

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 How Great Thou Art

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Minister) Psalm 103:8-12

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

***SONG OF ASCENT** (Unison) Psalm 117

1. From all that dwell be - low the skies, O let Je - ho - vah's praise a -
 2. Great are the mer - cies of the Lord, And truth e - ter - nal is His

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 rise! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! And let His glo - rious name be
 word; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Ye na - tions, sound from shore to

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 sung! In ev' - ry land, by ev' - ry tongue! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 shore Je - ho - vah's praise for ev - er - more! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

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 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
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SCRIPTURE READING Ruling Elder

1 Chronicles 29:10-13
2 Peter 1:3-4

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

***HYMN OF PRAISE** (Unison) To God Be the Glory
Trinity Hymnal, 55

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 51:1-2

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison) Hebrews 8:12

For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.

***HYMN OF REJOICING** (Unison) In Christ Alone

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my
 2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh; Full - ness of God in help - less
 3. There in the ground His bo - dy lay; Light of the world by dark - ness
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death; This is the pow'r of Christ in

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 song: This Cor - ner - stone, this so - lid ground, Firm through the fierc - est drought and
 babe. This gift of love and right - eous - ness Scorned by the ones He came to
 slain. Then burst - ing forth in glor - ious day, Up from the grave He rose a -
 me. From life's first cry to fi - nal breath Je - sus com - mands my des - ti -

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 storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace When fears are stilled, when stri - vings
 save; 'Til on that cross as Je - sus died The wrath of God was sat - is -
 gain! And as He stands in vic - to - ry Sin's curse has lost its grip on
 ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man Can ev - er pluck me from His

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 cease; My Com - for - ter, my All in All; Here in the love of Christ I stand.
 fied; For ev - ery sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I libe.
 me; For I am His and He is mine, Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ!
 hand; 'Til he re - turns or calls me home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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

SERMON The Gospel – The Power of God unto Salvation Rev. Stephen Atkinson
Romans 1:15-20 (Pew Bible, 939)

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

***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

The Gospel – The Power of God unto Salvation
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I. Introduction

II. God's Power is Revealed in Wrath

III. God's Power is Revealed in Righteousness

IV. God's Power is Revealed in the Recipients

V. God's Power is Revealed in the Resurrection

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.

Worship Schedule: We will continue with Sunday School online only and two services at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. until further notice. 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*.

New Sunday School Series: Starting next Sunday morning we will begin our new series on The Canons of Dort. You can watch the class lecture on [youtube.com/user/covPCFs/videos](https://www.youtube.com/user/covPCFs/videos) any time after 6:00 a.m.

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Lord's Day, July 26, 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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