

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 *Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted*

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Minister) Psalm 95:1-3

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

***SONG OF ASCENT** (Unison) Psalm 138 (vs. 1-3)

SCRIPTURE READING Ruling Elder

*Isaiah 53:7-8
Acts 4:24-30*

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

***HYMN OF PRAISE** (Unison) *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*
Trinity Hymnal, 247

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) *Nothing but the Blood*
Trinity Hymnal, 307 vs. 1-4

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*

SERMON *His Blood Be on Us* Dr. John Clayton
Matthew 27:11-26 (Pew Bible, 834)

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** (Unison) *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

***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 *He Was Wounded for Our Transgressions*

* = 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).

Sermon Notes

His Blood Be on Us
Matthew 27:11-26 (Pew Bible, 834)

I. Introduction

II. Sovereign Silence

III. Mass Manipulation

IV. Confident Culpability

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. 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.

Women's Bible Study: The women's morning Bible study will meet Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall (In person and online). Contact Nancy for zoom login information.

Church Officer Nominations: We are currently accepting nominations for the office of Ruling Elder or Deacon between March 1st and 31st. Nomination forms are available in the church foyer or by contacting the church office.

Prayer Ministry: Effective immediately, 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 request email, please go to <https://tinyletter.com/cpcfs-prays>.

Holy Week Services: March 28th – April 4th
Palm Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Maundy Thursday (Communion Service) - 6:00 p.m.
Good Friday Service - 6:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday Service – 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – March 7th: \$8,926
Designated giving: \$275
Total giving: \$9,201

General fund giving (YTD): \$100,506
Designated giving (YTD): \$938
Total giving (YTD): \$101,444

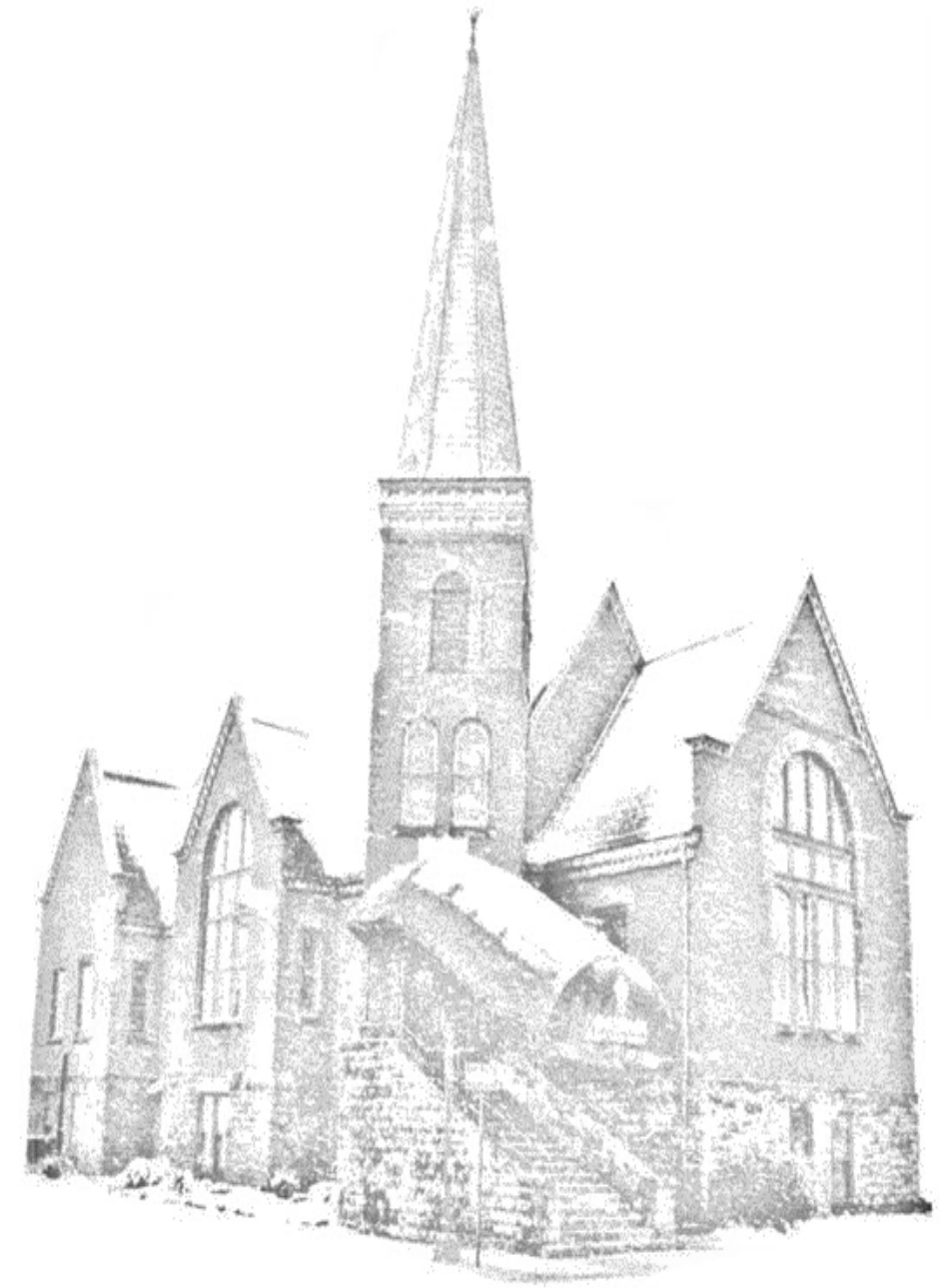
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Lord's Day, March 14, 2021

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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