

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

And Can It Be

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Minister)

Psalm 150:1-2, 6

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

*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
5 glad - ness serve the Lord your God; be - fore him lift your voice! Now
thanks to him, and bless his name; to God your voice - es raise. Be -
9 know the Lord is God. He made us, we are his, his
cause the Lord is good, his stead - fast love en - dures; from
13 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

Isaiah 61:10-11
Philippians 4:4

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

*HYMN OF PRAISE (Unison)

Rejoice, the Lord Is King
Trinity Hymnal, 310 vs. 1-3

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)

Daniel 9:4-5

O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison)

Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

*HYMN OF REJOICING (Unison)

Nothing but the Blood
Trinity Hymnal, 307 vs. 1-4

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*

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Covenant Choir
*Marvelous Grace of Our
Loving Lord*

*DOXOLOGY (Unison)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Deacon

SERMON

Neighbor, Savior, Lord
Romans 5:6-11 (Pew Bible, 942)

Dr. John Clayton

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (Unison)

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all mea - sure that
2. Be - hold the man up - on a cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders; Ash -
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing, no gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom; but
3 He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His trea - sure. How
amed, I fear my mock - ing voice, to call a - mong the scof - fers. It
I will boast in Je - sus Christ, His death, and res - ur - rec - tion. Why
5 great the pain of sear - ing loss, the Fa - ther turns His face a - way, as
was my sin that held Him there, the un - til it was ac - com - plished; His
should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer; but
7 wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring ma - ny sons to glo - ry.
dy - ing I know with all my heart: I His know that it is fin - ished.
this I know with all my heart: I His wounds havepaid my ran - som.

*PASTORAL BENECTION (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

Come Away to the Skies

Sermon Notes

Neighbor, Savior, Lord
Romans 5:6-11 (Pew Bible, 942)

I. Introduction

II. Christ's Death Satisfies

III. Christ's Blood Justifies

IV. Christ's Life Sanctifies

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.

Ordination and Installation Service: Please join us tonight at 5:30 p.m. for the ordination and installation of our new church officers.

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.

Women's Evening Bible Study: The monthly evening study will begin Thursday, September 16th and will meet the first Thursday of the month afterward. We're using *Alive in Him: How Being Embraced by the Love of Christ Changes Everything* by Gloria Furman. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 pm.

Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – September 5th: \$14,023	General fund giving (YTD): \$344,890
Designated giving: \$275	Designated giving (YTD): \$3,739
Total giving: \$14,298	Total giving (YTD): \$348,630

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Lord's Day, September 12, 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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