

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)

Psalm 95:1-3, 6-7

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

*SONG OF ASCENT (Unison)

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (Psalm 90)
Trinity Hymnal, 30 vs. 1, 2, 3, 7

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruling Elder

Genesis 17:1-5
Hebrews 6:13-18

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

*HYMN OF PRAISE (Unison)

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less
Trinity Hymnal, 521 vs. 1, 3, 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)

Ezra 9:6

O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift my face to you, my God, for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has mounted up to the heavens.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison)

Romans 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

*HYMN OF REJOICING (Unison)

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

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*

* = 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).

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY (Unison)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Deacon

SERMON

What the World Needs to Hear
Romans 4:13-25 (Pew Bible, 941-942)

Dr. John Clayton

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (Unison)

By Faith

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair, and tells me of the guilt with -
3. Be - hold Him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect spot - less right - eous -
plea, a great High Priest whose name is love, who e - ver lives and pleads for
in, up - ward I look and see Him there, who made an end to all my
ness, the great un - change - a - ble "I Am," the King of glo - ry and of
me. My name is writ - ten on His hands, my name is writ - ten on His
sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
12 grace. One with Him - self I can - not die, my soul is pur - chased by His
heart; I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence de -
16 free; for God the Just is sat - is - fied, to look on Him and par - don
blood; my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Sav - ior and my
part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
me, to look on Him and par - don me.
God, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God.

*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

In Christ Alone

Sermon Notes

What the World Needs to Hear
Romans 4:13-25 (Pew Bible, 941-942)

I. Introduction

II. Our Faith Rests on Grace

III. We Hope by Faith

IV. Our Faith Glorifies God

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. 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>.

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.

Women's Morning Bible Study: Our Wednesday morning study will begin on September 15th, at 10:00 a.m. We will be using *A Holy Fear: Trading Lesser Fears for the Fear of the Lord* by Christina Fox.

Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – August 15th: \$4,618
Designated giving: \$125
Total giving: \$4,743

General fund giving (YTD): \$316,170
Designated giving (YTD): \$3,978
Total giving (YTD): \$320,148

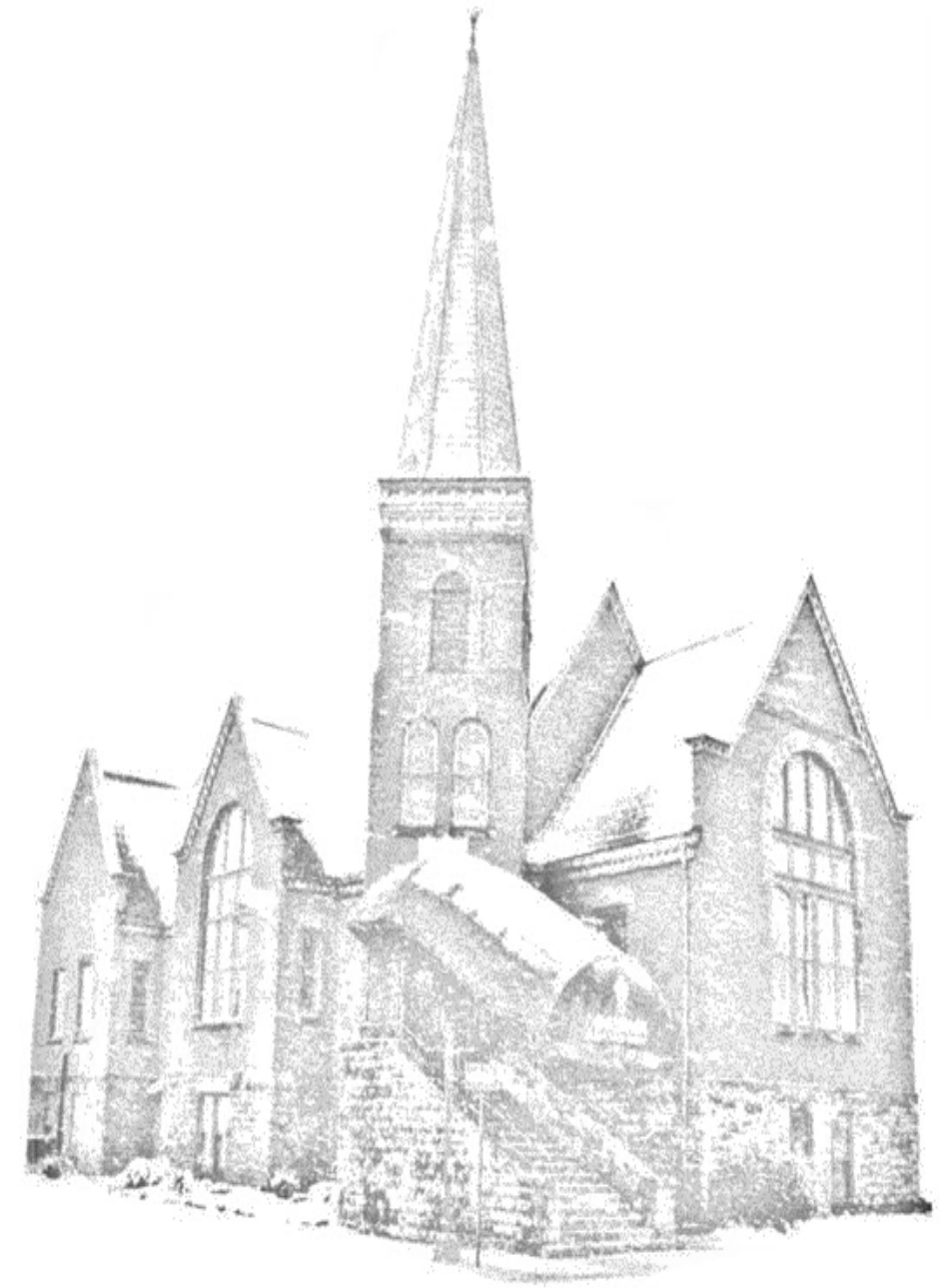
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Lord's Day, August 22, 2021 10:30 A.M.

"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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