

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

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Minister)

Psalm 66:1-4

Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you. All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name."

*SONG OF ASCENT (Unison)

To God Be the Glory
Trinity Hymnal, 55

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruling Elder

Ezekiel 36:16-21
1 Peter 2:4-10

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

*HYMN OF PRAISE (Unison)

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Trinity Hymnal, 252 vs 1, 2, 4

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)

Psalm 51:3-4

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison)

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*HYMN OF REJOICING (Unison)

Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ
Trinity Hymnal, 524

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

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

A Privileged People
Romans 2:17-3:2 (Pew Bible, 940)

Dr. John Clayton

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

Jesus, I Come

1. Out of my bon - dage, sor - row and night, Je - sus, I come, Je - sus, I come;
2. Out of my shame - ful fail - ure and loss, Je - sus, I come, Je - sus, I come;
3. Out of un - rest and ar - ro - gant pride, Je - sus, I come, Je - sus, I come;
4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Je - sus, I come, Je - sus, I come;

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in - to thy free - dom, glad - ness and light, Je - sus, I come to thee;
in - to the glor - ious gain of thy cross, Je - sus, I come to thee;
in - to thy bless - ed will to a - bide, Je - sus, I come to thee;
9 in - to the joy and light of thy home, Je - sus, I come to thee;

13
out of my sick - ness in - to thy health, out of my want - ing and in - to thy wealth,
out of earth's sor - rows, in - to thy balm, out of life's storms and in - to thy calm,
out of my - self to dwell in thy love, out of dis - pair in - to rap - tures a - bove,
out of the depths of ru - in un - told, in - to the peace of thy shel - ter - ing fold,

out of my sin and in - to thy - self, Je - sus, I come to thee.
out of dis - tress in - to ju - bi - lant psalm, Je - sus, I come to thee.
up - ward for - ev - er on wings like a dove, Je - sus, I come to thee.
ev - er thy glor - i - ous face to be - hold, Je - sus, I come to thee.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Jesus Loves Me, This I Know

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (Unison)

Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed

1. Won - der of won - ders, here re - vealed;
2. This child of God, though young or old,
3. Now we our vow of faith re - new,

5
God's cov - e - nant with us is sealed.
we wel - come now in - to Christ's fold,
9 stretch wide our sights to glo - bal view,

And long be - fore we know or pray,
to know with us God's lov - ing care;
13 and claim with Chris - tians far and near

God's love en - folds us ev - ery day.
here all our joys and sor - rows share.
a larg - er fam - i - ly held dear.

*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

Amazing Grace!

* = 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

A Privileged People

Romans 2:17-3:2 (Pew Bible, 940)

I. Introduction

II. Privilege

III. Pretense

IV. Presumption

V. Provision

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. White paraments adorn the pulpit and communion table during the celebration of Christmas, Easter, and other days to represent the purity of Christ and the joy and peace believers find in Him.

Baptism: Today, we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the covenant child baptism of *Bryan Henry Feero*, son of *Ryan and Katie Feero*. Please be in prayer in preparation for today's baptism.

The Westminster Larger Catechism reminds us: "The needful but much neglected duty of improving our baptism, is to be performed by us all our life long, especially in the time of temptation, and when we are present at the administration of it to others" (Question 167).

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.

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

Women in the Church 'Time Under the Tree': We will meet again on July 28th at 9:30 am. Bring a lawn chair and your favorite brunch food and enjoy spending time together under the tree at Tilles Park off Grand Ave.

Covenant Game Night: Game Night resumes Saturday, July 31st from 5:00-8:30 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 – July 11th: \$8,856
Designated giving: \$175
Total giving: \$9,031

General fund giving (YTD): \$276,427
Designated giving (YTD): \$3,678
Total giving (YTD): \$280,105

Ministry Staff

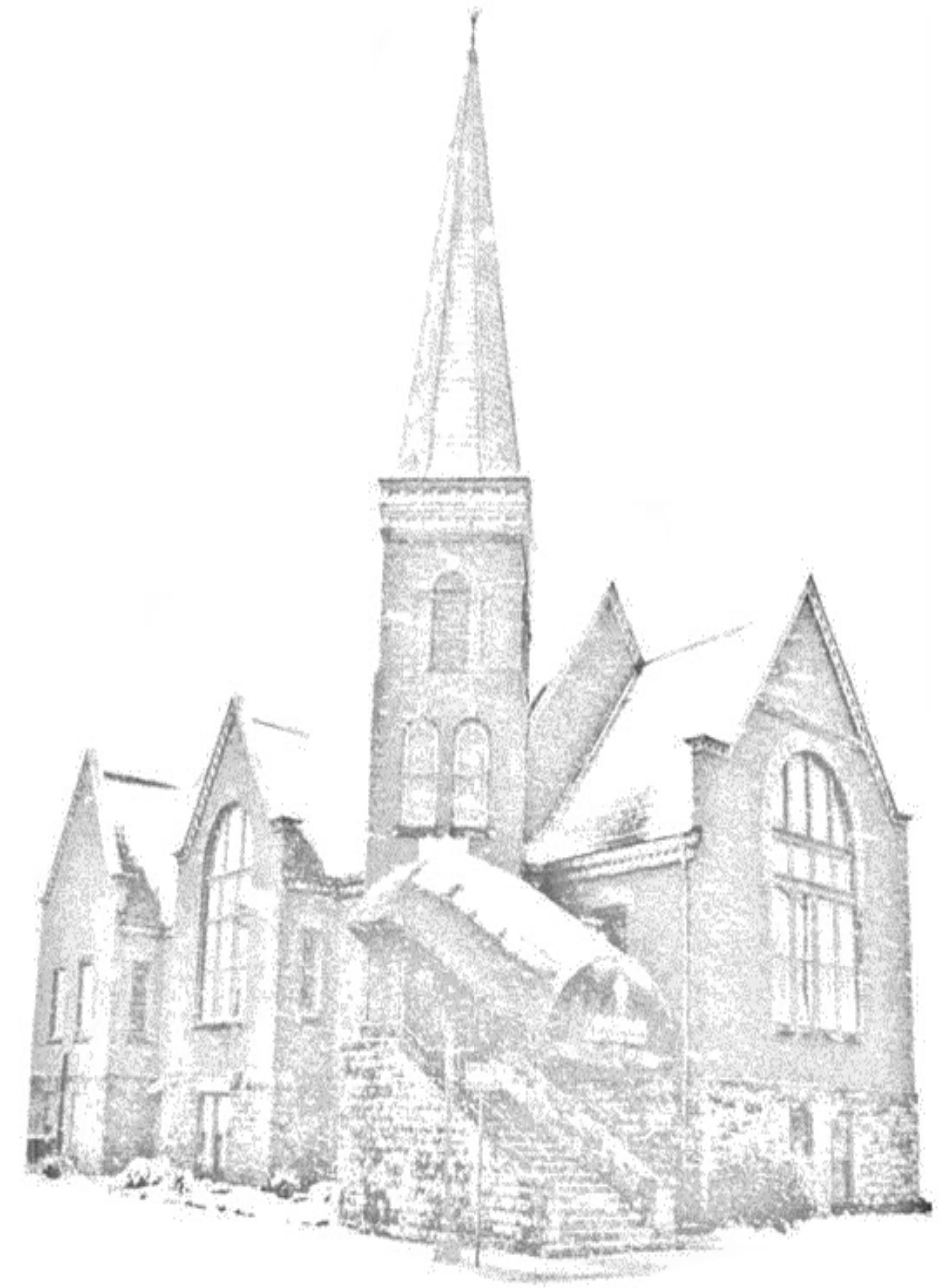
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Lord's Day, July 18, 2021

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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