

# 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** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

**STRIKING OF THE HOUR**

**GREETING**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Minister) Psalm 32:1-2, 10-11

*Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit. Many are the woes of the wicked, but the Lord's unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him. Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!*

**\*SONG OF ASCENT** (Unison) *Crown Him with Many Crowns*  
Trinity Hymnal, 295

**SCRIPTURE READING** Ruling Elder

*Genesis 3:17-19*  
*Galatians 2:20*

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

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** (Unison) *Psalm 130*

1. Lord, from the depths to Thee I cried. My Lord, give ear to me. O —  
2. I — wait, my soul a - waits the Lord; My hope is in — His word. More

hear my voice and heark - en to My — sup - pli - cat - ing plea. Lord,  
than the watch - men wait for morn My — soul waits for — my Lord. O —

who shall stand if Thou, my Lord, Shouldst mark in - i - qui - ty? But  
Is - ra - el, — hope in the Lord; The Lord saves gra - cious - ly. And

yet with Thee for - give - ness is, That men may rev' - rence Thee.  
He shall Is - ra - el re - deem From all in - i - qui - ty.

**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) *Before the Throne of God Above*

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect  
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair, and tells me of the guilt with -  
3. Be - hold Him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect spot - less right - eous -

plea, a great High Priest whose name is love, who e - ver lives and pleads for  
in, up - ward I look and see Him there, who made an end to all my  
ness, the great un - change - a - ble "I Am," the King of glo - ry and of

me. My name is writ - ten on His hands, my name is writ - ten on His  
sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed  
8 grace. One with Him - self I can - not die, my soul is pur - chased by His

heart; I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence de -  
free, for God the Just is sat - is - fied to look on Him and par - don  
blood; my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Sav - ior and my

16 part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
me, to look on Him and par - don me.  
God, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God.

**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*

**WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**\*DOXOLOGY** (Unison)

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Deacon

**SERMON** *Alive to God* Dr. John Clayton  
Romans 6:1-14 (Pew Bible, 942-943)

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** (Unison) *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*  
Trinity Hymnal, 264 vs. 1-3

**\*PASTORAL BENEDICTION (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** *Amazing Grace!*

\* = 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

*Alive to God*

Romans 6:1-14 (Pew Bible, 942-943)

## I. Introduction

## II. Dead to Sin

## III. Raised to Life

## IV. Alive to God

# 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.

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**Prayer Ministry:** If you have a prayer request that you would like the church to pray for, you can send your request to [pray@cpafs.org](mailto:pray@cpafs.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/cpafs-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.

**Women's Morning Bible Study:** Our Wednesday morning study continues at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and online via Zoom. We are using *A Holy Fear: Trading Lesser Fears for the Fear of the Lord* by Christina Fox.

**College Student Care Packages:** Women in the Church are collecting items for the college student care packages. Please contact Nancy Krehbiel (479-420-3052) for a list of suggested donation items.

**Chili Cook-Off:** Our 8th Annual Chili-Cook Off will be Sunday, October 24th at 4:30 p.m. at Bonanza Park. Mark your calendars and make plans to bring award winning chili, cornbread, or desserts. This is one of our most fun and favorite events of the year. Sign up begins October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – August 19th: \$5,572

Designated giving: \$2

Total giving: \$5,574

General fund giving (YTD): \$357,748

Designated giving (YTD): \$3,739

Total giving (YTD): \$361,487

## Ministry Staff

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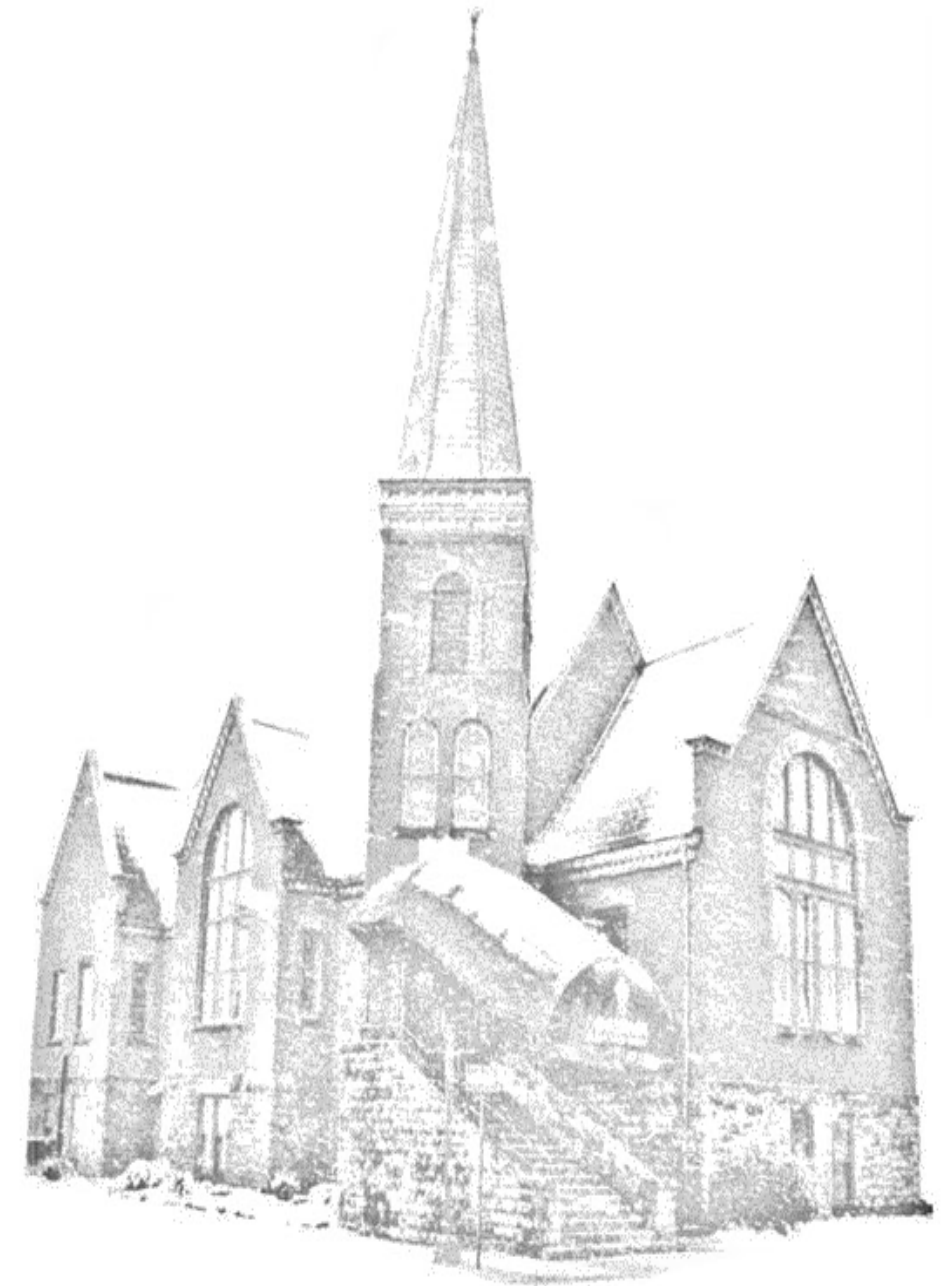
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# Covenant Presbyterian Church

Fort Smith, Arkansas



## Lord's Day, September 26, 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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