

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

Hosanna Processional
Chancel Choir, Children's Choir, and Handbell Quintet

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Psalm 24:3-10

Minister: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? Or who shall stand in his holy place?

Congregation: He who has clean hands and a pure heart, and who has not set his mind upon vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbor.

Minister: He shall receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Congregation: This is the generation of those who seek him, even of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Minister: Lift up your heads, O you gates, and be lifted up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Congregation: Who is the King of glory?

Minister: It is the Lord, strong and mighty, even the Lord, mighty in battle.

Congregation: Lift up your heads, O you gates, and be lifted up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Minister: Who is the King of glory?

Congregation: The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

*SONG OF ASCENT (Unison)

All Glory, Laud, and Honor
Trinity Hymnal, 235

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

Ruling Elder

GLORIA PATRI (Unison)

Trinity Hymnal, 734

CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison)

Psalm 51:3-4

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison)

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*HYMN OF REJOICING

Join All the Glorious Names
Trinity Hymnal, 301

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruling Elder

Zechariah 9:9-10
Luke 19:29-40

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE (Unison)

Psalm 118:19-26, 28-29



1. Now o - pen wide the gates for__ me, the gates of__ right - eous - ness,
2. That stone is now the cor - ner - stone that build - ers once de - spised.
3. O bless - ed is the one who comes, comes in the LORD's great name.



and I will en - ter in___ through them; with thanks the__ LORD I'll bless.
This is the do - ing of___ the__ LORD, and won - drous in our eyes.
A bles - sing from the LORD's own__ house up - on you we pro - claim.



This is the gate that is___ the__ LORD's, the right - eous en - ter in.
This is the day the__ LORD has__ made; let us be glad and sing.
You are my God I'll__ give__ you__ thanks; my God, I'll give you praise.



I'm thank - ful you have an - swered me; my Sav - ior__ you have been.
Ho - san - na, LORD! O give suc - cess! O LORD, sal - va - tion bring!
O thank the LORD, for he__ is___ good; his love lasts end - less days.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Responsive)

Westminster Confession of Faith 8.1

Minister: What do we believe concerning Christ the Mediator?

Congregation: It pleased God, in his eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, his only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man, the Prophet, Priest, and King, the Head and Savior of his church, the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world: unto whom he did from all eternity give a people, to be his seed, and to be by him in time redeemed, justified, sanctified, and glorified.

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

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
Children's Choir

*DOXOLOGY (Unison)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Deacon

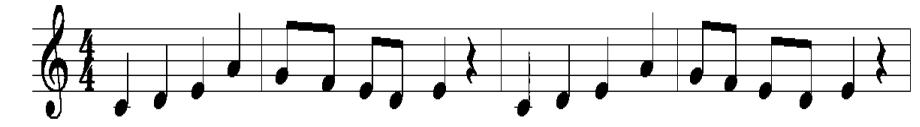
SERMON

Behold Your King
John 12:12-19 (Pew Bible, 899)

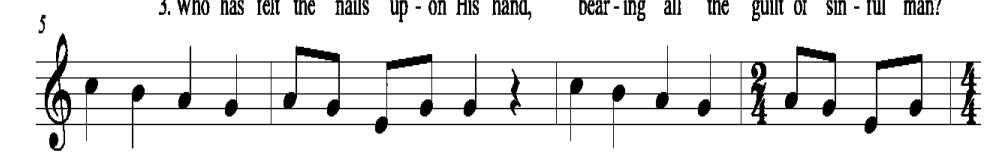
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*HYMN OF RESPONSE (Unison)

Behold Our God



1. Who has held the o - ceans in His hands? Who has num - bered ev' - ry grain of sand?
2. Who has giv - en coun - sel to the Lord? Who can ques - tion an - y of His words?
3. Who has felt the nails up - on His hand, bear - ing all the guilt of sin - ful man?



Kings and na - tions trem - ble at His voice. All cre - a - tion ri - ses to re -
Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fa - thom all His won - drous
God e - ter - nal, hum - bled to the grave, Je - sus, Sav - ior, ri - sen now to



joyce. Be - hold our God, seat - ed on His throne. Come let us a - dore Him. Be -
deeds? reign!



hold our King, noth - ing can com - pare, come, let us a - dore_____ Him!

*PASTORAL BLESSING (Responsive)

Philippians 4:7

Congregation:

Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso (Handel)
Barbara Jetton, organ

* = Please stand if able.

Sermon Notes

Behold Your King
John 12:12-19 (Pew Bible, 899)

I. Introduction

II. The King Revealed

III. The King Misunderstood

IV. The King Victorious

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 29th Nursery Volunteers

Worship Service — Angel and Elle Hartman

The Midweek: We will *not* meet this Wednesday evening.

Choir: The choir and handbells *will* practice Wednesday evening as scheduled.

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.

Holy Week Schedule: Please make plans to attend the services on Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 6:00 p.m., Good Friday Lessons and Psalms at 6:00 p.m., and Easter Sunday at 10:30 a.m.. 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. There will be a nursery provided for all services.

Mission Ministry Focus of the Week: Please pray for Pangrati Church located in the Pangrati neighborhood of downtown Athens, Greece. Pangrati is a multi-cultural, richly diverse neighborhood and one of the most artistic, youth-driven areas of the city, home to museums, theatres, artists, college students, and young families, but no Evangelical churches, until Pangrati Church was planted in 2021. Through what they call the Pangrati Project (www.thepangratiproject.com), the church seeks to build relationships through cultural engagement, sharing the joy and hope of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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 22nd: \$9,861
Designated giving: \$704
Total giving: \$10,535

General fund giving (YTD): \$163,727
Designated giving (YTD): \$2,315
Total giving (YTD): \$166,043

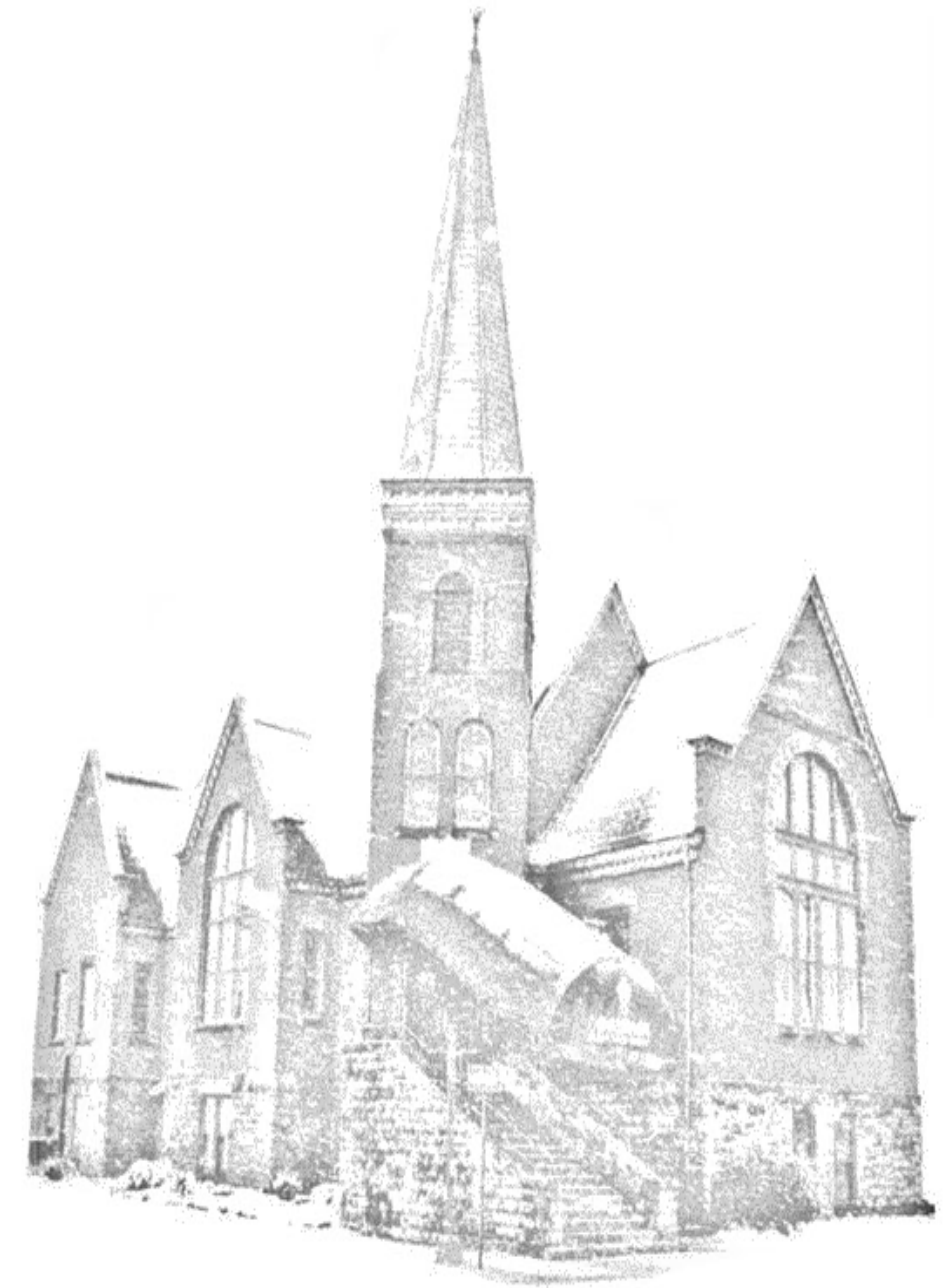
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Lord's Day, March 29, 2026

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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