

# 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

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Minister) Psalm 96:7-9

Ascribe unto the Lord, O you families of the peoples, ascribe unto the Lord worship and power. Ascribe unto the Lord the honor due unto his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

**\*SONG OF ASCENT** (Unison) *O Worship the King*  
Trinity Hymnal, 2 st. 1, 3-5

**PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION** Ruling Elder

**GLORIA PATRI** (Unison) Trinity Hymnal, 734

**CONFESSION OF SIN** (Unison) 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** (Unison) 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** *Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ*  
Trinity Hymnal, 524

**SCRIPTURE READING** Ruling Elder

*Psalm 50:10-12*  
*2 Corinthians 8:9*

**Elder:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God.

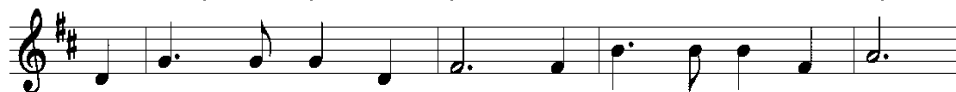
**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** (Unison) *Psalm 16 st. 1-4*



1. Pre - serve me, O my God; you are my ref - uge true.  
2. Those seek - ing o - ther gods shall mul - ti - ply their pain;  
3. The lot that fell to me is beau - ti - ful and fair;  
4. I keep be - fore me still the LORD whom I have proved;  
5. For you will not for - sake my soul un - to the grave,



I say, "You are my Lord. I have no good a - part from you."  
their gifts of blood I of - fer not; their gods I will not name.  
the her - i - tage in which I dwell is good be - yond com - pare.  
at my right hand he guards from ill, and I shall not be moved.  
nor will you leave your Ho - ly One to see the tomb's de - cay.



The saints through - out the earth— in them is my de - light,  
O LORD, you are to me my cup and por - tion sure;  
I praise the LORD a - bove, whose coun - sel guides a - right.  
My heart is there - fore glad; my tongue with joy will sing.  
Life's path - way you make known, full joy of bound - less store



for ex - cel - lent are they who live as ho - ly in your sight.  
the lot that you as - sign to me you guard and keep se - cure.  
My heart in - structs me in his love in sea - sons of the night.  
My bod - y, too, will rest se - cure in hope un - wav - er - ing.  
is found with you; at your right hand are plea - sures ev - er - more.

**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**  
(Gary Simpson, trumpet; Kim Peoples, piano)  
*I'd Rather Have Jesus*

**\*DOXOLOGY** (Unison)

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Deacon

**SERMON** *Made for More than Mammon* Dr. John Clayton  
Luke 16:1-17 (Pew Bible, 875)

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** (Unison) *Be Thou My Vision*  
Trinity Hymnal, 642 st. 1, 2, 4, 5

**\*PASTORAL BLESSING** (Responsive) Numbers 6:24-26

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God! Amen.

**POSTLUDE**

\* = Please stand if able.

## Sermon Notes

*Made for More Than Mammon*  
Luke 16:1-17 (Pew Bible, 875)

### I. Introduction

### II. Putting Wealth to Work

### III. Stewarding God's Blessings

### IV. Rich in Christ Alone

## 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. Purple paraments are displayed during the Season of Lent. Purple represents royalty as well as repentance, prayer, and suffering, and points to both the humility and regal authority of Christ the Servant-King.

**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.

#### March 22<sup>nd</sup> Nursery Volunteers

**Worship Service** — Miranda and Dahlia Collier and Kaydence Robinson

**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.

**Covenant Game Night:** Game Night is Saturday, March 28th from 5:00-8:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. To reserve your spot, please contact Marian Henry so she can coordinate the food.

**Fort Smith Marathon:** The Fort Smith Marathon will take place on Sunday, March 29, at 7:00 AM. The race will impact B Street which will be closed to traffic from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Please plan for delays and consider alternate routes when traveling to church.

**Holy Week Schedule:** Please make plans to attend the services on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. On Easter Sunday, we will not have Sunday School but will have a special brunch from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Mission Ministry Focus of the Week:** Community Rescue Mission is a faith-based, Christian organization that instills hope and empowers the lives of families and children in crisis due to homelessness, providing safe shelter, meals, case management, and spiritual enrichment to prepare individuals to acquire jobs and live successful, independent, productive lives.

**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 – March 15<sup>th</sup>: \$11,470

Designated giving: \$630

Total giving: \$12,100

General fund giving (YTD): \$153,795

Designated giving (YTD): \$1,712

Total giving (YTD): \$155,507

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## Lord's Day, March 22, 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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