

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

Beneath the Cross of Jesus
Carol Sikes, organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Minister)

Psalm 145:10-13

All your works praise you, O Lord, and your faithful servants give thanks to you. They speak of the glory of your kingdom and talk of your power, that your power may be known to the children of men, even the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all ages.

*SONG OF ASCENT (Unison)

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim
Trinity Hymnal 165

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

Ruling Elder

GLORIA PATRI (Unison)

Trinity Hymnal 734

CONFESSION OF SIN (Responsive)

Psalm 6:1-7

Elder: O Lord, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath.
Congregation: Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am languishing; heal me, O Lord, for my bones are troubled.
Elder: My soul also is greatly troubled. But you, O Lord—how long?
Congregation: Turn, O Lord, deliver my life; save me for the sake of your steadfast love.
Elder: For in death there is no remembrance of you; in Sheol who will give you praise?
Congregation: I am weary with my moaning; every night I flood my bed with tears;
Elder: I drench my couch with my weeping. My eye wastes away because of grief;
Congregation: it grows weak because of all my foes.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Responsive)

Psalm 6:8-10

Elder: Depart from me, all you workers of evil, for the Lord has heard the sound of my weeping.
Congregation: The Lord has heard my plea; the Lord accepts my prayer.
Elder: All my enemies shall be ashamed and greatly troubled;
Congregation: they shall turn back and be put to shame in a moment.

*HYMN OF REJOICING

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Trinity Hymnal 252

SCRIPTURE READING

Minister

Genesis 12:1-3
Philippians 3:7-11

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

*HYMN OF PRAISE (Unison)

Psalm 16



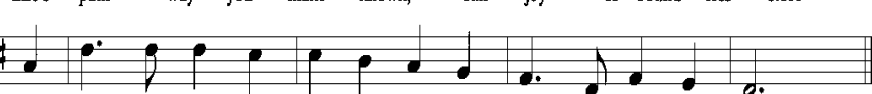
1. Pre - serve me, O my God; you are my ref - uge true.
2. Those seek - ing o - ther gods shall mul - ti - ply their pain;
3. The lot that fell to me is beau - ti - ful and fair;
4. I keep be - fore me still the LORD whom I have proved;
5. For you will not for - sake my soul un - to the grave,



I say, "You are my Lord. I have no good a - part from you."
their gifts of blood I of - fer not; their gods I will not name.
the her - i - tage in which I dwell is good be - yond com - pare.
at my right hand he guards from ill, and I shall not be moved.
nor will you leave your Ho - ly One to see the tomb's de - cay.



The saints through - out the earth— in them is my de - light,
O LORD, you are to me my cup and por - tion sure;
I praise the LORD a - bove, whose coun - sel guides a - right.
My heart is there - fore glad; my tongue with joy will sing.
Life's path - way you make known, full joy of bound - less store



for ex - cel - lent are they who live as ho - ly in your sight.
the lot that you as - sign to me you guard and keep se - cure.
My heart in - structs me in his love in sea - sons of the night.
My bod - y, too, will rest se - cure in hope un - wav - er - ing.
is found with you; at your right hand are plea - sures ev - er - more.

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)

My Worth Is Not in What I Own

*DOXOLOGY (Unison)

Trinity Hymnal 731

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Deacon

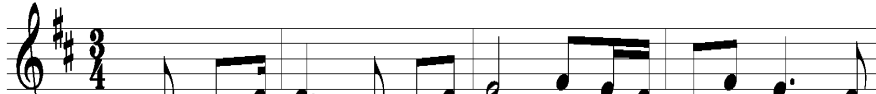
SERMON

For the Sake of the Kingdom
Luke 18:28-34 (Pew Bible, 877-878)

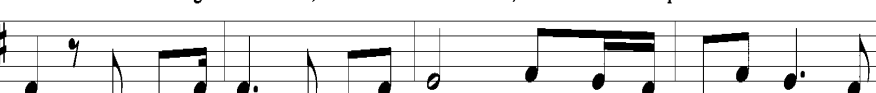
Dr. John Clayton

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (Unison)

In Christ Alone



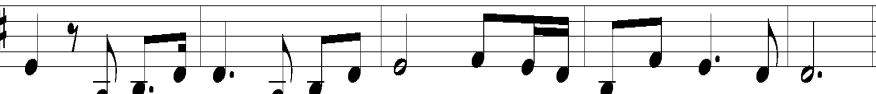
1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my
2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh; Full - ness of God in help - less
3. There in the ground His bo - dy lay; Light of the world by dark - ness
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death; This is the pow'r of Christ in



4 song; This Cor - ner - stone, this so - lid ground, Firm through the fierc - est drought and
babe. This gift of love and right - eous - ness Scorned by the ones He came to
slain. Then burst - ing forth in glor - ious day, Up from the grave He rose a -
8 me. From life's first cry to fi - nal breath Je - sus com - mands my des - ti -



storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace When fears are stilled, when stri - vings
save; Til on that cross as Je - sus died The wrath of God was sat - is -
gain! And as He stands in vic - to - ry Sin's curse has lost its grip on
12 ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man Can ev - er pluck me from His



cease; My Com - for - ter, my All in All; Here in the love of Christ I stand.
fied; For ev - ery sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.
me; For I am His and He is mine, Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ!
hand; Til he re - turns or calls me home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

*BENEDICTION (Responsive)

Numbers 6:24-26

Congregation:

Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

In Christ Alone

I. Introduction

II. When Death is Life

III. When Loss is Gain

IV. When Promise is Fulfilled

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. Green is displayed during “ordinary time” which includes the period between Epiphany and Lent and the period between Pentecost and Advent. Green represents spiritual growth and world missions.

July 12th Nursery Volunteers

Worship Service — Claire Clayton, Grace Anne Lambert and Judy Sagely

The Midweek: We will meet August 5th and resume our regular schedule September 9th.

Choir: We will meet August 5th and resume our regular schedule September 9th.

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.

Summer Vespers: Join us July 19th at 5:00 p.m. for the first service in our Summer Vespers services, “Psalms for Today,” an evening of psalms and psalm-based hymns spanning from the 17th century to some of the best examples of psalms being written today, led by members of Covenant. This more informal service will also feature psalm reading, prayer, and readings that have been part of the worship of the church for centuries. If you enjoy the content and the style of the music of Sandra McCracken, Indelible Grace, or the Gettys, you'll want to make sure you take part in this special evening of song.

Women In the Church Summer Fellowship: Join us Thursday, August 6th at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall while we beat the heat for a time of brunch and fellowship. Young moms can bring your kids along with their scooters or balance bikes to ride while we visit. Food will be provided.

Missional Focus of the Week: MTW Missionaries - Jamie and Jacki Gildard – Toulouse, France. Please be in prayer for the Gildards 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.

Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – July 5 th : \$10,818	General fund giving (YTD): \$536,468
Designated giving: \$70	Designated giving (YTD): \$6,926
Total giving: \$10,878	Total giving (YTD): \$543,394

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Lord’s Day, July 12, 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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