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RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

PRELUDE *Rondeau (Mouret)*
Barbara Jetton, organ

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Leader) Psalm 65:1-2, 5

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed.
O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come. By awesome deeds you
answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation, the hope of all the
ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

***SONG OF ASCENT** (Unison) *Come, My Soul, Thy Suit Prepare*
Trinity Hymnal 628 st. 1, 2, 3, 5

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION Ruling Elder

GLORIA PATRI (Unison) Trinity Hymnal 734

CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison) Psalm 130:1-2

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison) Isaiah 53:5

[Christ] was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

***HYMN OF REJOICING** *And Can It Be That I Should Gain*
Trinity Hymnal 455 st. 1, 4, 5

SCRIPTURE READING Mr. Jacob McCoy

1 Kings 17:1; 18:41-46
James 5:16-18

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

***HYMN OF PRAISE** (Unison) *O Jehovah, Hear My Words (Psalm 5)*
Trinity Hymnal 51 st. 1, 3, 5

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed
Trinity Hymnal 845

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)
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Psalm 103) Trinity Hymnal 53

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Deacon

SERMON *Persisting in Hopeful Prayer* Dr. John Clayton
Luke 18:1-8 (Pew Bible, 877)

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** (Unison) *Before the Throne of God Above*

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, and tells me of the guilt with
3. Be - hold him there, the ris - en Lamb! My per - fect, spot - less Right - eous -

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plea, a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for
in, up - ward I look and see him there who made an end to all my
ness; the great un - change - a - ble I AM, the King of glo - ry and of

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me. My name is grav - en on his hands; my name is writ - ten on his
sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
grace! One with him - self I can - not die; my soul is pur - chased with his

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heart; I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can bid me thence de -
free; for God the Just is sat - is - fied to look on him and par - don
blood; my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Sav - ior and my

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part; no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
me; to look on him and par - don me.
God; with Christ my Sav - ior and my God!

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 REFLECTION *My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone*
Text: Psalm 62

***HYMN OF RESPONSE (Unison)** *Benediction*
Trinity Hymnal 730

***BENEDICTION** (Responsive) Hebrews 13:20-21

Congregation: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

Prelude in F (J. S. Bach)
Barbara Jetton, organ

* = Please stand if able.

I. Introduction

II. The Call to Pray

III. The Temptation to Lose Heart

IV. The Source of Hope

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.

June 7th Nursery Volunteers

Worship Service — Lauren, Gillian and Georgia Good

The Midweek: Through the summer we will meet July 8th and August 5th.

Choir: Through the summer we will meet 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.

VBS: Vacation Bible School is this Monday, June 8th thru Wednesday, June 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please plan to arrive in the church sanctuary a few minutes early so we can begin our opening time right at 9:00 a.m. Contact Ryan Feero if you have any questions.

Furniture Needed: The Community Rescue Mission is in need of small kitchen tables and chairs, end tables, couches, love seats, recliners, bed linens, bath towels, and decor to outfit their new Miller Cottages. Money can be donated for these items as well. Please contact Rusty Peoples if you can help with these items.

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 31st: \$13,416
Designated giving: \$622
Total giving: \$14,038

General fund giving (YTD): \$381,163
Designated giving (YTD): \$5,865
Total giving (YTD): \$387,029

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Lord's Day, June 7, 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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