

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

Fairest Lord Jesus
Kim Peoples, piano

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Leader)

Psalm 47:5-7

God has gone up with a shout of triumph, the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. O sing praises, sing praises unto our God; O sing praises, sing praises unto our King. For God is the King of all the earth; think upon his mighty acts and praise him with a song.

*SONG OF ASCENT (Unison)

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing
Trinity Hymnal 289

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

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!
Trinity Hymnal 296 st. 1, 3, 4, 6

SCRIPTURE READING

Mr. Jacob McCoy

Psalm 110
Acts 1:1-11

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

*HYMN OF PRAISE (Unison)

Rejoice, the Lord Is King
Trinity Hymnal 310

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed
Trinity Hymnal 846

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 (Handbell Choir)

Amazing Grace

*DOXOLOGY (Unison)

Trinity Hymnal 731

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Deacon

SERMON

When He Ascended on High
Ephesians 4:7-10 (Pew Bible, 977)

Dr. John Clayton

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (Unison)

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



1. Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the scep - ter, His the throne.
2. Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in sor - row now.
3. Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our food, our stay.

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Al - le - lu - ia! His the tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry___ a - lone.
Al - le - lu - ia! He is near us; faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.
Al - le - lu - ia! Here the sin - ful flee to You from day___ to day.

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Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like___ a might - y flood:
Tho' the cloud from sight re - ceived Him when the for - ty days were o'er,
In - ter - ces - or, Friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er, hear our plea

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"Je - sus out___ of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by His blood."
shall our hearts for - get___ His prom - ise, "I am with___ you ev - er - more"?
where the songs of all___ the sin - less sweep a - cross___ the crys - tal sea.

*BENEDICTION (Responsive)

Jude 24-25

Congregation:

Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise
Kim Peoples, piano

* = Please stand if able.

I. Introduction

II. Grace Given

III. Victory Secured

IV. Exaltation Forever

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.

Ascension Sunday: Ascension Sunday commemorates the final ascension of Jesus Christ into heaven (40 days after Easter) and his enthronement at the right hand of God, marking his triumph over sin and death. It signifies Christ's ruling as King, his role as our active Intercessor, and the assurance of his future return.

Q. 53. How was Christ exalted in his ascension?

A. Christ was exalted in his ascension, in that having after his resurrection often appeared unto and conversed with his apostles, speaking to them of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God, and giving them commission to preach the gospel to all nations, forty days after his resurrection, he, in our nature, and as our head, triumphing over enemies, visibly went up into the highest heavens, there to receive gifts for men, to raise up our affections thither, and to prepare a place for us, where himself is, and shall continue till his second coming at the end of the world.

Q. 54. How is Christ exalted in his sitting at the right hand of God?

A. Christ is exalted in his sitting at the right hand of God, in that as God-man he is advanced to the highest favor with God the Father, with all fullness of joy, glory, and power over all things in heaven and earth; and doth gather and defend his church, and subdue their enemies; furnisheth his ministers and people with gifts and graces, and maketh intercession for them.

May 17th Nursery Volunteers

Worship Service — Jill Rowland and Leanna Leraris

The Midweek: Join us for Bible study and prayer on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This will be the last week before our summer schedule. Through the summer we will meet June 3rd, July 8th, and August 5th.

Choir: The choir practices every Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. This will be the last week before our summer schedule. Through the summer we will meet June 3rd, July 8th, and August 5th.

Membership: Are you interested in becoming a member? The Session will be conducting membership interviews on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. Please email Jacob if you would like to schedule an interview.

Deacon Nominations: We are currently accepting nominations for the office of deacon. Nomination forms are on the foyer table. Nominations must be received before May 31st.

VBS Save the Date: Vacation Bible School is June 8th-10th for ages 4 through completion of 5th grade. To register your child, or if you are a member and would like to volunteer to help, please visit cpcfs.org. Paper registration forms are also available in the lobby.

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 – May 10th: \$35,642
Designated giving: \$0
Total giving: \$35,642

General fund giving (YTD): \$319,987
Designated giving (YTD): \$4,883
Total giving (YTD): \$324,869

Ministry Staff

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Ascension Sunday
May 17, 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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