

# DIVINE 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

*How Great Thou Art*

## STRIKING OF THE HOUR

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (Minister)

Psalm 34:1-3

*I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!*

### \*SONG OF ASCENT (Unison)

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*  
Trinity Hymnal, 38

## SCRIPTURE READING

Ruling Elder

*Isaiah 40:28-31*  
*Romans 5:1-11*

**Elder:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God.

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE (Unison)

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*  
Trinity Hymnal, 32

## PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

Ruling Elder

## 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.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison)

Daniel 9:4-5

*O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules.*

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison)

Romans 5:1-2

*Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*

### \*HYMN OF REJOICING (Unison)

*It Is Well with My Soul*  
Trinity Hymnal, 691

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Nicene Creed*

**Minister:** We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

**Congregation:** of all things visible and invisible.

**Minister:** And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds,

**Congregation:** God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,

**Minister:** begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;

**Congregation:** by whom all things were made;

**Minister:** who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man;

**Congregation:** and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried;

**Minister:** and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;

**Congregation:** and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

**Minister:** And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,

**Congregation:** who proceeds from the Father and the Son;

**Minister:** who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

**Congregation:** and we believe in one holy catholic \*\* and apostolic Church;

**Minister:** we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;

**Congregation:** and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PASTORAL PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

### 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)

### \*DOXOLOGY (Unison)

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Deacon

## SERMON

*In This Hope*  
Romans 8:16-25 (Pew Bible, 944)

Dr. John Clayton

### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE (Unison)

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*  
Trinity Hymnal, 521

### \*PASTORAL BENEDICTION (Minister)

2 Corinthians 13:14

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God! Amen.

## POSTLUDE

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

\* = Please stand if able.

\*\*The word "catholic" means universal.

## Sermon Notes

*In this Hope*

Romans 8:16-25 (Pew Bible, 944)

### I. Introduction

### II. Suffering as Saints

### III. Confirmed by Creation

### IV. Waiting with Patience

## 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.

**Seating:** Please be courteous by moving toward the front of the sanctuary providing room in the back for those arriving late.

**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.

**Prayer Ministry:** If you have a prayer request that you would like the church to pray for, you can send your request to [pray@cpcfs.org](mailto:pray@cpcfs.org). Your prayer request will be sent out in our weekly prayer ministry email. If you would like to receive the weekly prayer email, please go to <https://tinyletter.com/cpcfs-prays>.

**Adult Sunday School Series:** Please join us in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday for breakfast at 9:00 a.m. and Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. as we continue with *Proverbs: Words of Wisdom*, a topical study of select proverbs.

**Daily Bible Reading:** Join us in 2022 as we will be using the Everyday in the Word plan which provides a daily reading from the Old and New Testaments as well as Psalms and Proverbs. Copies of the reading plan are available in the sanctuary foyer or in the Fellowship Hall.

**Women's Morning Bible Study:** Our Wednesday morning Bible study meets in the Fellowship Hall (and is available via Zoom), at 10:00 am - 11:30 am. We will be studying the book of Ephesians, using *Alive in Him*, by Gloria Furman. Please join us!

**Deacons' Meeting:** Our January Deacons' Meeting will be tomorrow night, January 17th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Volunteers Needed:** We need volunteers to teach in our children's Sunday school classes. If you would be willing to teach on a weekly rotation, please contact the church office.

### Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – January 9th: \$15,001  
Designated giving: \$175  
Total giving: \$15,176

General fund giving (YTD): \$33,348  
Designated giving (YTD): \$250  
Total giving (YTD): \$33,598

### Ministry Staff

Dr. John Clayton, Senior Minister – [jclayton@cpcfs.org](mailto:jclayton@cpcfs.org)  
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## Covenant Presbyterian Church

Fort Smith, Arkansas



## Lord's Day, January 16, 2022

### 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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