

# 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

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

## STRIKING OF THE HOUR

## GREETING

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (Minister)

Psalm 34:1-3

*I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!*

### \*SONG OF ASCENT (Unison)

*O Worship the King*  
Trinity Hymnal, 2 vs. 1, 3, 5

## SCRIPTURE READING

Ruling Elder Mike Hudson

*Isaiah 6:8-10*  
*2 Corinthians 4:1-6*

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

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God.

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE (Unison)

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*  
Trinity Hymnal, 38

## PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

Ruling Elder Mike Hudson

## 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 51:1-2

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!*

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison)

Hebrews 8:12

*For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.*

### \*HYMN OF REJOICING (Unison)

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*  
Trinity Hymnal, 92 vs. 1, 2, 4

## 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

*Lord, Let Our Eyes Be Opened*  
Matthew 20:29-34 (Pew Bible, 825-826)

Dr. John Clayton

### \*HYMN OF PREPARATION

*Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands*  
Trinity Hymnal, 427 vs. 1, 3, 4

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE (Unison)

*Benediction*  
Trinity Hymnal, 730

### \*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

*Trust and Obey*

\* = 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

*Lord, Let Our Eyes Be Opened*  
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## I. Introduction

## II. To Receive Mercy

## III. To See Christ

## IV. To Follow Christ

# 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.

**Benevolence Giving:** We take up a separate offering for benevolence on the Lord's Supper Sunday (first Sunday of each month). Please designate benevolence gifts on your giving envelope and place it in the benevolence box at the back of the sanctuary.

**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.

**New & Improved Library:** Our library has significantly expanded! We now have over 1800 books and videos available for checkout, and they are all searchable by name, title, and subject. Go to <https://cpcfs.libib.com/> to find a book and check it out during weekly church office hours or on Sunday morning.

## Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – May 17th: \$4,172  
Designated giving: \$30  
Total giving: \$4,497

General fund giving (YTD): \$164,189  
Designated giving (YTD): \$2,334  
Total giving (YTD): \$166,523

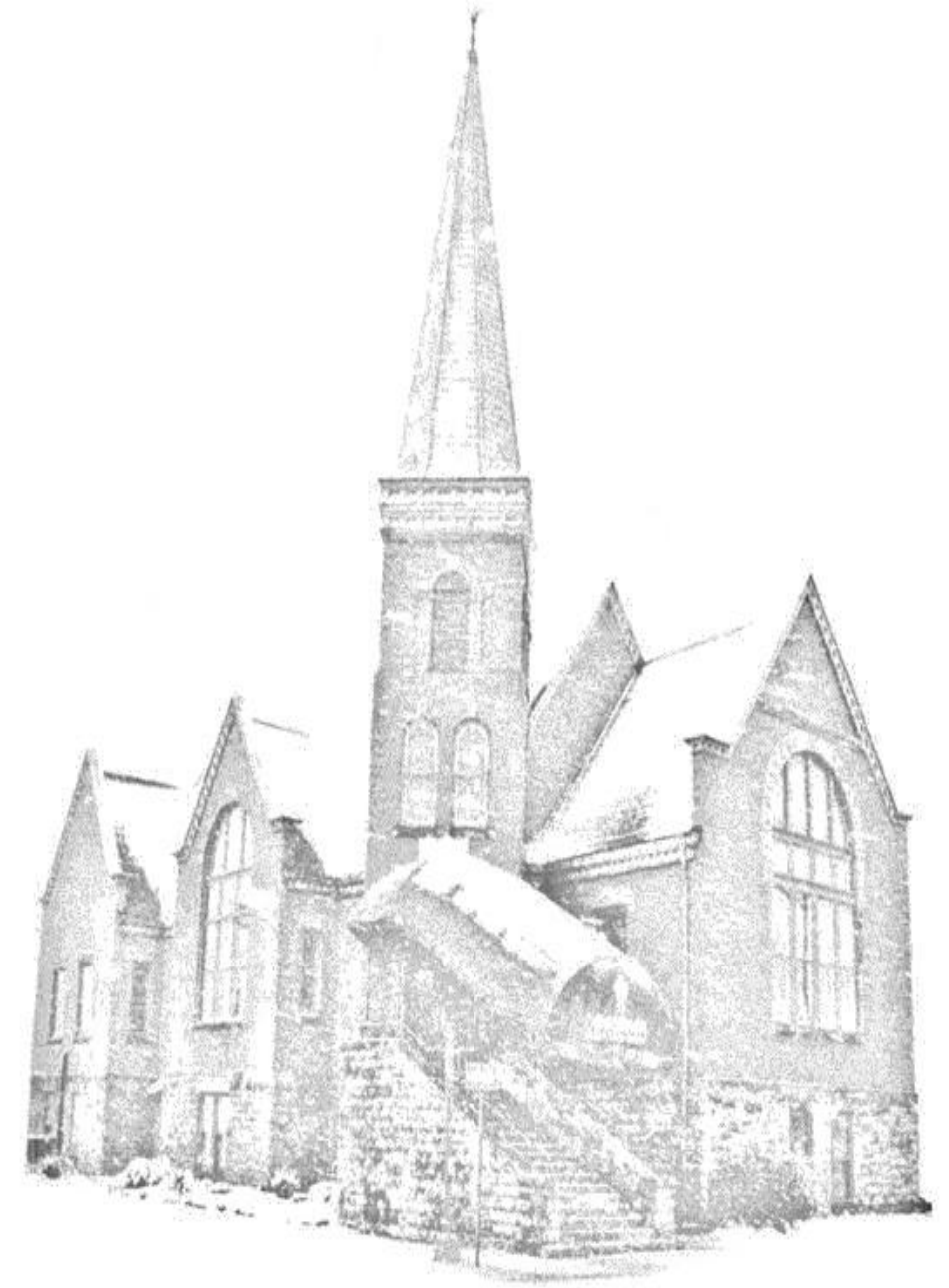
## Ministry Staff

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# Covenant Presbyterian Church

## Fort Smith, Arkansas



## Lord's Day, May 24, 2020

### 11:00 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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