

# 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

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

## STRIKING OF THE HOUR

## GREETING

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (Minister)

Psalm 98:1-3

*Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.*

### \*SONG OF ASCENT (Unison)

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (Psalm 46)*  
Trinity Hymnal, 92

## SCRIPTURE READING

Ruling Elder

*Isaiah 6:8-13*  
*John 20:19-23*

**Elder:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God.

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE (Unison)

*How Firm a Foundation*  
Trinity Hymnal, 94 vs. 1, 2, 3, 6

## 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 25:6-7

*Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!*

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison)

Romans 6:23

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

### \*HYMN OF REJOICING (Unison)

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise;  
2. Christ is ris - en, Christ the first - fruits of the ho - ly har - vest field,  
3. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high;

5  
sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, sing to God a hymn of praise:  
which will all its full a - bun - dance at his sec - ond com - ing yield:  
9  
al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior, who has won the vic - to - ry;

13  
he who on the cross a vic - tim for the world's sal - va - tion bled,  
then the gol - den ears of har - vest will their heads be - fore him wave,  
al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty.

Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.  
rip - ened by his glo - rious sun - shine from the fur - rows of the grave  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia to the Tri - une Maj - es - ty.

## 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*

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*In Tenderness*  
Esther Atkinson

## SERMON

*The Ordinary Extraordinary Commission*  
Matthew 28:16-20 (Pew Bible, 835)

Stephen Atkinson

### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE (Unison)

*The Church's One Foundation*  
Trinity Hymnal, 347 verses 1, 2, 5

### \*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

*The Ordinary Extraordinary Commission*  
Matthew 28:16-20 (Pew Bible, 835)

### I. The Ordinary Audience

### II. The Extraordinary Authority

### III. The Ordinary Activity

### IV. The Extraordinary Assistance

## 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. On Pentecost Sunday, red paraments adorn the pulpit and communion table and represent the color of fire of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost.

**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.

**Guest Preacher:** Our guest preacher today is no stranger to Covenant, as Stephen Atkinson has been an integral part of Covenant from the beginning. Stephen serves as the Director of Ministry from CWI (N America), a ministry of International Mission to Jewish People, whose mission is to reach Jewish people with the Good News of Jesus, bringing the gospel back to those who first brought it to us. A native of Northern Ireland and a former pastor, Stephen is a gifted expositor with a heart for evangelism. Stephen's gifted daughter, Esther, is our guest vocalist today.

**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>.

**Women in the Church 'Time Under the Tree':** We will meet under the tree at Tilles Park off of Grand Ave. on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30 a.m. Bring a lawn chair and lunch and enjoy spending time together.

### Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – May 16th: \$4,222  
Designated giving: \$0  
Total giving: \$4,222

General fund giving (YTD): \$210,279  
Designated giving (YTD): \$2,103  
Total giving (YTD): \$212,382

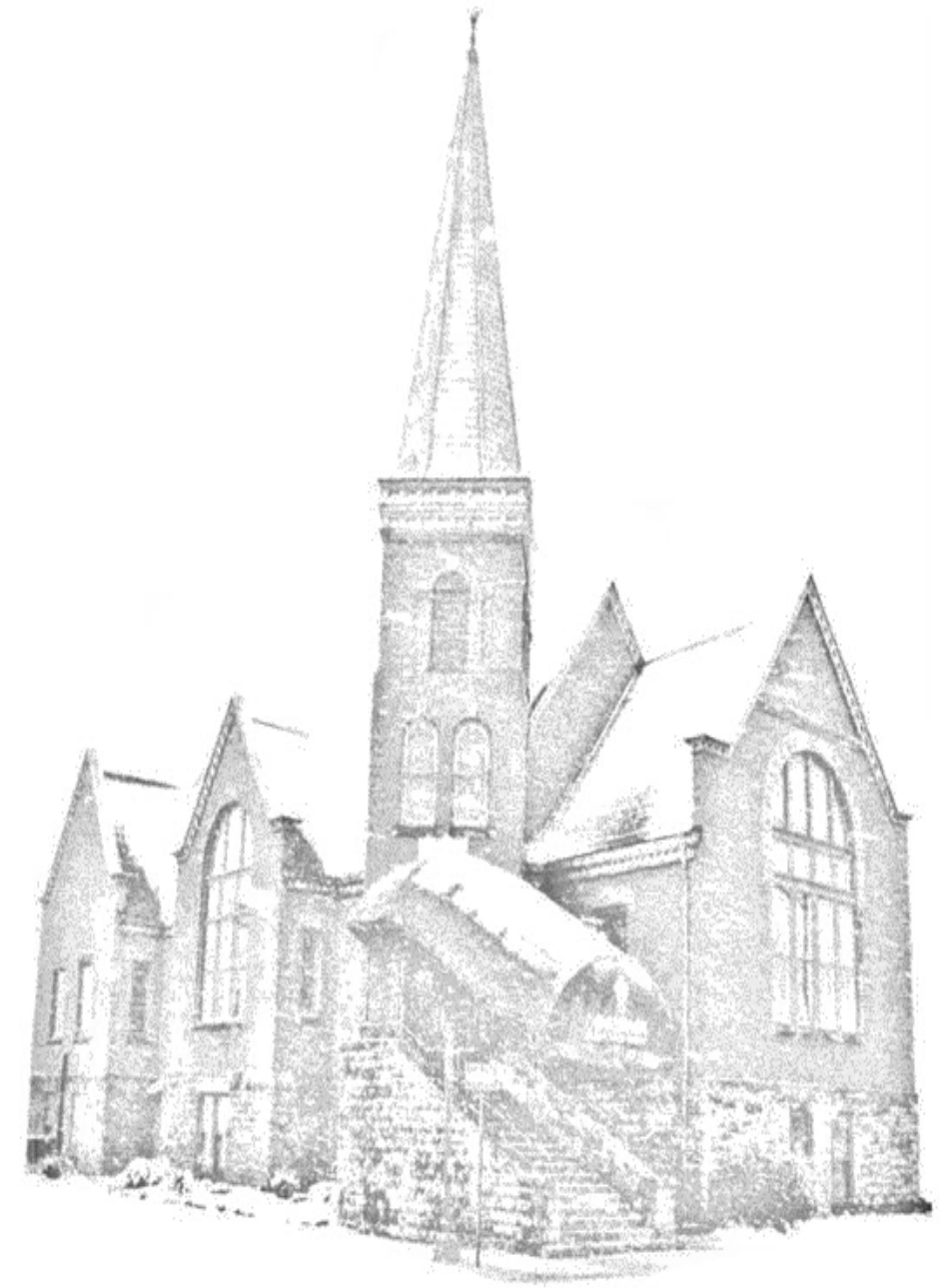
### Ministry Staff

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### Lord's Day, May 23, 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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