

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

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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)

Behold Our God

1. Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has num-bered ev'-ry grain of sand?
 2. Who has giv-en coun-sel to the Lord? Who can ques-tion an-y of His words?
 3. Who has felt the nails up-on His hand, bear-ing all the guilt of sin-ful man?

5 Kings and na-tions trem-ble at His voice. All cre-a-tion ri-ses to re-
 Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fa-thom all His won-drous
 God e-ter-nal, hum-bled to the grave, Je-sus, Sav-ior, ri-sen now to

9 **Chorus**
 joyce. Be-hold our God, seat-ed on His throne. Come let us a-dore Him. Be-
 deeds? reign!
 hold our King, noth-ing can com-pare, come, let us a-dore Him!

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SCRIPTURE READING

Ruling Elder

*Proverbs 8:12-16
Romans 13:1-7*

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

*HYMN OF PRAISE (Unison)

Psalm 72

1. O God, your judg-ments give the King, his son your righ-teous-ness; with
 2. The peo-ple's poor ones he shall judge, the need-y's chil-dren bless; and
 3. Now bless-ed be the Lord our God, the God of Is-ra-el, for

5 right he shall your peo-ple judge, your poor with up-right-ness. And
 he will break in pic-es those who would the poor op-press. The
 he a-lone does won-drous works in glo-ry that ex-cel. And

9 then the moun-tains shall bring forth to all the peo-ple peace; the
 just shall flour-ish in his days, and pros-per in his reign; and
 bless-ed be his glo-rious name to all e-ter-ni-ty. The

13 hills be-cause of righ-teous-ness their bless-ing shall in-crease.
 while the moon en-dures he shall a-bun-dant peace main-tain.
 whole earth let his glo-ry fill; a-men, so let it 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 51:3-4

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison)

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*HYMN OF REJOICING (Unison)

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!
Trinity Hymnal, 296 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*

SERMON

Rendered and Redeemed
Matthew 22:15-22 (Pew Bible, 827-828)

Dr. John Clayton

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (Unison)

Benediction
Trinity Hymnal, 730

*PASTORAL BENEDICTION (Minister)

Based on Philippians 4:7

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Congregation: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

Jesus Christ, Our Sure Foundation

* = 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

Rendered and Redeemed

Matthew 22:15-22 (Pew Bible, 827-828)

I. Introduction

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*.

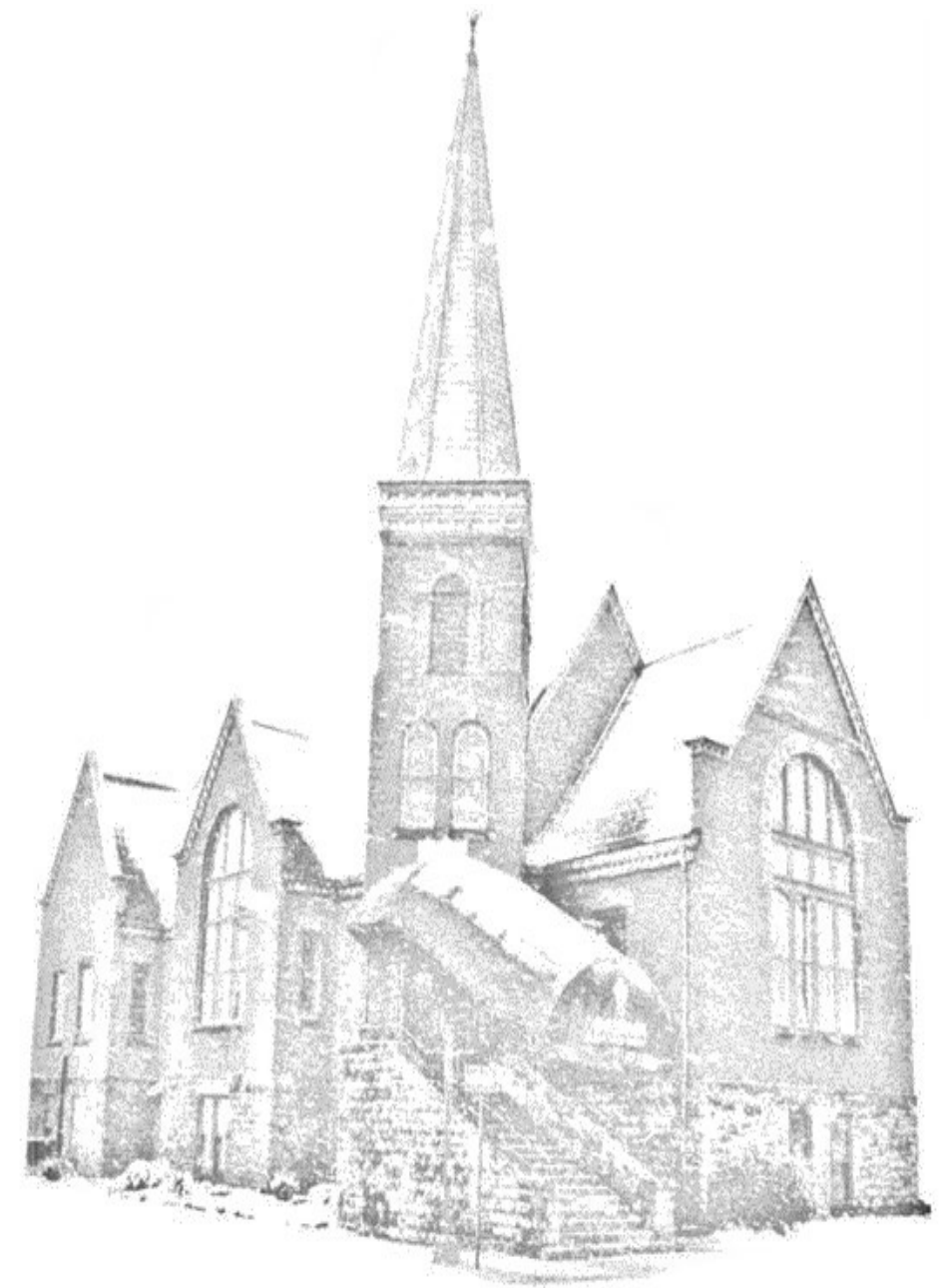
New Sunday School Series: Today we begin our new series on The Canons of Dort. You can watch the class lecture on [youtube.com/user/covPCFs/videos](https://www.youtube.com/user/covPCFs/videos) any time after 6:00 a.m.

II. Render to Caesar

III. Render to God

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Lord's Day, August 2, 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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