

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.)

PRELUDE *Speak, O Lord*

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)** Based on Deuteronomy 8:3

Minister: The Lord fed your fathers manna in the wilderness, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. Come, worship Christ, the Living Word, and feed upon the Bread of Life.

***SONG OF ASCENT (Unison)** *All People That on Earth Do Dwell (Psalm 100)*
Trinity Hymnal, 1

SCRIPTURE READING Ruling Elder

Isaiah 55:8-11
Hebrews 4:12

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

***HYMN OF PRAISE (Unison)** *Come, Thou Almighty King*
Trinity Hymnal, 101

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION Ruling Elder

GLORIA PATRI (Unison) Trinity Hymnal, 734

CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison) Daniel 9:18b-19a

For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison) Romans 5:8-9

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

***HYMN OF REJOICING (Unison)** *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest; lay
2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give the
3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's Light; look
5 down, O wear - y one - lay down your head up - on my breast." I
liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, stoop down and drink, and live." I
un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright." I
9 came to Je - sus as I was, wear - y and worn and sad; I
came to Je - sus and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my
13 looked to Je - sus and I found in him my Star, my Sun; and
found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
in that light of life I'll walk, 'til trav' - ling days are done.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Responsive) *Westminster Confession of Faith 8.1*

Minister: What do we believe concerning Christ the Mediator?

Congregation: It pleased God, in his eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, his only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man, the Prophet, Priest, and King, the Head and Savior of his church, the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world: unto whom he did from all eternity give a people, to be his seed, and to be by him in time redeemed, justified, sanctified, and glorified.

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 (Choir)
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Deacon

SERMON *The Authority of the Word* Dr. John Clayton
Luke 4:31-44 (Pew Bible, 860)

***HYMN OF RESPONSE (Unison)** *Every Promise of Your Word vs. 1, 2, 4*

***BENEDICTION (Responsive)** Philippians 4:7

Congregation: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE *O God of Light, Your Word, a Lamp Unfailing*

* = Please stand if able.

Sermon Notes

The Authority of the Word
Luke 4:31-44 (Pew Bible, 860)

I. Introduction

II. Authority over Doctrine

III. Authority over Demonic

IV. Authority over Disease

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.

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.

Media Volunteers: We need one sound volunteer and two slide volunteers to help on Sunday mornings. If you are willing to serve on a volunteer rotation, please let Brandon know or contact the church office.

Children's Sunday School Volunteer: We need a Preschool/1-2nd grade teacher to serve on a monthly rotation. If you are interested, please let Liddia Bourlon know or call the church office.

Nursery Volunteers: We need more nursery worker volunteers. If you are willing to serve on a volunteer rotation, please contact the church office to sign-up.

September 28th Nursery Volunteers

Worship Service — Liddia Bourlon and Miranda Collier

Memorize the Shorter Catechism: For this week, memorize answer #39.

Covenant Youth: Our youth meet Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00 p.m. for grades 7th-12th upstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

The Midweek: Join us for Bible study and prayer on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Choir: The choir meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

Men's Bible Study: Our men's Fall study meets on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us as we study through 1 Peter.

Women's Bible Study: Our women's Fall study meets on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us as we do a topical study using *What's She Doing Here? The Messy Women in Jesus' Genealogy* by Susan Tyner.

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.

Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – Sept 22nd: \$4,171

Designated giving: \$0

Total giving: \$4,171

General fund giving (YTD): \$513,806

Designated giving (YTD): \$77,712

Total giving (YTD): \$591,518

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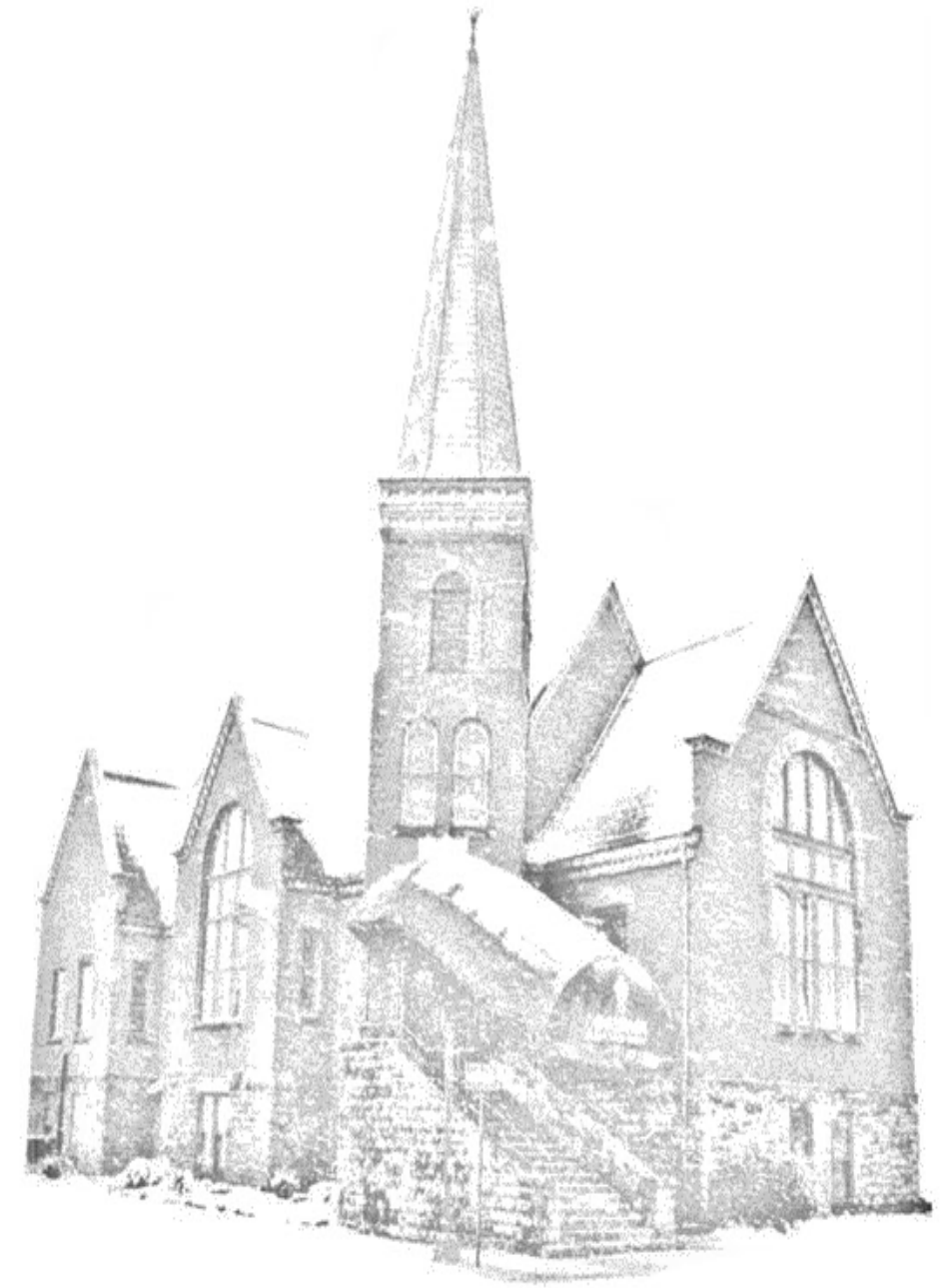
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Lord's Day, September 29, 2024

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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