

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 Dr. Seung-Won Cho, organ

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Leader) Psalm 47:1-2, 6-7

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth. Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

***SONG OF ASCENT** (Unison) *Psalm 98*



1. Sing a new song to Je - ho - vah for the won - ders he has wrought;
2. Truth and mer - cy toward his peo - ple he has ev - er kept in__ mind,
3. Seas with all your full - ness thun - der, all earth's peo - ples now re - joice;

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his right hand and arm most ho - ly tri - umph to his cause have brought.
and his full and free sal - va - tion he has shown to all man - kind.
9 floods and hills in praise u - nit - ing, to the Lord lift up your voice.

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In his love and ten - der mer - cy he has made sal - va - tion known,
Sing, O earth, sing to Je - ho - vah, prais - es to Je - ho - vah sing;
For, be - hold, the Lord is com - ing, robed in jus - tice and in might;

in the sight of ev - 'ry na - tion he his righ - teous - ness has shown.
with the swell - ing notes of mu - sic shout be - fore the__ Lord, the King.
he a - lone will judge the na - tions, and his judg - ment shall be__ right.

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION Ruling Elder

GLORIA PATRI (Unison) Trinity Hymnal 734

CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison) Psalm 51:1-2

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison) 2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake [God] made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

***HYMN OF REJOICING** *We Come, O Christ, to You*
Trinity Hymnal 181 st. 1-4

SCRIPTURE READING Mr. Jacob McCoy

Daniel 7:13-14
2 Corinthians 5:6-10

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

***HYMN OF PRAISE** (Unison) *Crown Him with Many Crowns*
Trinity Hymnal 295

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)
Speak, O Lord

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Deacon

SERMON *Until the King Comes* Dr. Jo[phn]
Clayton Luke 19:11-27 (Pew Bible 878)

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** (Unison) *All Glory Be to Christ*



1. Should noth - ing of our ef - forts stand, no__ leg - a - cy sur - vive; un -
2. His will be done, His king - dom come, on__ earth as is a - bove, who
3. When on the day the great I Am, the faith - ful and the true, the

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less the Lord does raise the house, in__ vain its build - ers strive. To you who boast to -
is Him - self our dai - ly bread; praise Him, the Lord of love. Let liv - ing wa - ter
10 Lamb who was for sin - ners slain, is__ mak - ing all things new. Be - hold our God shall

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mor - row's gain, tell me what is your life? A mist that van - ish - es at dawn; all
sat - is - fy the thirst - y with - out price; we'll take a cup of kind - ness yet; all
live with us and be our stead - fast light. And we shall e'er His peo - ple be; all

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glo - ry be to Christ. All glo - ry be__ to Christ our king! All glo - ry be to
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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 *Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*

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

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE Dr. Seung-Won Cho, organ

*= Please stand if able.

Introduction

I. The Kingdom Delayed

II. The Kingdom Rejected

III. The Servants Entrusted

IV. The Servants Examined

V. The Kingdom Revealed

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.

August 2nd Nursery Volunteers
Worship Service — Adrian Veltkamp, Abigail Robbins, and Emma Sullins

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.

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.

Summer Vespers: Join us August 9th at 5:00 p.m. for the second service in our Summer Vespers series, “Prayers of the Church.” This evening of worship will feature hymns based on prayers and Scripture that have been part of the church’s liturgy for centuries, along with hymns and psalms that are, at their heart, prayers of praise, confession, and supplication. Led by members of Covenant, this more informal service will also include spoken prayers and psalm readings. If you enjoy the music of Sandra McCracken, Indelible Grace, or the Gettys, you’ll want to join us for this special evening of song.

Missional Focus of the Week: Please pray for Pangrati Church in Athens, Greece, where they seek to build relationships through cultural engagement, sharing the joy and hope of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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 26 ^h : \$9,744	General fund giving (YTD): \$607,067
Designated giving: \$0	Designated giving (YTD): \$8,397
Total giving: \$9,744	Total giving (YTD): \$615,464

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Lord’s Day, August 2, 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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