

# 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** Jesus Christ Has Triumphed Now

## STRIKING OF THE HOUR

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Ruling Elder:** According to God's great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you. In this rejoice and give thanks to Almighty God.

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

**SCRIPTURE READING** Ruling Elder

Psalm 42:1-6  
Romans 13:11-12

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

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** (Unison) Psalm 42 (verses 1-5)

1. As thirst the heart for wa - ter brooks,  
2. Far from the courts of God, my tears  
3. With grief I think of days gone by,  
4. O why art thou cast down, my soul,

so thirsts my soul, O God for thee;  
have been my food by night and day,  
when oft I trod the hal - lowed way  
and why so trou - bled shouldst thou be?

it seeks for God, and ev - er looks  
while con - stant - ly with bit - ter sneers,  
to Zi - on, prais - ing God on high  
13 Hope thou in God, and him ex - tol,

and longs the liv - ing God to see.  
"Where is thy God?" the scoff - ers say.  
with throngs who kept the ho - ly day.  
who gives his sav - ing help to me.

**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) Jesus Paid It All  
Trinity Hymnal, 308

**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.

**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** Responding to Christ RE Rick Coan  
Hebrews 10:19-25 (Pew Bible, 1007)

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** (Unison) Blessed Assurance  
Trinity Hymnal, 693

**\*PASTORAL BLESSING (Elder)** 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** Blessed Assurance

\* = 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

*Responding to Christ*  
Hebrews 10:19-25 (Pew Bible, 1007)

### I. Exclusivity of Christ

### II. Draw Near

### III. Hold Fast

### IV. Consider the Body

## 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.

**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.

**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.

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## Lord's Day, May 22, 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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