

# 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)

Psalm 95:1-7

**Leader:** O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

**Congregation:** Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

**Leader:** For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods.

**Congregation:** In his hand are all the depths of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.

**Leader:** The sea is his, for he made it,

**Congregation:** and his hands prepared the dry land.

**Leader:** O come, let us worship and fall down, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

**Congregation:** For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

### \*SONG OF ASCENT (Unison)

*Holy, Holy, Holy*  
Trinity Hymnal 100

## PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

Ruling Elder

## GLORIA PATRI (Unison)

Trinity Hymnal 734

## CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison)

Psalm 25:6-7

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

*Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ*  
Trinity Hymnal 524

## SCRIPTURE READING

Mr. Jacob McCoy

*1 Samuel 12:24*

*1 Timothy 1:15; Galatians 6:14*

**Leader:** 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  
 4. 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 -  
 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 -  
 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)

*Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

Trinity Hymnal, 398

### \*DOXOLOGY (Unison)

Trinity Hymnal 731

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Deacon

## SERMON

*All God Owes You*  
Luke 17:7-19 (Pew Bible, 876)

Dr. John Clayton

### \*HYMN OF PREPARATION

*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all mea - sure that  
 2. Be - hold the man up - on a cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders; Ash -  
 3. I will not boast in an - y - thing, no gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom; but

He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His trea - sure. How  
 a - med, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers. It  
 I will boast in Je - sus Christ, His death, and res - ur - rec - tion. Why

great the pain of sear - ing loss, the Fa - ther turns His face a - way, as  
 was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished; His  
 should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer; but

wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring ma - ny sons to glo - ry.  
 dy - ing breath has brought me life; I know that it is fin - ished.  
 this I know with all my heart: His wounds havepaid my ran - som.

## 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 RESPONSE (Unison)

*Benediction*  
Trinity Hymnal 730

### \*BENEDICTION (Responsive)

Hebrews 13:20-21

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

## POSTLUDE

\* = Please stand if able.

## I. Introduction

## II. What God Needs

## III. What God Gives

## IV. What God Desires

# 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.

**May 3<sup>rd</sup> Nursery Volunteers**

**Worship Service** — Catherine and Lucy Oostdyk

**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.

**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 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> for ages 4 through completion of 5<sup>th</sup> grade. To register your child, or if you are a member and would like to volunteer to help, please visit [cpcfs.org](http://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 – April 26<sup>th</sup>: \$12,705

Designated giving: \$100

Total giving: \$12,805

General fund giving (YTD): \$281,122

Designated giving (YTD): \$4,883

Total giving (YTD): \$286,004

### Ministry Staff

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# Covenant Presbyterian Church

## Fort Smith, Arkansas



Lords' Day, May 3, 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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