

# 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

*Welcome, Happy Morning*

## STRIKING OF THE HOUR

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (Minister)

**Minister:** *Worthy is the Lamb that was slain! To him be power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!*

**Congregation:** *Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!*

### \*SONG OF ASCENT (Unison)

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  
Trinity Hymnal, 53 vs. 1, 2, 3, 5

## SCRIPTURE READING

Ruling Elder

*Isaiah 40:12-23*  
*Ephesians 1:3-6*

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

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE (Unison)

*How Great Thou Art*  
Trinity Hymnal, 44 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 9:4-5

*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)

*To God Be the Glory*  
Trinity Hymnal, 55

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*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*

## WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS (Choir)

### \*DOXOLOGY (Unison)

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Deacon

## SERMON

*Doxology*  
Romans 11:33-36 (Pew Bible, 947)

Dr. John Clayton

### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE (Unison)

*All Glory Be to Christ*

1. Should noth - ing of our ef - forts stand, no leg - a - cy sur - vive; un -  
2. His will be done, His king - dom come, on earth as is a - bove, who  
3. When on the day the great I Am, the faith - ful and the true, the

5 less the Lord does raise the house, in vain its build - ers strive. To you who boast to -  
is Him - self our dai - ly bread; praise Him, the Lord of love. Let liv - ing wa - ter  
10 Lamb who was for sin - ners slain, is mak - ing all things new. Be - hold our God shall

15 mor - row's gain, tell me what is your life? A mist that van - ish - es at dawn; all  
sat - is - fy the thirst - y with - out price; we'll take a cup of kind - ness yet; all  
live with us and be our stead - fast light. And we shall e'er His peo - ple be; all

20 glo - ry be to Christ. All glo - ry be to Christ our king! All glo - ry be to  
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### \*PASTORAL BENEDICTION (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

\* = Please stand if able.

\*\*The word "catholic" means universal.

*All Glory Be to Christ*

# Sermon Notes

*Doxology*  
Romans 11:33-36 (Pew Bible, 947)

## I. Introduction

## II. Verse 1: The Work of God

### 1. Who knows God's mind?

### 2. Unfathomable

### 3. Inscrutable

## III. Verse 2: The Ways of God

### 1. Who knows God's mind?

### 2. Who counsels God?

### 3. Who out gives God?

## IV. Verse 3: The Wonder of God

### 1. From Him

### 2. Through Him

### 3. To Him

# 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. 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.

**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](mailto: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.

**Parish Groups:** Our May Parish Groups meet TODAY. (Magness group will meet May 22<sup>nd</sup>.) Check with your parish leader for time and location.

### Graduate Recognition:

**Madeline Burgin** RT(R), RDMS, RVT, ARDMS is graduating May 7th with a Bachelor's degree in Imaging Sciences – Diagnostic Medical Sonography with the following honors: -Cum Laude – University of Arkansas Fort Smith -Academic Excellence Award-With Honors -Myles Freedman Honors Program

**Emilie Games** is graduating on May 21st with a Master of Science in Biomedicine, Arkansas College of Osteopathic Medicine

**Hannah Krehbiel** is graduating from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock on May 14<sup>th</sup> with a B.S. in Chemistry, a B.A. in Spanish and a Minor in Biology. Hannah is a Donaghey Scholar, and recently received the ACE Outstanding Graduating Senior Award, the ACS Division of Analytical Chemistry Award and Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award. She is graduating Summa Cum Laude and plans to attend medical school.

**Benjamin Maurer** is graduating from Northside High School with honors on May 19th. He will be attending the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville and majoring in Accounting and Finance.

## Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – May 8th: \$11,324  
Designated giving: \$240  
Total giving: \$11,564

General fund giving (YTD): \$192,553  
Designated giving (YTD): \$2169  
Total giving (YTD): \$194,722

## Ministry Staff

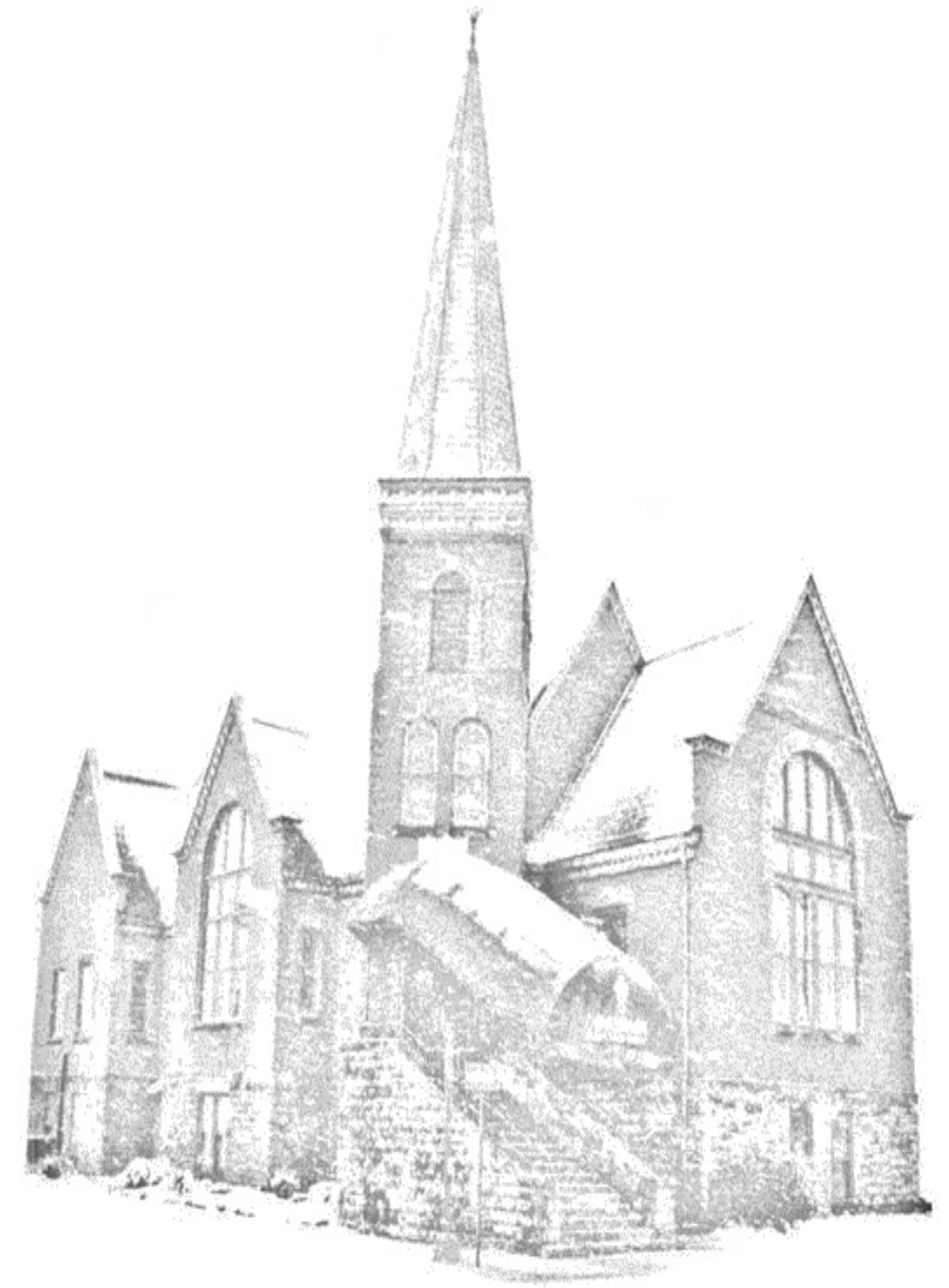
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# Covenant Presbyterian Church

Fort Smith, Arkansas



## Lord's Day, May 15, 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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