

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 *Safely Through Another Week*

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Minister) Psalm 34:1-4

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) *God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory*
Trinity Hymnal, 122

SCRIPTURE READING Ruling Elder

*Proverbs 1:7
1 Corinthians 1:20-25*

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

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) Ezra 9:6

O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift my face to you, my God, for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has mounted up to the heavens.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison) Romans 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

***HYMN OF REJOICING** (Unison) *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all mea - sure that
2. Be - hold the man up - on a cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders; Ash -
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing, no gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom;

3 He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His trea - sure. How
I amed, I hear my mock - ing voice, call out a - mong the scof - fers. It
I will boast in Je - sus Christ, His death, and res - ur - rec - tion. Why

5 great the pain of sear - ing loss, the Fa - ther turns His face a - way, as
was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished; His
should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer; but

7 wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring ma - ny sons to glo - ry.
dy - ing breath has brought me life; I know that it is fin - ished.
this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *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 INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

* = Please stand if able.

**The word "catholic" means universal.

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

My Faith Looks Up to Thee
Kim Bolin, piano

***DOXOLOGY** (Unison)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Deacon

SERMON *The Problems of Worldly Worship* Dr. John Clayton
Romans 1:18-23 (Pew Bible, 939)

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** (Unison) *Psalm 130 (From the Depths of Woe)*

1. From the depths of woe I raise — to Thee — the voice of lam - en - ta -
2. To — wash a - way the crim - son stain, — Grace, grace a - lone a - vail -
3. There - fore my trust is in — the Lord, — And not in my own mer -
4. Though great our sins and sore — our woes, — His grace much more a - bound -

4 - tion; — Lord, turn a gra - cious ear — to me — And hear my sup - pli - ca -
- eth; — Our works, a - las! Are all — in vain; — In much the best life fail -
- it; — On — Him my soul shall rest, — His word — Up - holds my faint - ing spir -
8 - eth; — His help - ing hand no lim - it knows, Our up - most need it sound -

8 - tion; — If Thou in - i - qui - ties — dost mark, — Our se - cret sins and mis -
- eth; — No man can glo - ry in — Thy sight, — All must a - like con - fess -
- it; — His prom - ised mer - cy is — my fort, — My com - fort, and my sweet -
12 - eth. — Our Shep - herd good and true — is He, — Who will at last His is -

12 - deeds dark, O — who shall stand be - fore — Thee? — O — who
- Thy might, And live a - lone by — mer - cy, — And live
- sup - port; I — wait for it with pa - tience, — I — wait
17 - rael free From all their sin and sor - row, — From all

— shall stand be - fore — Thee?
— a - lone by — mer - cy,
— with pa - tience.
— their sin and sor - row.

***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*

Sermon Notes

The Problems of Worldly Worship
Romans 1:18-23 (Pew Bible, 939)

I. Introduction

II. Problem #1

III. Problem #2

IV. Problem #3

V. Problem #4

VI. Problem #5

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.

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.

Vacation Bible School: Registration for VBS is now open! The dates are July 12th-16th. You can fill out a form for your children and return it to the church office or to Angel Hartman. If you have any questions call Angel Hartman or the Church office.

COVID-19 Protocol for June: In June, we will begin our new Sunday morning schedule with breakfast at 9:00, Sunday School at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall, and worship service at 10:30 in the church sanctuary. Our children's Sunday School will resume on June 13th. Seating restrictions will be removed, and masks are optional, however the balcony will be reserved for masks only. These guidelines also apply to all other church events.

Prayer Ministry: If you have a prayer request that you would like the church to pray for, you can send your request to pray@cpcfs.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/cpcfs-prays>.

Women in the Church 'Time Under the Tree': We will meet under the tree at Tilles Park off of Grand Ave. on July 7th at 11:30 a.m. Bring a lawn chair and lunch and enjoy spending time together.

Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – June 13th: \$6,971
Designated giving: \$0
Total giving: \$6,971

General fund giving (YTD): \$242,204
Designated giving (YTD): \$2,203
Total giving (YTD): \$244,407

Ministry Staff

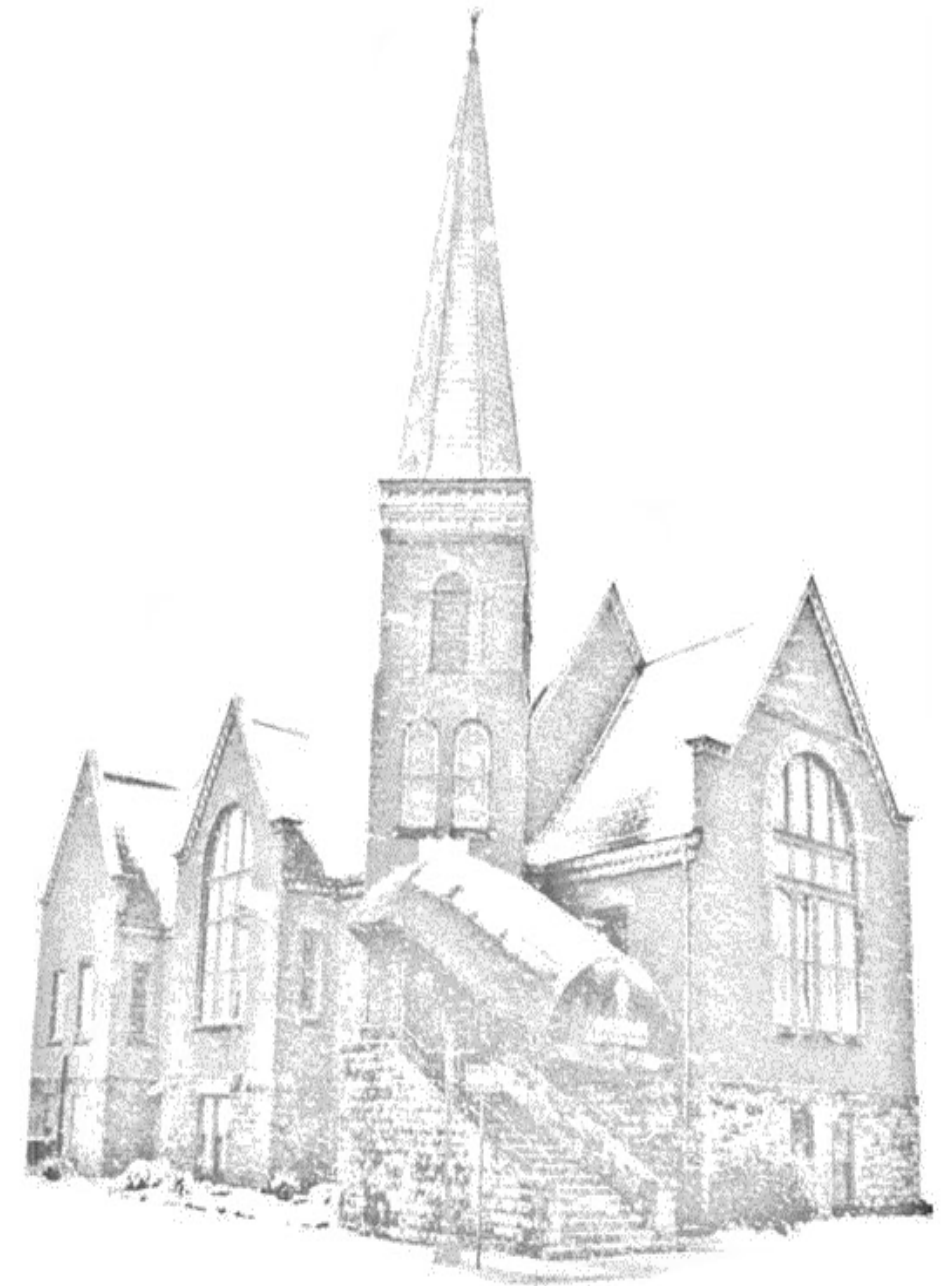
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Lord's Day, June 20, 2021

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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