

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

And Can It Be

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Minister)

Psalm 93

The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed; he has put on strength as his belt. Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved. Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting. The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring. Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea, the Lord on high is mighty! Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore.

*SONG OF ASCENT (Unison)

O Father, You Are Sovereign
Trinity Hymnal, 75

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruling Elder

Isaiah 41:8-10
1 Thessalonians 5:12-24

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

*HYMN OF PRAISE (Unison)

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Trinity Hymnal, 629

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 9:18b-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)

Psalm 32

1. How blest is he whose trespass hath freely been forgiven, whose
2. So let the godly seek thee in times when thou art near; no
3. The sorrows of the wicked in number shall abound, but

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sin is wholly covered before the sight of heav'n. Blest
whelm - ing floods shall reach them, nor cause their hearts to fear. In
those that trust Je - ho - vah, his mer - cy shall sur - round. Then

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he to whom Je - ho - vah will not im - pute his sin, who
thee, O Lord, I hide - me, thou sav - est me from ill, and
in the Lord be joy - ful, in song lift up your voice; be

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hath a guile - less spir - it, whose heart is true with - in.
songs of thy sal - va - tion my heart with rap - ture thrill.
glad in God, ye right - eous; re - joice, ye saints, re - joice.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary,
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.**
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

* = Please stand if able.

**According to the Westminster Larger Catechism, "Christ's humiliation after his death consisted in his being buried, and continuing in the state of the dead, and under the power of death till the third day; which hath been otherwise expressed in these words, *He descended into hell*" (WLC 50).

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

*DOXOLOGY (Unison)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Deacon

SERMON

The Good Life
Romans 8:24b-28 (Pew Bible, 944)

Dr. John Clayton

*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.

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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.

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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,

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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 BENEDICTION (Minister)

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Congregation: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

O Rejoice in the Lord

Sermon Notes

The Good Life
Romans 8:24b-28 (Pew Bible, 944)

I. Introduction

II. God-sustaining Hope

III. Spirit-interceding Strength

IV. Christ-like Good

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.

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.

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.

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. 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!

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 16th: \$7,533
Designated giving: \$30
Total giving: \$7,563

General fund giving (YTD): \$40,611
Designated giving (YTD): \$250
Total giving (YTD): \$40,861

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Lord's Day, January 23, 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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