

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

At the Cross

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Minister)

Psalm 69:30-34

I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving. This will please the Lord more than an ox or a bull with horns and hoofs. When the humble see it they will be glad; you who seek God, let your hearts revive. For the Lord hears the needy and does not despise his own people who are prisoners. Let heaven and earth praise him, the seas and everything that moves in them.

*SONG OF ASCENT (Unison)

Join All the Glorious Names
Trinity Hymnal, 301 vs. 1, 2, 3, 5

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruling Elder

Psalm 22:1-5
1 Peter 2:21-25

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

*HYMN OF PRAISE (Unison)

My God, My God,
O Why Have You Forsaken Me? (Psalm 22)
Trinity Hymnal, 79 vs. 1-3

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)

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
Trinity Hymnal, 164 vs. 1, 3, 4, 5

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

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

SERMON

This Jesus
Matthew 27:27-44 (Pew Bible, 834)

Dr. John Clayton

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (Unison)

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross
Trinity Hymnal, 264 vs. 1-3

*PASTORAL BLESSING (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

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High!

* = Please stand if able.

**The word “catholic” means universal.

Sermon Notes

This Jesus

Matthew 27:27-44 (Pew Bible, 834)

I. Introduction

II. Mocked as Monarch

III. Crucified as Christ

IV. Slandered as Savior

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 NOT meet this Wednesday due to Spring Break.

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@cpdfs.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/cpdfs-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 14th: \$6,008
Designated giving: \$100
Total giving: \$6,108

General fund giving (YTD): \$106,564
Designated giving (YTD): \$1038
Total giving (YTD): \$107,602

Ministry Staff

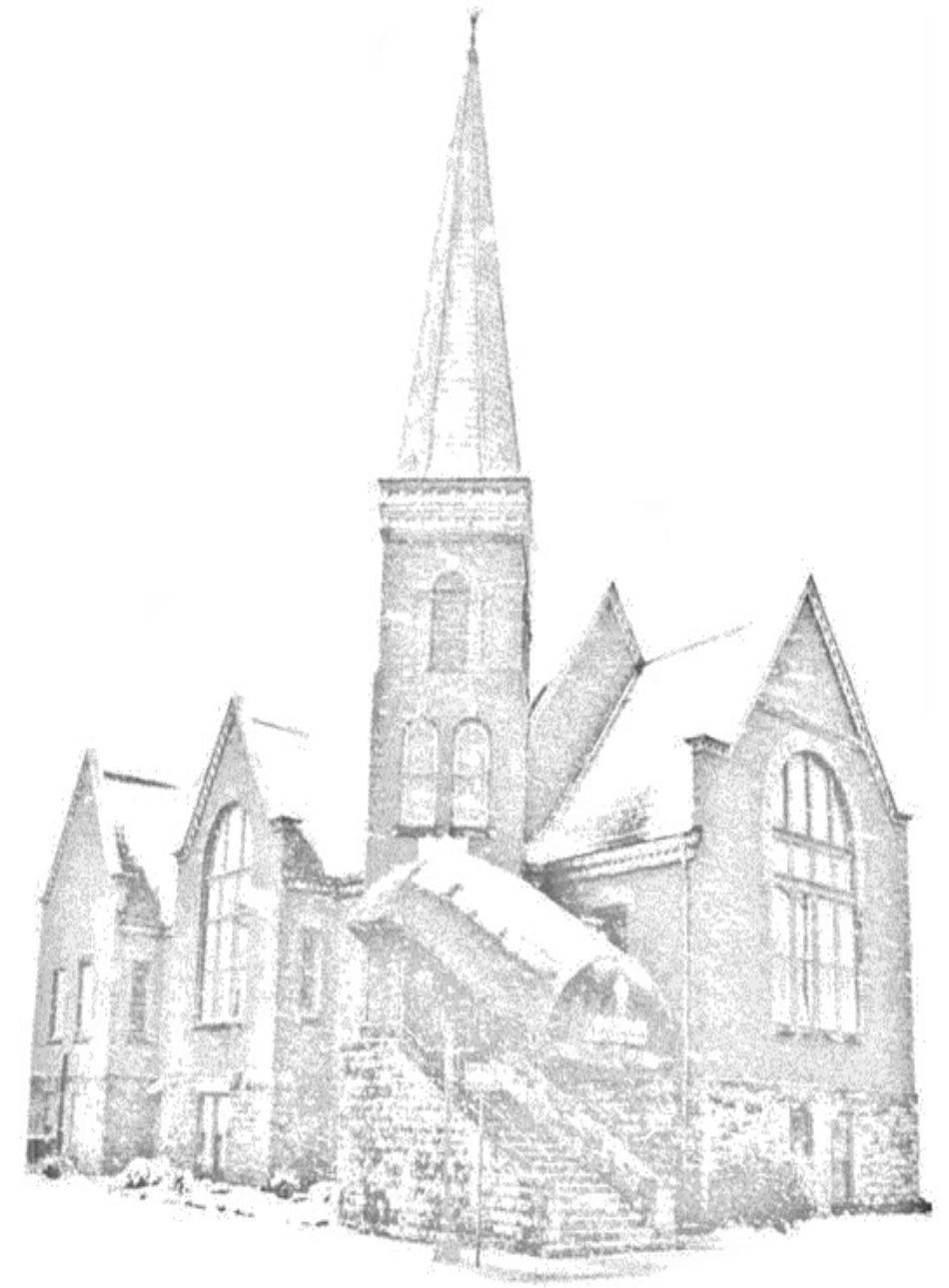
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Lord's Day, March 21, 2021

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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