

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

Let All Things Now Living

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Minister)

Psalm 32:1-2, 10-11

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

*SONG OF ASCENT (Unison)

Psalm 33 (verses 1-5, 20)

1. With joy let us sing to the LORD, all you right - eous, for
2. For up - right and true is the word God has spo - ken; the
3. The LORD we a - wait is our help and pro - tec - tion, our
fit - ting it is that the up - right give praise. And
works of the LORD his great faith - ful - ness prove. And
9 heart is glad, trust - ing in his ho - ly name. O
skill - ful - ly praise him with harp _____ and with lyre; _____ make
he loves true right - eous - ness, jus - tice, and judg - ment; the
13 LORD, let your cov - e - nant love _____ be up - on us, as
mu - sic to God, a new song to him raise.
ends _____ of the earth show the LORD's stead - fast love.
we _____ hold to you and the hope that we claim.

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruling Elder

*Isaiah 5:20-21
2 Tim. 3:1-5*

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE (Unison)

*Take My Life, and Let It Be
Trinity Hymnal, 585 vs. 1, 3, 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)

Psalm 25:6-7

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison)

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*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*

SERMON

Christless Religion Dr. John Clayton
Matthew 23:13-36 (Pew Bible, 828-829)

*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

Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It!

* = 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

Christless Religion

Matthew 23:13-36 (Pew Bible, 828-829)

I. Introduction

II. Christless Conversion

III. Christless Conformity

IV. Christless Cleanliness

V. Christless Conception

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.

Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – September 6th: \$12,211

Designated giving: \$150

Total giving: \$12,361

General fund giving (YTD): \$281,887

Designated giving (YTD): \$3,604

Total giving (YTD): \$285,491

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Lord's Day, September 13, 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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