

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 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Minister) Based on Psalm 149:4-6, 9

The Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation. Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy, let the high praises of God be in their throats. Praise the Lord!

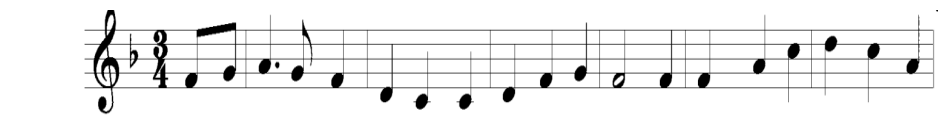
***SONG OF ASCENT** (Unison) *To God Be the Glory*
Trinity Hymnal, 55

SCRIPTURE READING Ruling Elder

Job 34:10-15
Hebrews 9:26b-28

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

***HYMN OF PRAISE** (Unison) *Psalm 23*



1. The Lord is my shep-herd; no want shall I know. He makes me lie down where the
2. My wan-der-ing steps he brings back to his way, in straight paths of right-eous-ness
3. Tho' I walk in death's val-ley, where dark-ness is near, be-cause you are with me, no
4. In the sight of my en'-mies a ta-ble you spread. The oil of re-joic-ing you
5. So sure-ly your cov-e-nant mer-cy and grace will fol-low me close-ly in



green pas-tures grow; He leads me to rest where the calm wa-ters flow,
mak-ing me stay; And this he has done his great name to dis-play.
e-vil I'll fear; Your rod and your staff bring me com-fort and cheer.
pour on my head; my cup o-ver-flows and I'm gra-cious-ly fed.
all of my ways; I will dwell in the house of the Lord all my days.

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) *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*
Trinity Hymnal, 252

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Responsive) *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 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 *Dust to Dust* Dr. John Clayton
Ecclesiastes 3:16-22 (Pew Bible, 554-555)

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** (Unison) *It Is Well with My Soul*
Trinity Hymnal, 691

***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 *How Great Thou Art*

* = 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).

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

Sermon Notes

Dust to Dust

Ecclesiastes 3:16-22 (Pew Bible, 554-555)

I. Introduction

II. The Universality of Sin

III. The Certainty of Death

IV. The Commonality of Life

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 an 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. 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. 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 or call the church office (479-242-7737) for more information.

VBS June 19th-21st: VBS starts tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. Check-in is in the sanctuary foyer.

Covenant Game Night: Our next Game Night is Saturday, June 25th from 5:00-8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. To reserve your spot, please contact Marian Henry at 918-728-5844 so she can coordinate the food.

Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – June 11th: \$7,930
Designated giving: \$50
Total giving: \$7,980

General fund giving (YTD): \$235,278
Designated giving (YTD): \$1,200
Total giving (YTD): \$236,478

Ministry Staff

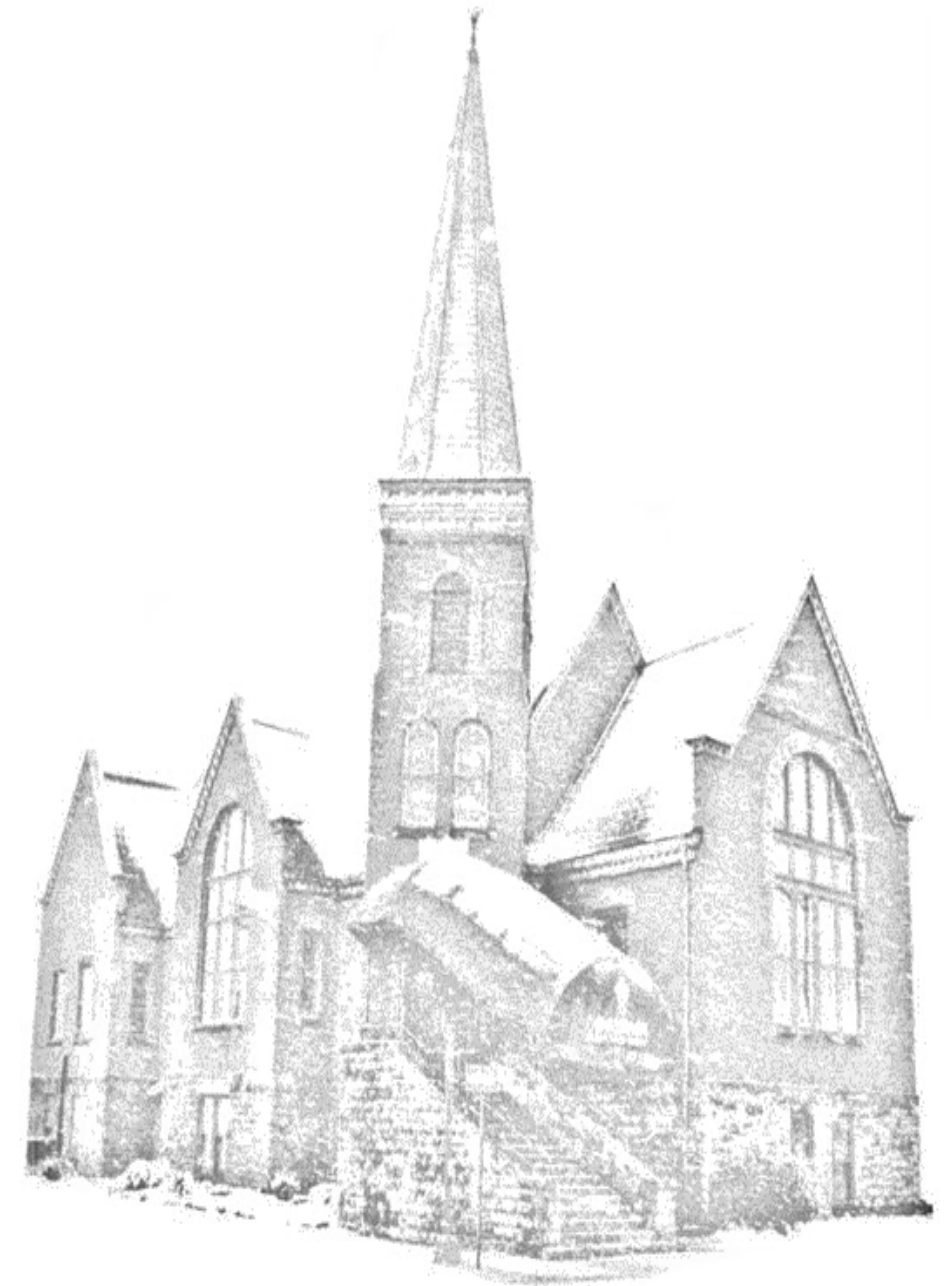
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Lord's Day, June 18, 2023

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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