

# 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

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

## STRIKING OF THE HOUR

## GREETING

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (Minister)

Isaiah 12:4b-6

*Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.*

### \*SONG OF ASCENT (Unison)

*We Gather Together*  
Trinity Hymnal, 363

## SCRIPTURE READING

Ruling Elder

*Psalm 14:1-3*  
*Ephesians 2:1-5*

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

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE (Unison)

*Psalm 14*

1. The fool in heart is say - ing, "There sure - ly is no God." Cor -  
2. All far a - stray have wan - dered, They all to vile - ness run. Not  
3. There shall they be in ter - ror For God is with the just; You

rupt and vile their deeds are; not one of them does good. The  
one of them is right - eous, No, not a sin - gle one. Have  
9 would con - found one strug - gling; Je - ho - vah is his trust. Sal -

Lord looks down from heav - en On sons of men a - broad To  
they of truth no know - ledge, These e - vil - work - ers all, Who  
13 va - tion out of Zi - on Who will to Isr - 'el bring? The

see which one has wis - dom, If an - y seeks for God.  
eat like bread my peo - ple And on God do not call?  
Lord brings back His cap - tives. Joy, Ja - cob! Isr - 'el, sing!

## 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 25:6-7

*Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!*

### SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison)

Romans 6:23

*For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

### \*HYMN OF REJOICING (Unison)

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*  
Trinity Hymnal, 164 vs. 1, 3, 4, 5

## 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 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

*Just As I Am*  
Covenant Choir

### \*DOXOLOGY (Unison)

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Deacon

### SERMON

*Let God Be True*  
Romans 3:1-20 (Pew Bible, 940-941)

Dr. John Clayton

### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE (Unison)

*There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood*  
Trinity Hymnal, 253 vs. 1-3

### \*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

*And Can It Be*

\* = 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

*Let God Be True*

Romans 3:1-20 (Pew Bible, 940-941)

## I. Introduction

## II. Sin is Sin

## III. God is True

## IV. Grace is Given

# 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.

**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.

**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](mailto: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 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.

**Congregational Meeting:** A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, August 29, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the church sanctuary, immediately preceding the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is for the election of one Ruling Elder and two Deacons. The following have been nominated from the congregation and tested and approved by the Session for consideration: Rick Coan for Ruling Elder and Pete Fleps and Steve Kirk for Deacon.

## Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – July 18th: \$7,197

Designated giving: \$0

Total giving: \$7,197

General fund giving (YTD): \$283,624

Designated giving (YTD): \$3,678

Total giving (YTD): \$287,302

## Ministry Staff

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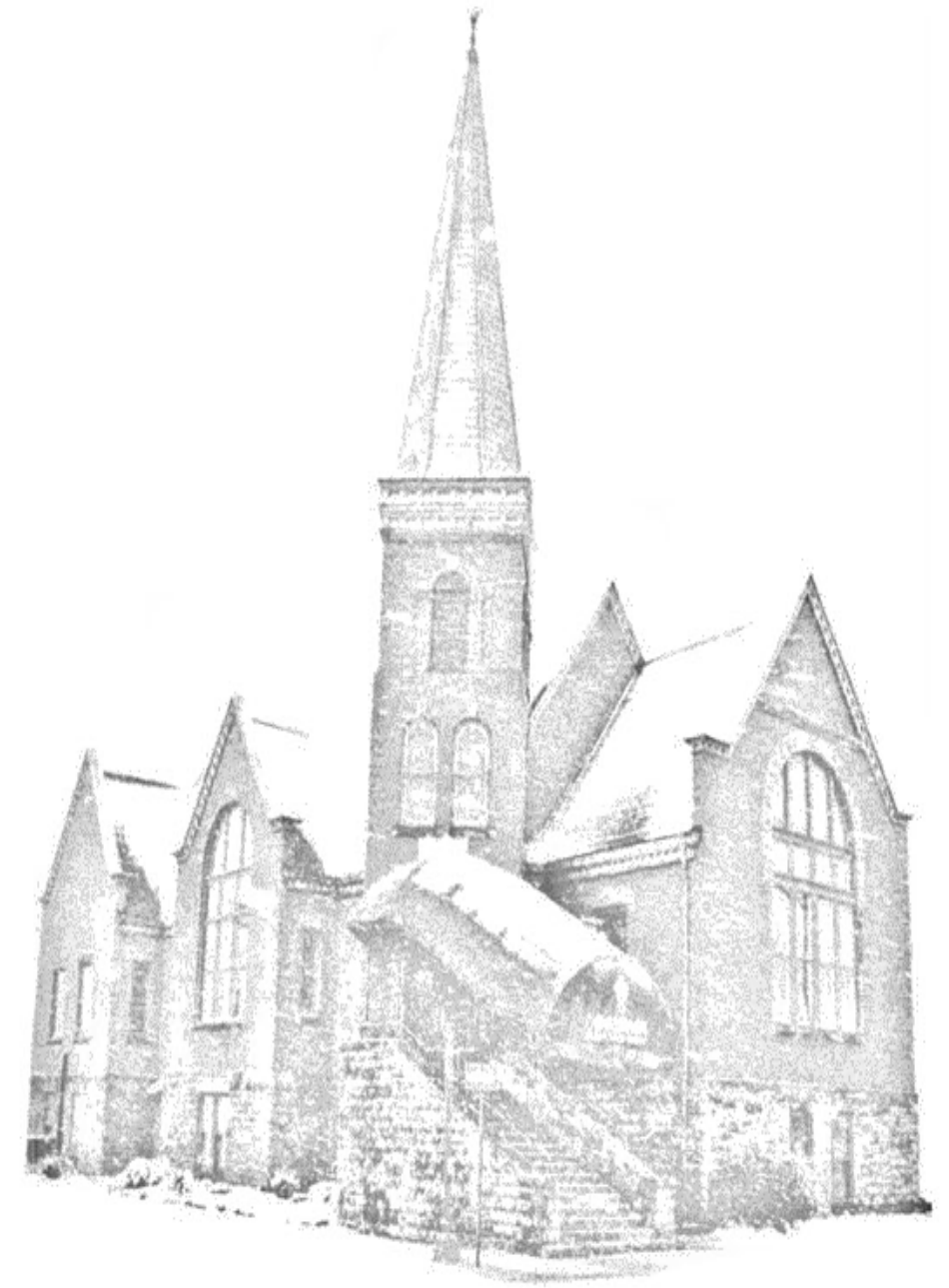
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# Covenant Presbyterian Church

Fort Smith, Arkansas



## Lord's Day, July 25, 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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