

# 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** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

**STRIKING OF THE HOUR**

**GREETING**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Minister) Psalm 117

*Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!*

**\*SONG OF ASCENT** (Unison) *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*  
Trinity Hymnal, 342 vs. 1, 3, 4, 5

**SCRIPTURE READING** Ruling Elder

*Numbers 6:22-27*  
*Romans 8:1-6*

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

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** (Unison) *Psalm 67*

1. O God, to us show mer - cy and bless us in your grace; cause  
2. O God, let all men praise you, let all the na - tions sing; in  
3. O God, let peo - ple praise you, let all the na - tions sing, for  
now to shine up - on us the bright - ness of your face; that  
ev - ery land let prais - es and songs of glad - ness ring; for  
earth in rich a - bun - dance to us her fruit shall bring. The  
so your way most ho - ly on earth may soon be known, and  
you shall judge the peo - ple in truth and right - eous - ness, and  
Lord our God shall bless us, our God shall bless - ing send, and  
un - to ev - 'ry peo - ple your sav - ing grace be shown.  
through the earth the na - tions shall your just rule con - fess.  
all the earth shall fear him to its re - mot - est end.

**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 79:9-10a

*Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and atone for our sins, for your name's sake! Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?"*

**SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (Unison) 1 Peter 2:24

*He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.*

**\*HYMN OF REJOICING** (Unison) *Before the Throne of God Above*

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect  
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair, and tells me of the guilt with -  
3. Be - hold Him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect spot - less right - eous -  
plea, a great High Priest whose name is love, who e - ver lives and pleads for  
in, up - ward I look and see Him there, who made an end to all my  
ness, the great un - change - a - ble "I Am," the King of glo - ry and of  
me. My name is writ - ten on His hands, my name is writ - ten on His  
sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed  
grace. One with Him - self I can - not die, my soul is pur - chased by His  
heart; I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence de -  
free, for God the Just is sat - is - fied, to look on Him and par - don  
blood; my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Sav - ior and my  
part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
me, to look on Him and par - don me.  
God, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God.

**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** *A People of Peace* Dr. John Clayton  
John 20:19-23 (Pew Bible, 906-907)

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** (Unison) *We Rest on Thee*  
Trinity Hymnal, 449 vs. 1-3

**\*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** *Thine Be the Glory*

\* = 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

*A People of Peace*

John 20:19-23 (Pew Bible, 906-907)

## I. Introduction

## II. Sent

## III. Served

## IV. Spirit-filled

# 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. White paraments adorn the pulpit and communion table during the celebration of Christmas, Easter, and other days to represent the purity of Christ and the joy and peace believers find in Him.

**Worship Service:** For the Sunday morning services in May, we will temporarily move to two services. The first service at 9:00 will be a **masks-required** service. The second service at 10:30 will be a **masks-optional** service. There will be no Sunday School during May.

**Prayer Ministry:** If you have a prayer request that you would like the church to pray for, you can send your request to [pray@cpdfs.org](mailto: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 + email, please go to <https://tinyletter.com/cpdfs-prays>.

**Children's Catechism Club:** Congratulations to the children of our Covenant Catechism Club who have completed volumes two and three of the Children's Catechisms! This semester, our younger children learned questions 14-46 and 58 while our older children learned questions 58-150. We are thankful for the hard work of these children (and their parents). For more information about our Covenant Catechism Club, please contact the church office. Our next semester will begin this Fall.

**Women in the Church 'Time Under the Tree':** Our next gatherings will be Wednesdays May 5th and May 19th at 11:30 am. Bring a lawn chair and lunch and enjoy spending time together under the tree at Tilles Park off of Grand Ave.

## Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – April 18th: \$4,349  
Designated giving: \$75  
Total giving: \$4,424

General fund giving (YTD): \$165,485  
Designated giving (YTD): \$1,353  
Total giving (YTD): \$166,838

## Ministry Staff

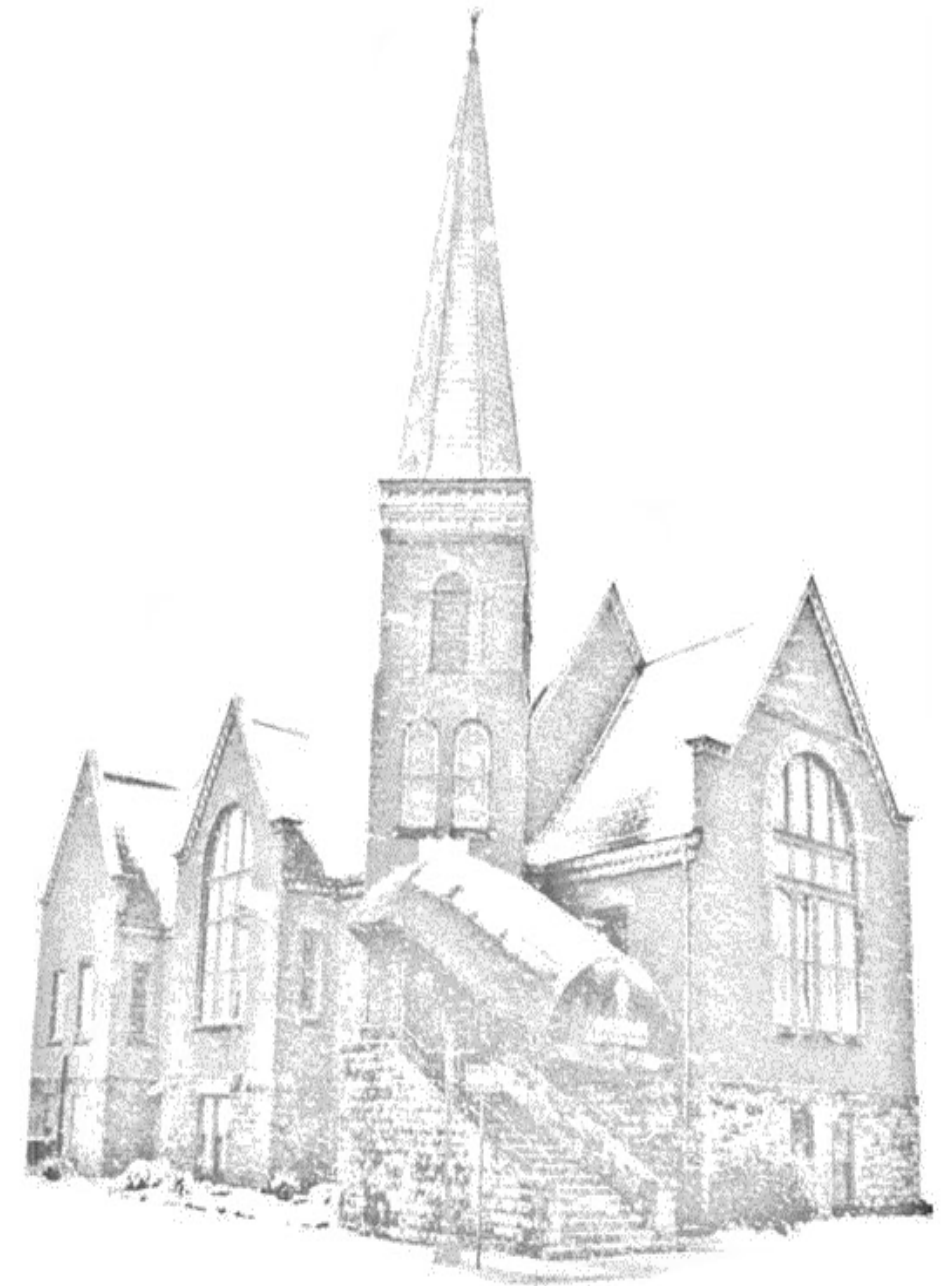
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# Covenant Presbyterian Church

Fort Smith, Arkansas



## Lord's Day, April 25, 2021

### 9:00 A.M. & 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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