

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Minister)

Psalm 30:1-4

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me. O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit. Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

*SONG OF ASCENT (Unison)

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
Trinity Hymnal, 164 vs. 1, 3, 4

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruling Elder

Isaiah 43:15, 27
1 Corinthians 15:21-22

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

*HYMN OF PRAISE (Unison)

O Thou That Hear'st When Sinners Cry
(Psalm 51)
Trinity Hymnal, 485 vs. 1, 4, 5

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 9:18b-19a

For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison)

Romans 5:8-9

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

*HYMN OF REJOICING (Unison)

In Christ Alone

1. In Christ a-lone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my
2. In Christ a-lone who took on flesh; Full-ness of God in help-less
3. There in the ground His bo-dy lay; Light of the world by dark-ness
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death; This is the pow'r of Christ in

song: This Cor-ner-stone, this so-lid ground, Firm through the fierc-est drought and
slain. This gift of love and right-eous-ness Scorned by the ones He came to
me. Then burst-ing forth in glor-ious day, Up from the grave He rose a-ti-
From life's first cry to fi-nal breath Je-sus com-mands my des-ti-

storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace When fears are stilled, when stri-vings
save; 'Til on that cross as Je-sus died The wrath of God was sat-is-
gain! And as He stands in vic-to-ry Sin's curse has lost its grip on
ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man Can ev-er pluck me from His

cease; My Com-for-ter, my All in All; Here in the love of Christ I stand.
fied; For ev-ery sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I libe.
me; For I am His and He is mine, Bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ!
hand; 'Til he re-returns or calls me home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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.*

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Jesus Shall Reign
Trinity Hymnal, 441
Covenant Choir

*DOXOLOGY (Unison)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Deacon

SERMON

The Gift of Life
Romans 5:12-21 (Pew Bible, 942)

Dr. John Clayton

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord
Trinity Hymnal, 465

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (Unison)

Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed

1. Won-der of won-ders, here re-vealed;
2. This child of God, though young or old,
3. Now we our vow of faith re-new,

God's cov-e-nant with us is sealed.
we wel-come now in-to Christ's fold,
stretch wide our sights to glo-bal view,

And long be-fore we know or pray,
to know with us God's lov-ing care;
and claim with Chris-tians far and near

God's love en-folds us ev-ery day.
here all our joys and sor-rows share.
a larg-er fam-i-ly held dear.

*PASTORAL BENEDICTION (Minister)

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

In Your Arms, Lord Jesus Christ

* = 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

The Gift of Life

Romans 5:12-21 (Pew Bible, 942)

I. Introduction

II. The Origin of Death

III. The Source of Life

IV. The Gift of Life

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. White paraments adorn the pulpit and communion table during the celebration of Christmas, Easter, and other days to represent the purity of Christ and the joy and peace believers find in Him.

Baptism: Today, we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the covenant child baptism of *Rose Marie Lambert*, daughter of *David and Grace Anne Lambert*. Please be in prayer in preparation for today's baptism.

The Westminster Larger Catechism reminds us: "The needful but much neglected duty of improving our baptism, is to be performed by us all our life long, especially in the time of temptation, and when we are present at the administration of it to others" (Question 167).

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.

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>.

Women's Bible Study: The women's morning Bible study will meet Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall (In person and online). Contact Nancy for zoom login information. We will be using *A Holy Fear: Trading Lesser Fears for the Fear of the Lord* by Christina Fox.

Women in the Church 'Time Under the Tree': We will resume our socially distanced lunch as the weather permits beginning September 22nd at 12:00 p.m. Bring a lawn chair and lunch and enjoy spending time together under the tree at Tilles Park off of Grand Ave.

Chili Cook-Off: Our 8th Annual Chili-Cook Off will be Sunday, October 24th at 4:30 p.m. at Bonanza Park. Please sign up to bring award winning chili, cornbread, or dessert. This is one of our most fun and favorite events, so grab your lawn chairs and plan to attend.

College Student Care Packages: If you would like to donate items to be included for our college student care packages, please bring them to the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday mornings (9:30-10:00 or 11:30-12:00) or to the church office during office hours. You may also bring them to Sunday School or church on Sunday.

Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – September 12th: \$7,246	General fund giving (YTD): \$352,175
Designated giving: \$30	Designated giving (YTD): \$3,739
Total giving: \$7,276	Total giving (YTD): \$355,914

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Lord's Day, September 19, 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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