

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

I Bind unto Myself Today

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

GREETING

*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

Psalm 19:7-11
Galatians 5:13-14

Ruling Elder

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

*HYMN OF PRAISE (Unison)

Jehovah's Perfect Law (Psalm 19)

1. Je - ho - vah's per - fect law re - stores the soul a - gain; his
2. The Lord's com - mands are pure, they light and joy re - store; Je -
3. They are to be de - sired a - bove the fin - est gold; than
4. When - e'er you search my life, may all my thoughts with - in and

tes - ti - mo - ny sure gives wis - dom un - to men; the pre - cepts
ho - vah's fear is clean, en - dur - ing ev - er - more; his stat - utes,
hon - ey from the comb more sweet - ness far they hold; with warn - ings
10 all the words I speak your full ap - prov - al win. O Lord, you

of the Lord are right, and fill the heart with great de - light.
let the world con - fess, are whol - ly truth and right - eous - ness.
they your ser - vant guard, in keep - ing them is great re - ward.
are a Rock to me, and my Re - deem - er you shall be.

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)

2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake [God] made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

*HYMN OF REJOICING (Unison)

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

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

* = 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).

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*

*DOXOLOGY (Unison)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Deacon

SERMON

The Law of Faith
Romans 3:27-31 (Pew Bible, 941)

Dr. John Clayton

*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 -

- 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 -

- 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 -

- 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. —
— for it with pa - tience. —
— their sin and sor - row. —

*PASTORAL BLESSING (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

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Sermon Notes

The Law of Faith
Romans 3:27-31 (Pew Bible, 941)

I. Introduction

II. Silenced by Faith

III. Justified by Faith

IV. Upheld by Faith

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.

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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>.

Masks and COVID protocol: While masks are not required for church attendance, if you prefer to wear a mask, please do so. If you develop symptoms or are diagnosed with COVID and attended Sunday School or worship service the previous Sunday, please contact the church office immediately.

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 – August 1st: \$9,147

Designated giving: \$150

Total giving: \$9,297

General fund giving (YTD): \$300,566

Designated giving (YTD): \$3,828

Total giving (YTD): \$304,394

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Lord's Day, August 8, 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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