

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.)

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Prelude in G Minor (Bach)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Minister)

Based on 1 Corinthians 3:23; 3:16

Minister: You are Christ’s, and Christ is God’s, and God’s Spirit dwells in you. Bow your hearts in worship and glorify the triune Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*SONG OF ASCENT (Unison)

Holy God, We Praise Your Name
Trinity Hymnal, 103

SCRIPTURE READING

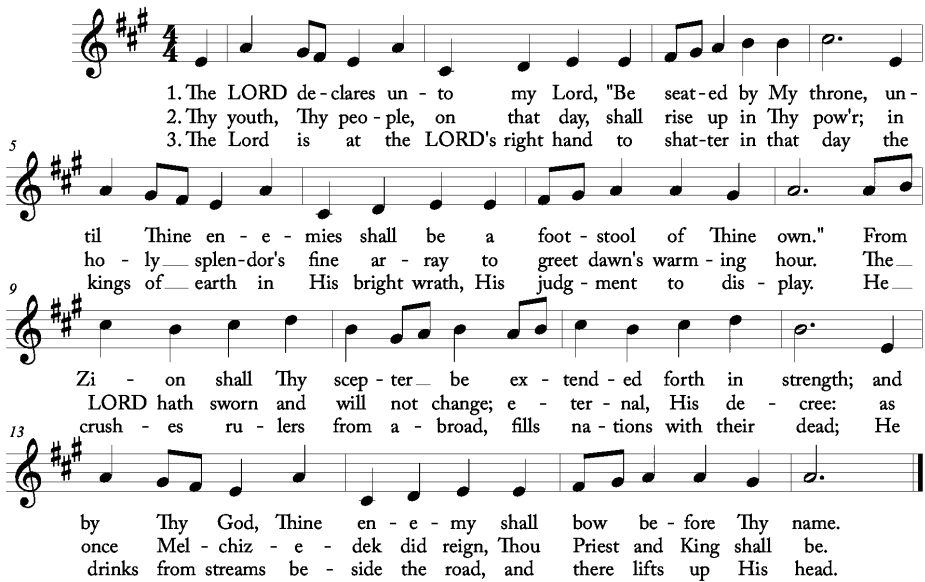
Ruling Elder

Genesis 1:1-3, 6, 9, 11, 14-15, 20, 24, 26-27
John 1:1-14

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

*HYMN OF PRAISE (Unison)

Psalm 110



1.The LORD de- clares un - to my Lord, "Be seat-ed by My throne, un -
2.Thy youth, Thy peo - ple, on that day, shall rise up in Thy pow'r; in
3.The Lord is at the LORD's right hand to shat-ter in that day the

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til Thine en - e - mies shall be a foot - stool of Thine own." From
ho - ly splen-dor's fine ar - ray to greet dawn's warm - ing hour. The
9 kings of earth in His bright wrath, His judg - ment to dis - play. He

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Zi - on shall Thy scep - ter be ex - tend - ed forth in strength; and
LORD hath sworn and will not change; e - ter - nal, His de - cree: as
crush - es ru - lers from a - broad, fills na - tions with their dead; He

by Thy God, Thine en - e - my shall bow be - fore Thy name.
once Mel - chiz - e - dek did reign, Thou Priest and King shall be.
drinks from streams be - side the road, and there lifts up His head.

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

Ruling Elder

GLORIA PATRI (Unison)

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison)

Ezra 9:6

O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift my face to you, my God, for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has mounted up to the heavens.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison)

Romans 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

HYMN OF REJOICING

Hallelujah! Thine the Glory
Trinity Hymnal, 179 vs. 1-3

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Responsive)

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q. 4-6

Minister: What is God?

Congregation: God is a spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth.

Minister: Are there more Gods than one?

Congregation: There is but one only, the living and true God.

Minister: How many persons are there in the godhead?

Congregation: There are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

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

Music from Vacation Bible School

*DOXOLOGY (Unison)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Deacon

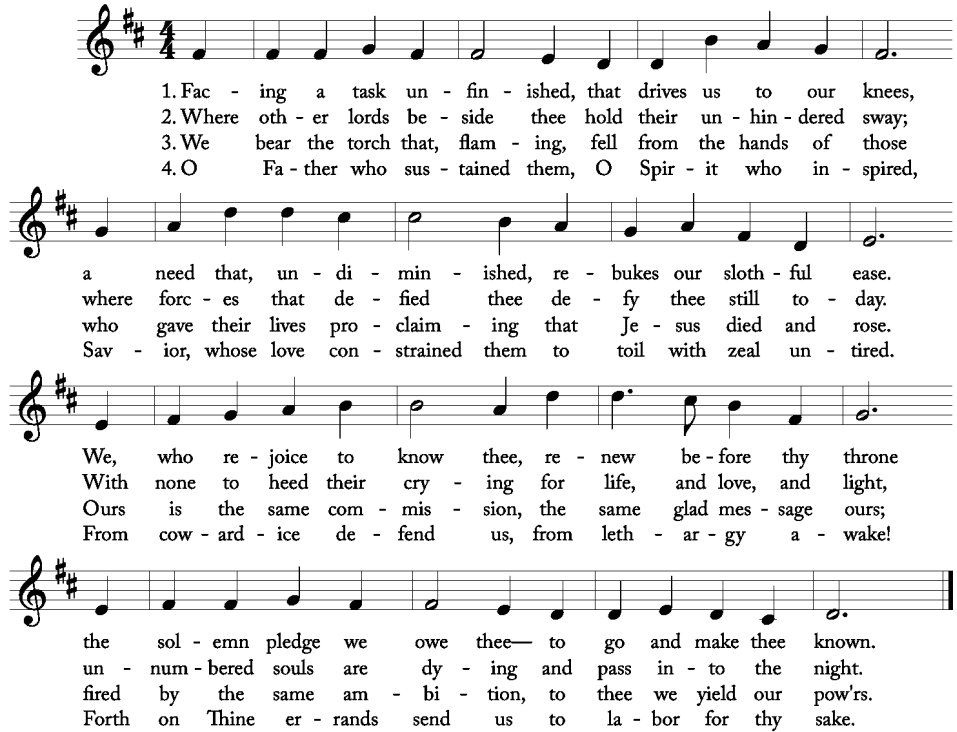
SERMON

Christ’s Commissioned Church
Matthew 28:16-20 (Pew Bible, 835)

Dr. John Clayton

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

Facing a Task Unfinished vs. 1, 2, & 4



1.Fac - ing a task un - fin - ished, that drives us to our knees,
2.Where oth - er lords be - side thee hold their un - hin - dered sway;
3.We bear the torch that, flam - ing, fell from the hands of those
4.O Fa - ther who sus - tained them, O Spir - it who in - spired,

a need that, un - di - min - ished, re - bukes our sloth - ful ease.
where forc - es that de - fied thee de - fy thee still to - day.
who gave their lives pro - claim - ing that Je - sus died and rose.
Sav - ior, whose love con - strained them to toil with zeal un - tired.

We, who re - joice to know thee, re - new be - fore thy throne
With none to heed their cry - ing for life, and love, and light,
Ours is the same com - mis - sion, the same glad mes - sage ours;
From cow - ard - ice de - fend us, from leth - ar - gy a - wake!

the sol - emn pledge we owe thee— to go and make thee known.
un - num - bered souls are dy - ing and pass in - to the night.
fired by the same am - bi - tion, to thee we yield our pow'rs.
Forth on Thine er - rands send us to la - bor for thy sake.

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,

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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;

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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,

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.

*PASTORAL BENEDICTION (Responsive)

Numbers 6:24-26

Congregation: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

God Be With You till We Meet Again (Tomer)

* = Please stand if able.

Sermon Notes

Christ’s Commissioned Church
Matthew 28:16-20 (Pew Bible, 835)

I. Introduction

II. Christ’s Authority

III. Christ’s Commission

IV. Christ’s Commandments

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. Representing the purity of Christ and the joy and peace believers find in Him, white paraments adorn the pulpit and communion table during the celebration of Christmas, Easter, and days on which we celebrate the sacraments of the Lord’s Supper and Baptism.

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.

Seating: Please be courteous by moving toward the front of the sanctuary providing room in the back for those arriving late.

June 15th Nursery Volunteers

Worship Service — Lauren, Gillian, and Georgia Good

Membership: Are you interested in becoming a member? The Session will be conducting membership interviews in the months July and August. Please call the church office if you would like to schedule an interview.

Covenant Women Connect: Please take a break and join us for a fun night of fellowship at the home of Susan Haines on June 19th at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a savory or sweet item to share.

Covenant Game Night: Game Night is Saturday, June 28th from 5:00-8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. To reserve your spot, please contact Marian Henry at (918) 728-5844 so she can coordinate the food.

Missions Focus of the Week: The CALL walks with interested families through the process to become a foster home and partners with local business, churches and individuals to provide safe and stable homes, training and support to those families. Please be in prayer for The CALL this week.

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.

Sacrament of Baptism: Today, we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the baptism of Peyton Sosebee.

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).

Study the Nicene Creed: This year marks the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, which took place in 325 AD and produced the Nicene Creed. The Nicene Creed has served as a fundamental statement of faith, defining the core beliefs about God, the Trinity, and Jesus Christ. To commemorate this anniversary, we will begin a new study of the Nicene Creed in our Adult Sunday School class, starting July 6th.

Trinity Sunday: From its earliest days, the church understood that God had revealed Himself as both unity and diversity. God is one. Nothing could be clearer from Scripture. But God is also three: the names, works, attributes, and honors of God are shared by the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The doctrine of the Trinity is essential to Christian theology and a defining doctrine of orthodoxy. Thus, we confess that the three persons of the Godhead are “the same in substance, equal in power and glory” (WSC Q. 6). Trinity Sunday has been celebrated in the Christian church since the tenth century.

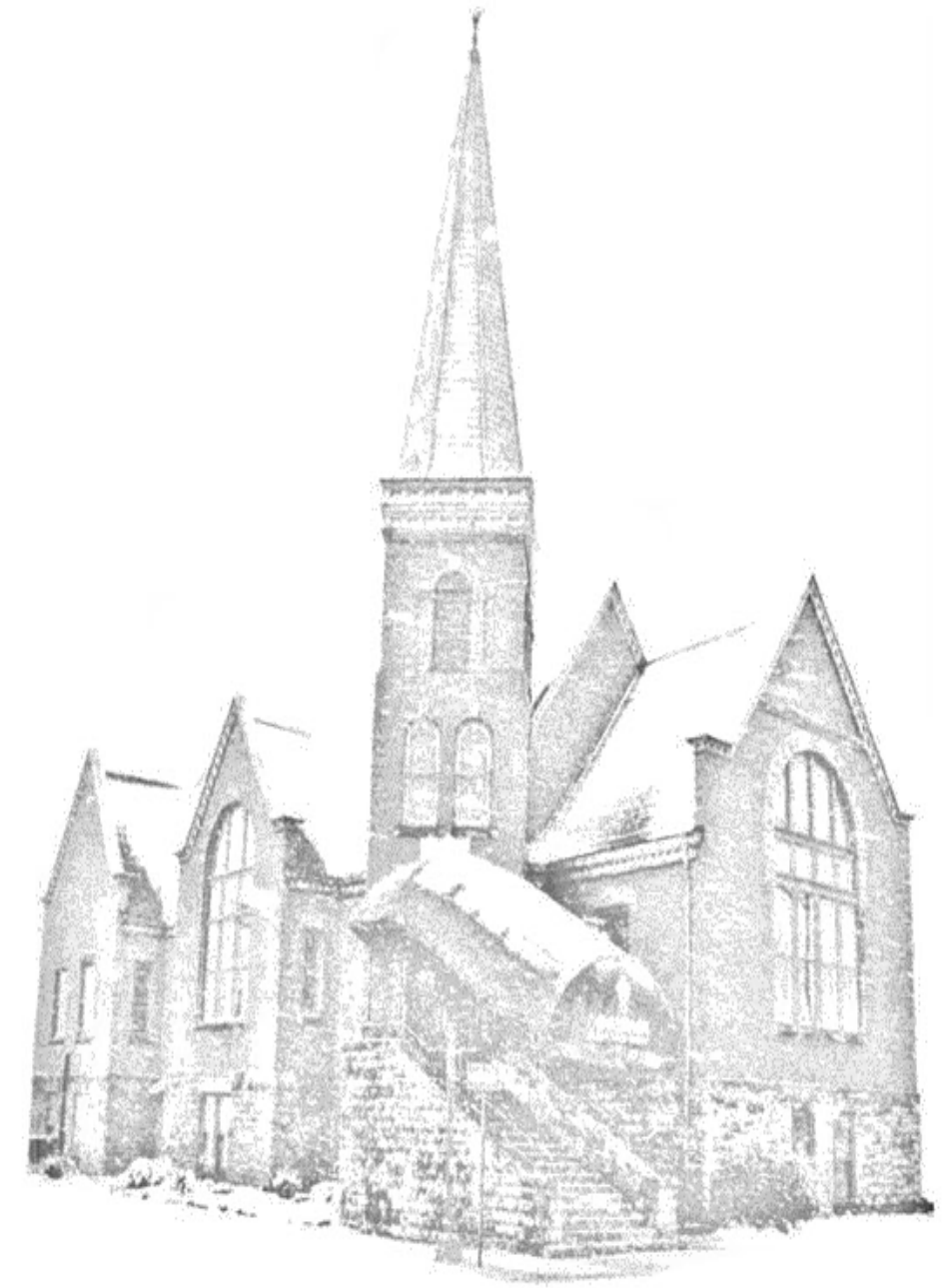
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Lord’s Day, June 15, 2025 10:30 A.M.

“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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