

# 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** *At the Name of Jesus*

**STRIKING OF THE HOUR**

**GREETING**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Minister)** Psalm 84:1-2, 10-12

*How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness. For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!*

**\*SONG OF ASCENT (Unison)** Psalm 40 (verses 1-3, 6-9)

1. I wait - ed long up - on the Lord; he stooped and heard my cry. He  
 2. In sac - ri - fice and of - fer - ing you take no great de - light. You  
 3. "To do your will, O Lord my God, is sure - ly my de - light. Your

drew me from de - struc - tion's pit and from the bog - gy mire. He  
 seek no sac - ri - fice for sin, no of - f'ring is re - quired. You  
 law is deep with - in my heart and pre - cious in my sight." With -

set my feet up - on a rock, and stead - fast made my ways. He  
 gave to me an o - pen ear, and then I said, "Be - hold, I  
 in your great as - sem - bly your de - liv - 'rance I've pro - claimed; you

put with - in my mouth a new and joy - ful song of praise.  
 come, O Lord, as in the book was writ - ten and fore - told.  
 know, O Lord, in prais - ing You my lips are not re - strained.

**SCRIPTURE READING** Ruling Elder

*1 Samuel 15:17-23  
1 John 5:2-4*

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

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE (Unison)** *Trust and Obey*  
Trinity Hymnal, 672 vs. 1, 4, 5

**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 9:18b-19a

*For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive.*

**SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison)** Romans 5:8-9

*God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.*

**\*HYMN OF REJOICING (Unison)** *The Apostles' Creed*

1. I be - lieve in God the Fa - ther, Ma - ker of the heav'n and earth, and in  
 2. Suf - fered un - der Pon - tius Pi - late, cru - ci - fied, en - dur - ing hell, laid with -  
 3. At God's right hand he is seat - ed, 'til his com - ing, as he said; fin - al  
 4. I be - lieve the church of Je - sus ho - ly, cath - o - lic re - mains; we are

Je - sus Christ, our Sav - ior, God's own Son, of match - less worth; by the  
 in the grave so si - lent, as the proph - ets did fore - tell. But the  
 judg - ment will be met - ed to the liv - ing and the dead. I con -  
 one thro' all the ag - es, the com - mun - ion of the saints. I be -

Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ed, vir - gin Mar - y bore God's Son, he in  
 stone - sealed tomb was emp - tied on the third day; he a - rose: in - to  
 fess the Ho - ly Spir - it has been sent thro' Christ the Son to ap -  
 lieve sins are for - giv - en, that our bod - ies will be raised, life with

whom I have be - liev - ed: God Al - might - y, Three in One.  
 heav - en made his en - try, Might - y Con - queror of his foes.  
 ply sal - va - tion's mer - it; God the Spir - it, Three in One.  
 God is nev - er end - ed. A - men, let his name be praised.

**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** *What Heaven Reveals* Dr. John Clayton  
Matthew 21:23-32 (Pew Bible, 826-827)

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE (Unison)** *Benediction*  
Trinity Hymnal, 730

**\*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** *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

# Sermon Notes

*What Heaven Reveals*

Matthew 21:23-32 (Pew Bible, 826-827)

## I. Introduction

## II. Authority from Heaven

## III. Hearts for Heaven

## IV. Grace from Heaven

# 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.

**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.

**July Worship Schedule:** We will continue in July with Sunday School online only and two services at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. For the 9:30 service, face masks will be *required* for the entirety of the service, including while sitting, standing, and singing. For the 11:00 service, face masks are *encouraged*.

## Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – June 28th: \$3,292  
Designated giving: \$0  
Total giving: \$3,292

General fund giving (YTD): \$211,745  
Designated giving (YTD): \$3,019  
Total giving (YTD): \$214,764

## Ministry Staff

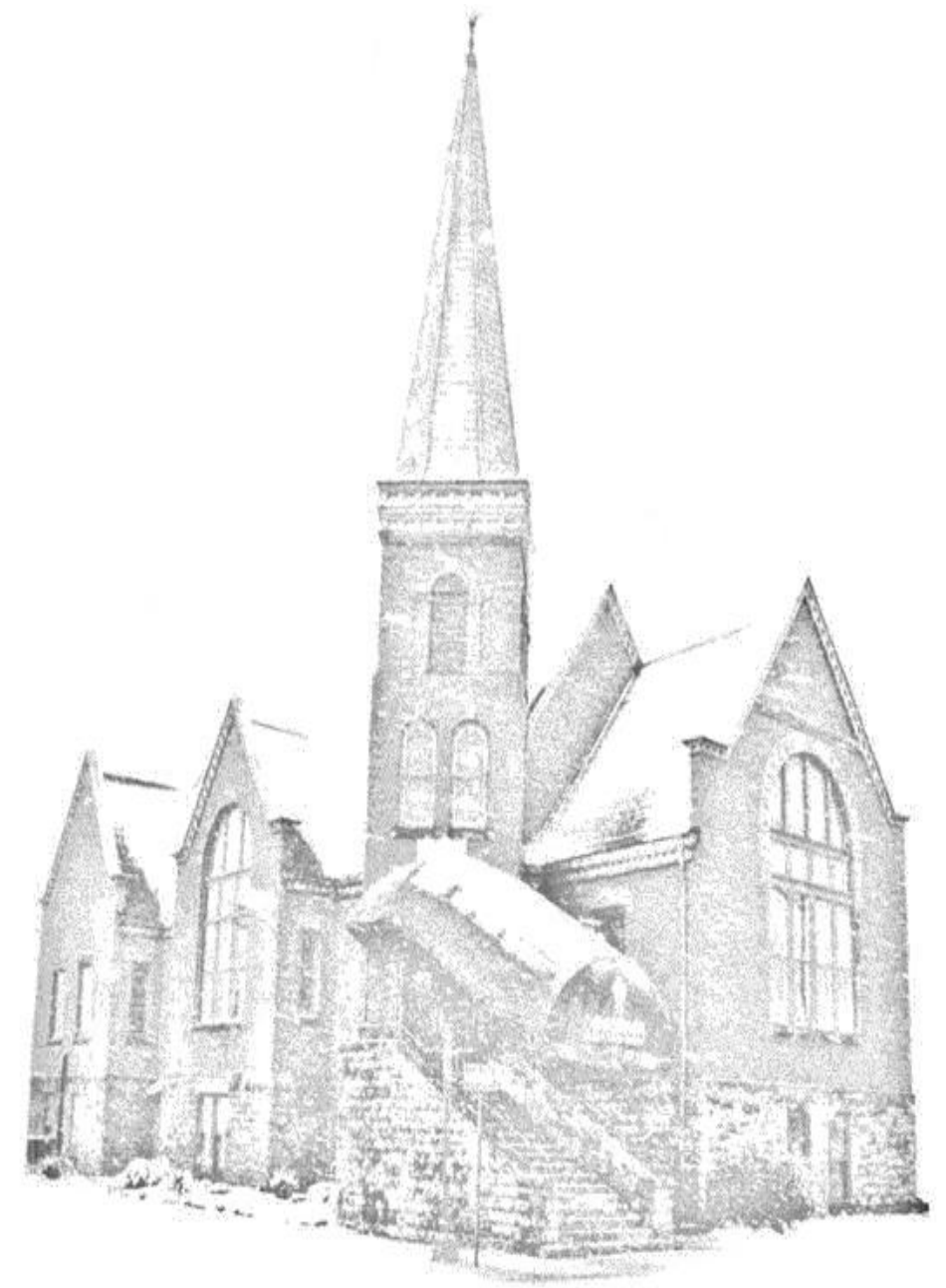
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# Covenant Presbyterian Church

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## Lord's Day, July 5, 2020

### 9:30 A.M. & 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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