

# 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** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

## STRIKING OF THE HOUR

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Minister) Based on Philippians 4:18-19

**Minister:** Come to the Lord and bring a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

**Congregation:** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

**\*SONG OF ASCENT** (Unison) *Behold Our God*

1. Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has num-bered ev'-ry grain of sand?  
 2. Who has giv-en coun-sel to the Lord? Who can ques-tion an-y of His words?  
 3. Who has felt the nails up-on His hand, bear-ing all the guilt of sin-ful man?

5  
 Kings and na-tions trem-ble at His voice. All cre-a-tion ri-ses to re-  
 Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fa-thom all His won-drous  
 9 God e-ter-nal, hum-bled to the grave, Je-sus, Sav-ior, ri-sen now to

Chorus  
 joyce. Be-hold our God, seat-ed on His throne. Come let us a-dore Him. Be-  
 deeds? reign!  
 14 hold our King, noth-ing can com-pare, come, let us a-dore Him!

**SCRIPTURE READING** Ruling Elder

*Proverbs 16:9, 33  
Matthew 6:25-34*

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

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** (Unison) *Though Troubles Assail Us*  
Trinity Hymnal, 95

**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** (Responsive) Psalm 6:1-7

**Elder:** O Lord, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath.

**Congregation:** Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am languishing; heal me, O Lord, for my bones are troubled.

**Elder:** My soul also is greatly troubled. But you, O Lord—how long?

**Congregation:** Turn, O Lord, deliver my life; save me for the sake of your steadfast love.

**Elder:** For in death there is no remembrance of you; in Sheol who will give you praise?

**Congregation:** I am weary with my moaning; every night I flood my bed with tears;

**Elder:** I drench my couch with my weeping. My eye wastes away because of grief;

**Congregation:** it grows weak because of all my foes.

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (Responsive) Psalm 6:8-10

**Elder:** Depart from me, all you workers of evil, for the Lord has heard the sound of my weeping.

**Congregation:** The Lord has heard my plea; the Lord accepts my prayer.

**Elder:** All my enemies shall be ashamed and greatly troubled;

**Congregation:** they shall turn back and be put to shame in a moment.

**\*HYMN OF REJOICING** (Unison) *Psalms 103 (vs. 1-4, 8-14)*

1. Praise God, my soul! With all my heart let me ex-  
 2. The LORD is mer-ci-ful and kind, to an-ger  
 3. As far as east is from the west, so far his

alt his ho-ly name. For-get not all his ben-e-fits; his praise, my  
 slow, and full of grace. He will not con-stant-ly re-prove, or in his  
 love has borne a-way our man-y sins and tres-pass-es and all the

7 soul, in song pro-claim. The LORD for-gives you all your sins, and heals your  
 an-ger hide his face. He does not pun-ish our mis-deeds, or give our  
 11 guilt that on us lay. Just as a fa-ther loves his child, so God loves

sick-ness and dis-tress; your life he res-cues from the grave, and crowns you  
 sins their just re-ward. How great his love—as high as heav'n—to-wards all  
 those who fear his name. For he re-mem-bers we are dust, and well he

15 in his ten-der-ness, and crowns you in his ten-der-ness.  
 those who fear the LORD; to-wards all those who fear the LORD!  
 knows our fee-ble frame, and well he knows our fee-ble frame.

\* = Please stand if able.

## 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 THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

**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

**\*DOXOLOGY** (Unison)

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Deacon

**SERMON** *God Has Done It* Dr. John Clayton  
Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 (Pew Bible, 554)

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** (Unison) *O Father, You Are Sovereign*  
Trinity Hymnal, 75

**\*PASTORAL BENEDICTION** (Responsive) Numbers 6:24-26

**Minister:** *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** *O Rejoice in the Lord*

\*\*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).

\*\*\* "catholic" refers to the universal church at all times and all places.

# Sermon Notes

*God Has Done It*  
Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 (Pew Bible, 554)

## I. Introduction

## II. Providential Punctuality

## III. Providential Perspective

## IV. Providential Purpose

# 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. Green is displayed during "ordinary time" which includes the period between Epiphany and Lent and the period between Pentecost and Advent. Green represents spiritual growth and world missions.

**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. Parents, please accompany your children to the restroom during the worship service.

**Nursery:** Our nursery is available for children up to three years old during Sunday School and the worship service.

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

**Sunday School Series:** In the Reformed tradition, we believe that God has chosen to work through outward and ordinary means of grace whereby we hear the gospel and are nurtured in our faith. According to the Shorter Catechism, the means of grace include "the word, sacraments, and prayer; all of which are made effectual to the elect for salvation" (WSC Q. 88). Join us next Sunday at 9:30 a.m. as we continue our study.

**Volunteers Needed:** Volunteers are needed to run sound, slides, or the livestream on Sunday mornings. No experience is necessary. Please email Brandon at [bbolin@cpdfs.org](mailto:bbolin@cpdfs.org) or call the church office (479-242-7737) for more information.

**VBS Workday** - We need volunteers to help decorate parts of the building and painting a backdrop on Thursday, June 15th at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

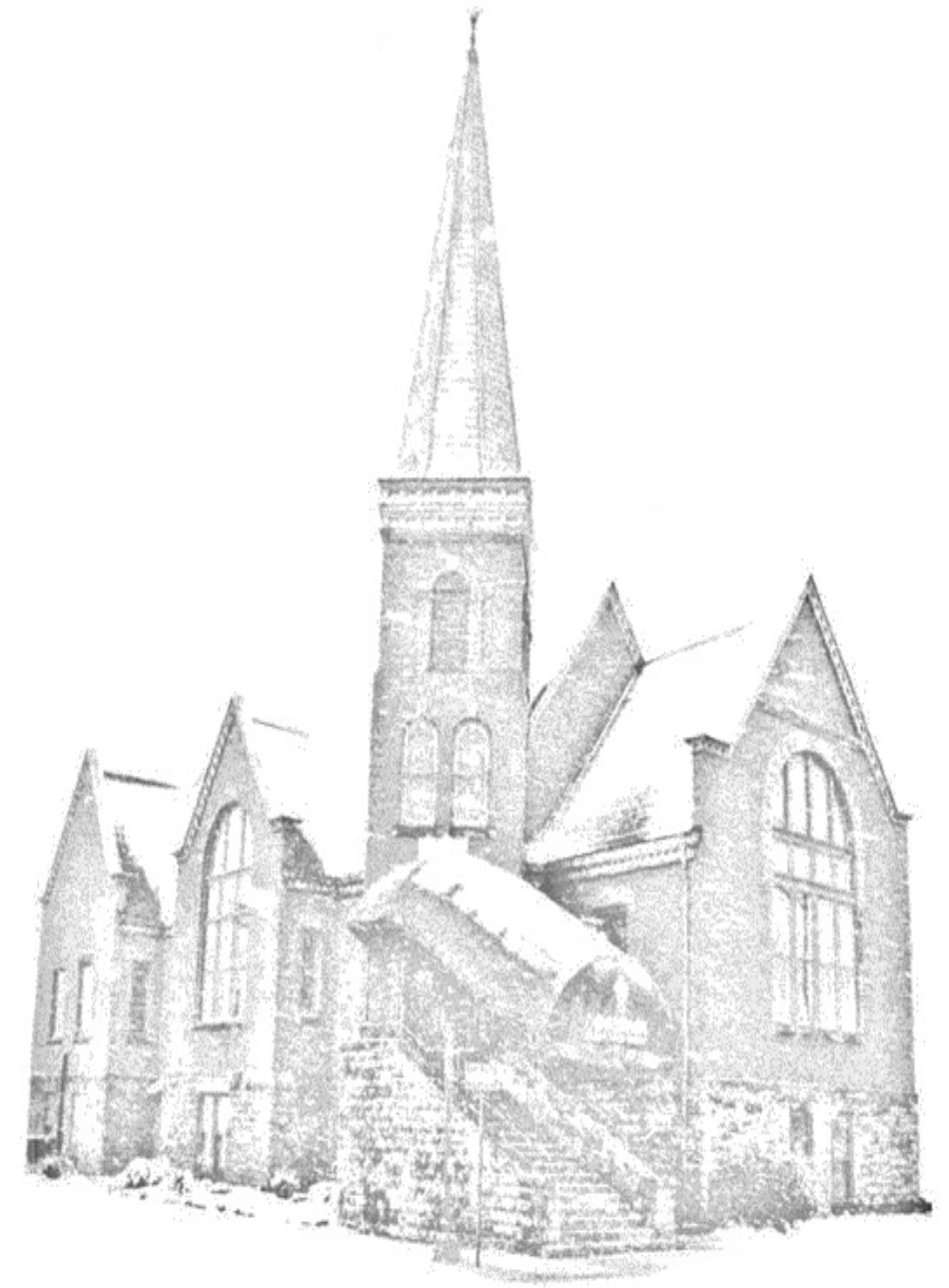
## Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – June 4th: \$12,776  
Designated giving: \$50  
Total giving: \$12,826

General fund giving (YTD): \$228,148  
Designated giving (YTD): \$1,150  
Total giving (YTD): \$229,298

# Covenant Presbyterian Church

Fort Smith, Arkansas



## Lord's Day, June 14, 2023

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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