

*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.)*

PRELUDE *O God, Our Help in Ages Past (arr. Callahan)*

Minister: The Holy Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs of God. Fellow heirs with Christ, come and bow your hearts to the Father and worship him.

SCRIPTURE READING Ruling Elder

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

1. E - ter - nal Spir - it, God of __ truth, our con - trite hearts in - spire; ig -

2. Sub - due the pow'r of ev - 'ry sin, what - e'er that sin may be, that

nite a flame of heav'n - ly __ love, and feed the __ pure de - sire. 'Tis

we, in sin - gle - ness __ of heart, may wor - ship on - ly thee. Then

thine to sooth the __ sor - r'wing mind, with guilt and fear op - pressed; 'tis

with our spir - it __ wit - ness __ bear that we are sons of God, re -

thine to bid the dy - ing __ live, and give the __ wea - ry rest.

deemed from sin and death and __ hell thro' Christ's a - ton - ing blood.

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.*

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison) 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) *The Nicene Creed*
Trinity Hymnal, 846

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*

*DOXOLOGY (Unison)

***HYMN OF RESPONSE (Unison)** *Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God*

1. Ho-ly Spir-it, Liv-ing Breath of God, breathe new life in-to my will-ing soul.
2. Ho-ly Spir-it, come a-bide with-in; may Your joy be seen in all I do.
3. Ho-ly Spir-it, from cre-a-tion's birth, giv-ing life to all that God has made.

Bring the pres-ence of the Ris-en Lord, to re-new my heart and make me whole.
Love e-nough to cov-er ev-'ry sin in each thought and deed and at-ti-tude.
Show Your pow-er once a-gain on earth; cause Your church to hun-ger for Your ways.

Cause Your Word to come a-live in-me; give me grace for what I can-not see;
Kind-ness to the great-est and the least; gen-tle-ness that sows the path of peace.
Let the fra-grance of our prayers a-rise; lead us on the road of sac-ri-fice,

give me pas-sion for Your pur-i-ty; Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe new life in me.
Turn my stri-vings in-to works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.
that in un-i-ty the face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

***PASTORAL BLESSING** (Responsive) Romans 15:13

Congregation: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE *Standing on the Promises (Carter)*

* = Please stand if able.

Sermon Notes

In One Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 (Pew Bible, 959)

I. Introduction

II. True Profession

III. Same Spirit

IV. One Body

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. On Pentecost Sunday, red paraments adorn the pulpit and communion table and represent the color of fire of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost.

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 8th Nursery Volunteers
Worship Service — Janice Bailey and Leanna Leraris

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

Sunday School Teacher Needed: We need a middle school girls Sunday School teacher starting in September to serve on a rotating basis.

Mission Ministry Focus of the Week: Community Rescue Mission is a faith-based, Christian organization that instills hope and empowers the lives of families and children in crisis due to homelessness, providing safe shelter, meals, case management, and spiritual enrichment to prepare individuals to acquire jobs and live successful, independent, productive lives.

June Men’s Night: Please join us for an evening of great BBQ at the Claytons' home. Sure-footed, able-bodied men should park in the lot at 126 N 47th St, Fort Smith, AR 72903 and walk-up the rock stairs to the backyard. Limited parking is also available in the front circle drive (4627 Free Ferry Road). Come fellowship with your Covenant brothers and bring a buddy too!

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.

Upward Bound VBS: VBS will be June 9th-12th from 9:00-12:00 a.m. Register your kids by texting Ryan Feero at (479) 414-8921.

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 – June 1 st : \$29,653	General fund giving (YTD): \$349,467
Designated giving: \$178	Designated giving (YTD): \$21,629
Total giving: \$29,831	Total giving (YTD): \$371,096

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Lord’s Day, June 8, 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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