

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** (Responsive) Based on Isaiah 12:2-6

Minister: Behold, God is our salvation; we will trust, and will not be afraid;

Congregation: for the Lord God is our strength and our song, and he has become our salvation.

Minister: With joy we will draw water from the wells of salvation. And we will say in that day:

Congregation: “Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.

Minister: Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.

Congregation: Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

***SONG OF ASCENT** (Unison) *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*
Trinity Hymnal, 345 st. 1, 2, 4

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION Ruling Elder

GLORIA PATRI (Unison) Trinity Hymnal, 734

CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison) Psalm 26:6-7

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison) Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

***HYMN OF REJOICING** *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*
(Psalm 103)
Trinity Hymnal, 76 st. 1-3, 5

SCRIPTURE READING Ruling Elder

Psalm 23
John 10:11-15

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** (Unison) *I Will Sing the Wondrous Story* st. 1, 2, 4

1. I will sing the won-drous sto - ry of the Christ who died for me,
2. I was lost: but Je - sus found me, found the sheep that went a - stray,
3. Faint was I, and fears pos - sessed me, bruised was I from man - y a fall;
4. Days of dark - ness still may meet me, sor - row's paths I oft may tread;
5. He will keep me till the riv - er rolls its wa - ters at my feet.

9
how he left the realms of glo - ry for the cross on Cal - va - ry.
raised me up and gent - ly led me back in - to the nar - row way.
hope was gone, and shame dis - tressed me: but his love has par - doned all
but his pres - ence still is with me, by his guid - ing hand I, led.
then he'll bear me safe - ly o - ver, made by grace for glo - ry meet

17
Yes, I'll sing the won - drous sto - ry of the Christ who died for me,

25
sing it with the saints in glo - ry, gath - ered by the crys - tal sea.

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)
Out of the Depths

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Deacon

SERMON *Was Lost, but Now Am Found* Dr. John Clayton
Luke 15:1-10 (Pew Bible, 874)

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** *Amazing Grace!*
Trinity Hymnal, 460 st. 1-4

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** (Unison) *Baptized in Water*

1. Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it,
2. Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it,
3. Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it,

7
cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;
dead in the tomb with Christ, our King;
13 marked with the sign of Christ, our King;

19
heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his prom - ise,
one with his ris - ing, freed and for - giv - en,
born of one Fa - ther, we are his chil - dren,

25
faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

***BENEDICTION** (Responsive) Numbers 6:24-26

Congregation: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

* = Please stand if able.

Sermon Notes

Was Lost, but Now Am Found
Luke 15:1-10 (Pew Bible, 874)

I. Introduction

II. Loving Search

III. Redeeming Rescue

IV. Heavenly Joy

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.

March 8th Nursery Volunteers

Worship Service — Claire Clayton and Emma Sullins

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.

Sacrament of Baptism: Today, we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the baptism of Brett Deaton.

According to the Shorter Catechism, "Baptism is a sacrament, wherein the washing with water—in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost—doth signify and seal our ingrafting into Christ, and partaking of the benefits of the Covenant of Grace, and our engagement to be the Lord's" (94).

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 – March 1st: \$14,125

Designated giving: \$50

Total giving: \$14,125

General fund giving (YTD): \$131,123

Designated giving (YTD): \$1,078

Total giving (YTD): \$132,202

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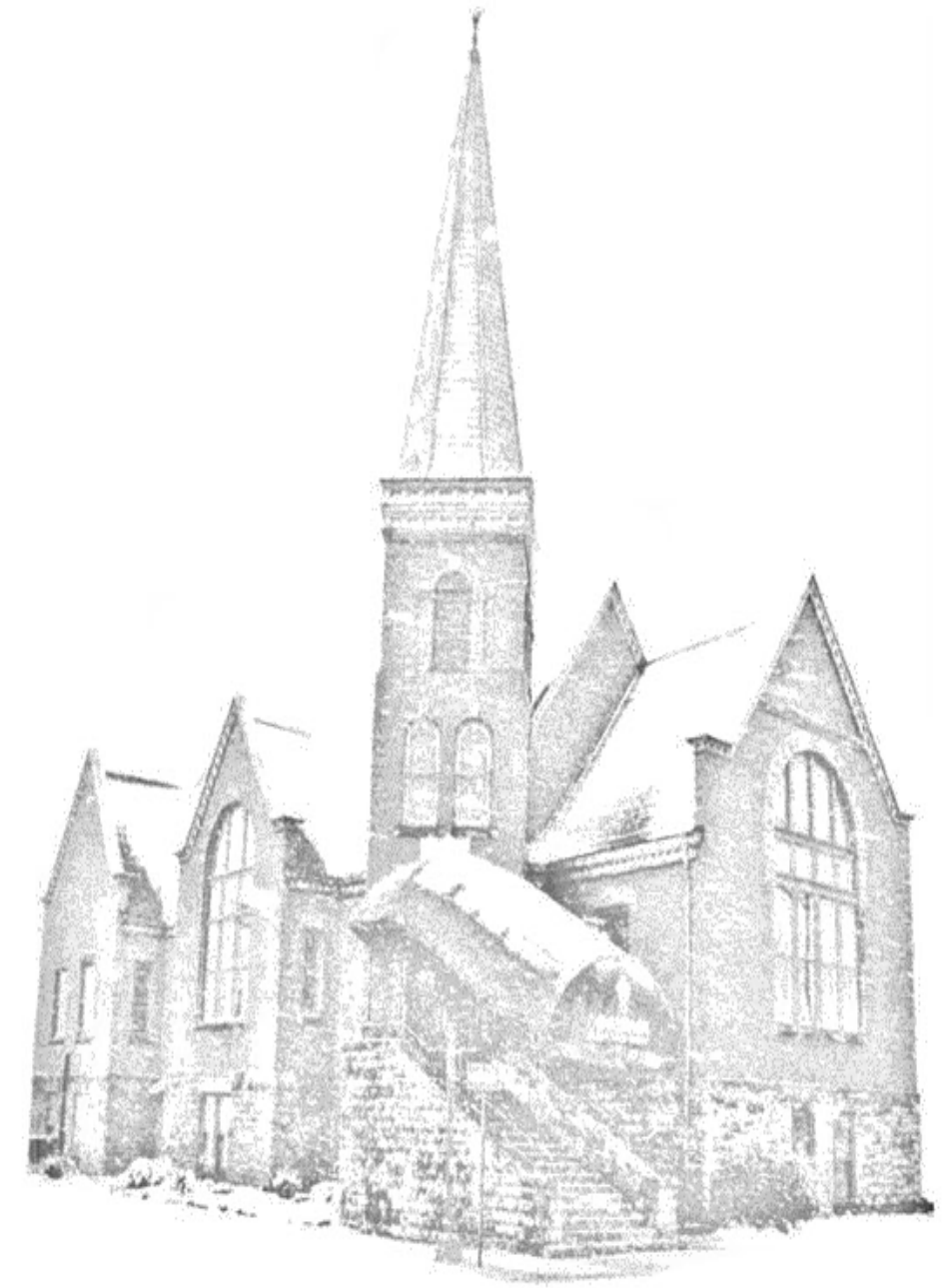
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Lord's Day, March 8, 2026

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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