - less spir - its yearn with us for us
5. O Je - sus ev - er with us
fount of life, thou light of men,
sav - est those feast that on thee call;
long to our feast change - up ful on thee still;
e'er all our mo - ments calm lot and is - cast; bright;
9. from the best bliss that thee earth thou im - parts good, we
to we glad them drink that seek thee, thou art tain - head, to
chase when the dark night - cious of smile sin we a - see, way, and
13. turn un - filled to thee a - gain.
them that find to thee all in all.
thirst our souls from thee to fill.
when our faith can thy hold thee fast.
o'er the world thy ho - ly light.

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 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

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

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

Sermon Notes

Crucified with Christ

Luke 14:25-35 (Pew Bible, 873)

I. Introduction

II. Loving Christ Supremely

III. Dying to Self Daily

IV. Living for Christ Truly

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.

March 1st Nursery Volunteers

Worship Service — Angel and Elle Hartman

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.

Covenant Women Connect: Ladies, please join us Thursday, March 5th at 6:00 p.m. for a time of fellowship at Marian Henry's home. Dinner and dessert will be served.

Ordination Service and Reception: Join us Sunday, March 15th at 5:00 p.m. for the ordination of Elder-elect Steve Rowland and Elder-elect Ryan Feero. Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

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 22nd: \$7,978

Designated giving: \$50

Total giving: \$8,028

General fund giving (YTD): \$113,574

Designated giving (YTD): \$1,078

Total giving (YTD): \$114,653

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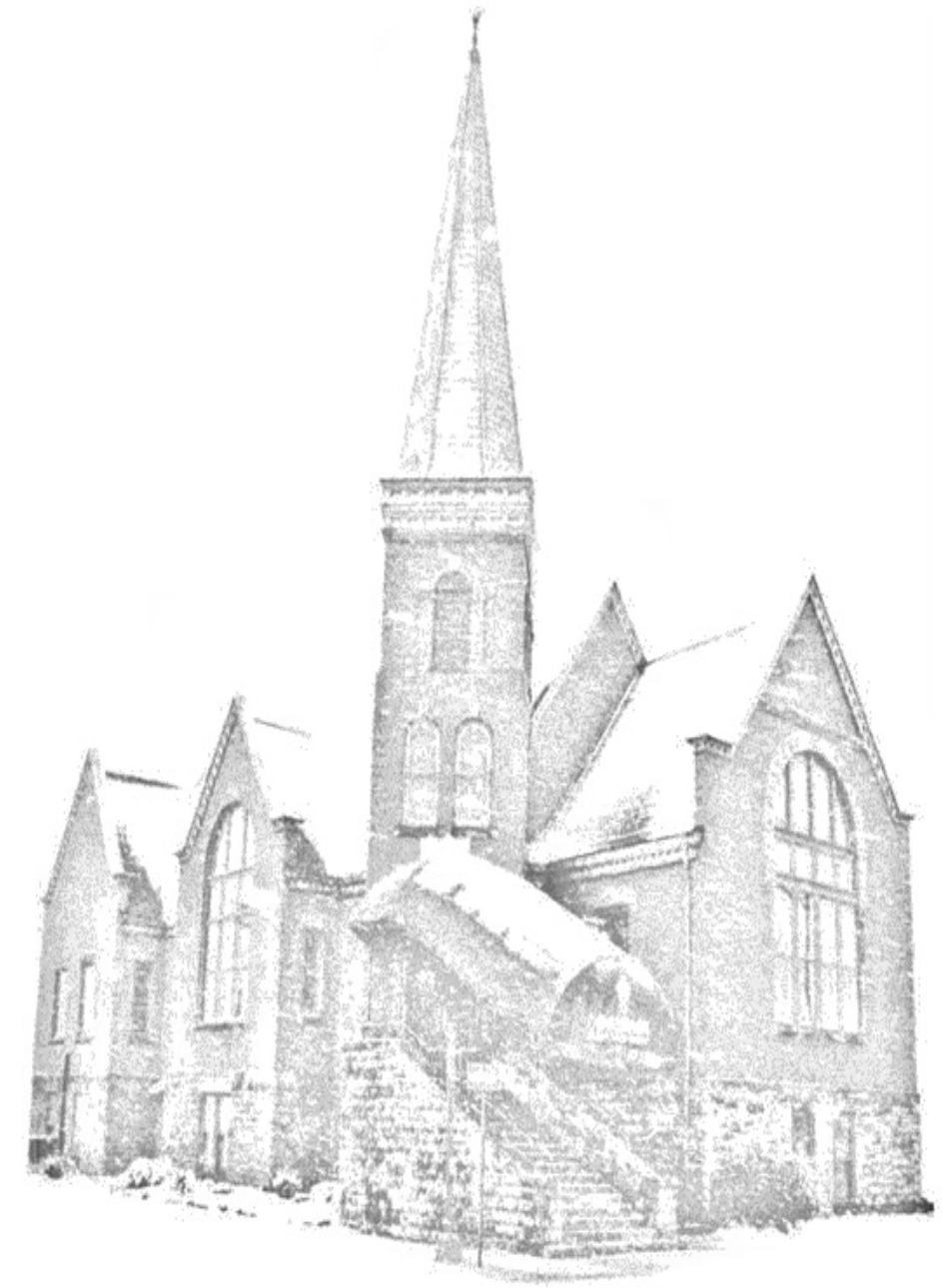
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Lord's Day, March 1, 2026

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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