

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 Almighty King

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Minister)

Based on Isaiah 43:14, 20-21,
1 Chronicles 16:24

Minister: *The Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, gives water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to his chosen people, the people he formed for himself that they might declare his praise. Redeemed of the Lord, declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!*

*SONG OF ASCENT (Unison)

Psalm 100

1. Shout to the Lord, all earth, and make a joy - ful noise! With
2. En - ter his gates with thanks, and fill his courts with praise. Give
glad - ness serve the Lord your God; be - fore him lift your voice! Now
thanks to him, and bless his name; to God your voic - es raise. Be -
know the Lord is God. He made us, we are his, his
cause the Lord is good, his stead - fast love en - dures; from
peo - ple and his sheep, who safe - ly in his pas - ture graze.
age to age, for - ev - er - more, his faith - ful - ness is sure.

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruling Elder

*Zephaniah 3:9-13
2 Timothy 3:16-17*

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE (Unison)

*How Firm a Foundation
Trinity Hymnal, 94 vs. 1, 2, 5, 6*

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)

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
Trinity Hymnal, 521*

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.

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*

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS (Choir)

*DOXOLOGY (Unison)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Deacon

SERMON

*Living in Accord with Christ Jesus
Romans 15:1-7 (Pew Bible, 949)*

Dr. John Clayton

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (Unison)

All Glory Be to Christ

1. Should noth - ing of our ef - forts stand, no leg - a - cy sur - vive; un -
2. His will be done, His king - dom come, on earth as is a - bove, who
3. When on the day the great I Am, the faith - ful and the true, the
less the Lord does raise the house, in vain its build - ers strive. To you who boast to -
is Him - self our dai - ly bread; praise Him, the Lord of love. Let liv - ing wa - ter
Lamb who was for sin - ners slain, is mak - ing all things new. Be - hold our God shall
mor - row's gain, tell me what is your life? A mist that van - ish - es at dawn; all
sat - is - fy the thirst - y with - out price; we'll take a cup of kind - ness yet; all
live with us and be our stead - fast light. And we shall e'er His peo - ple be; all
glo - ry be to Christ. All glo - ry be to Christ our king! All glo - ry be to
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*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

All Glory Be to Christ

Sermon Notes

Living in Accord with Christ Jesus
Romans 15:1-7 (Pew Bible, 949)

I. Introduction

II. Bear and build up the weak

III. Look to the Word with hope

IV. Live and glorify God together

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. 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.

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.

Children & Restrooms: Parents, please accompany your children to the restroom during the worship service.

Adult Sunday School Series: Please join us in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday for breakfast at 9:00 a.m. and Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. for our series, *Proverbs: Words of Wisdom*, a topical study of select proverbs.

Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – August 21st: \$5,355
Designated giving: \$0
Total giving: \$5,355

General fund giving (YTD): \$319,480
Designated giving (YTD): \$2,749
Total giving (YTD): \$322,279

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Lord's Day, August 28, 2022 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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