

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 *To God Be the Glory*

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Minister) Psalm 65:1-4

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed. O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come. When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions. Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!

***SONG OF ASCENT** (Unison) *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*
Trinity Hymnal, 38

SCRIPTURE READING Ruling Elder

Habakkuk 1:12-13, 2:1-4
Galatians 3:10-14

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

***HYMN OF PRAISE** (Unison) *Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ*
Trinity Hymnal, 524

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) Psalm 130:1-2

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison) Isaiah 53:5

[Christ] was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

***HYMN OF REJOICING** (Unison) *I Will Sing of My Redeemer* (verses 1-3)

1. I will sing of my Re - deem - er and His won - drous
2. I will tell the won - drous sto - ry how, my lost es -
3. I will praise my dear Re - deem - er; His tri - um - phant
4. I will sing of my Re - deem - er and His heaven - ly

love to me; on the cru - el cross He suf - fered from the
tate to save, in His bound - less love and mer - cy He the
pow - er I'll tell, How the vic - to - ry He giv - eth o - ver
love for me; He from death to life hath brought me, Son of

curse to set me free.
ran - som free - ly gave.
sin and death and hell. Sing, O sing of my Re - deem - er,
God, with Him to be.

with His blood He pur - chased me. On the cross He sealed my

par - don, paid the debt and made me free.

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

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 *Praying for the Lost* Dr. John Clayton
Romans 10:1-4 (Pew Bible, 946)

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** (Unison) *Psalm 130* (From the Depths of Woe)

1. From the depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lam - en - ta -
2. To wash a - way the crim - son stain, Grace, grace a - lone a - vail -
3. There - fore my trust is in the Lord, And not in my own mer -
4. Though great our sins and sore our woes, His grace much more a - bound -

- tion; Lord, turn a gra - cious ear to me And hear my sup - pli - ca -
- eth; Our works, a - las! Are all in vain; In much the best life fail -
- it; On Him my soul shall rest, His word Up - holds my faint - ing spir -
- eth; His help - ing hand no lim - it knows, Our up - most need it sound -

- tion; If Thou in - i - qui - ties dost mark, Our se - cret sins and mis -
- eth; No man can glo - ry in Thy sight, All must a - like con - fess
- it; His prom - ised mer - cy is my fort, My com - fort, and my sweet
- eth. Our Shep - herd good and true is He, Who will at last His Is -

- deeds dark, O who shall stand be - fore Thee? O who
- Thy might, And live a - lone by mer - cy, And live
- sup - port; I wait for it with pa - tience, I wait
- rael free From all their sin and sor - row, From all

— shall stand be - fore Thee?
— a lone by mer - cy.
— it with pa - tience.
— their sin and sor - row.

***PASTORAL BLESSING** (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 *From the Depths of Woe*

Sermon Notes

Praying for the Lost
Romans 10:1-4 (Pew Bible, 946)

I. Introduction

II. Why pray if God is sovereign?

III. Why pray for the religious?

IV. What should we pray for the lost?

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.

Paraments: Liturgical colors have an instructional purpose and point us to the life of Christ and the great acts of redemptive history. Purple paraments are displayed during the Season of Lent. Purple represents royalty as well as repentance, prayer, and suffering, and points to both the humility and regal authority of Christ the Servant-King.

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.

Children & Restrooms: Parents, please accompany your children to the restroom 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. 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. for our series, *Proverbs: Words of Wisdom*, a topical study of select proverbs.

Women's Morning Bible Study: Our Wednesday morning study continues at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and online via Zoom. We are using *A Holy Fear: Trading Lesser Fears for the Fear of the Lord* by Christina Fox.

Parish Groups: Our March Parish Groups will meet TODAY, March 13th. Check with your parish leader for time and location.

JBU Spring Choir Concert: Please join us on Saturday, March 19th at 6:00 p.m. as we host the John Brown University Choir for their Spring Concert.

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.

Women In the Church: Mark your calendars for our 1st Annual Women's Tea on March 27th located in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service! This is for all our women, daughters, sisters, and grandmothers. Sign-up begins March 13th at the back of the sanctuary to decorate a table, bring sandwiches, sides or sweets. Contact Nancy Krehbiel, Paula Ayers or Angel Hartman for more details.

Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – March 6th: \$16,447
Designated giving: \$125
Total giving: \$16,572

General fund giving (YTD): \$121,859
Designated giving (YTD): \$575
Total giving (YTD): \$122,434

Ministry Staff

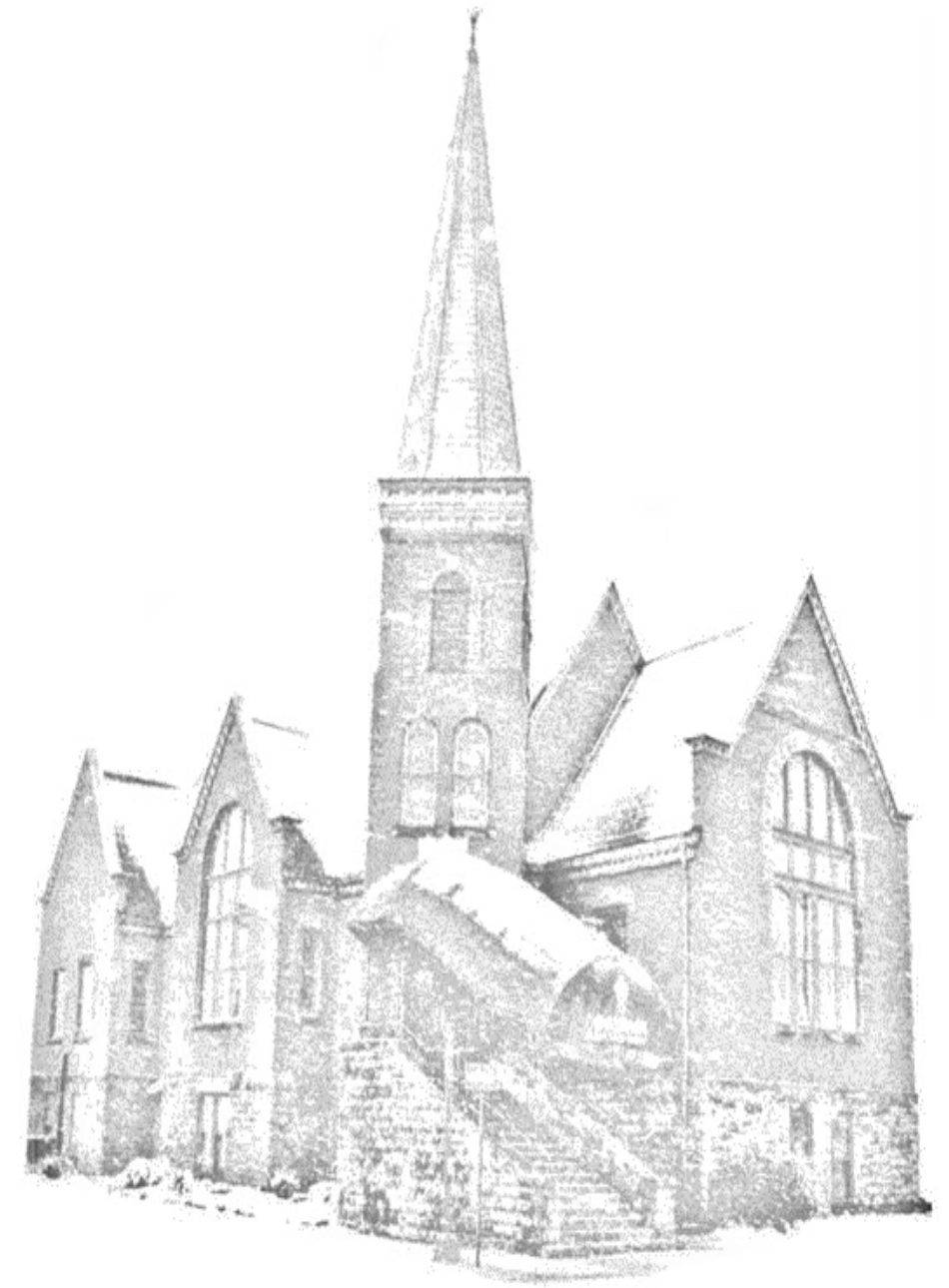
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Lord's Day, March 13, 2022

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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