

# 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** *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

**STRIKING OF THE HOUR**

**GREETING**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Minister)** 1 Peter 1:18-21

*For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.*

**\*SONG OF ASCENT (Unison)** *We Come, O Christ, to You*  
Trinity Hymnal, 181 vs. 1, 4, 5

**SCRIPTURE READING** Ruling Elder

*Psalm 27:1*  
*1 John 1:5-7*

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

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE (Unison)** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*  
Trinity Hymnal, 38

**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 25:16-18

*Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.*

**SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison)** Colossians 1:13-14

*He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

**\*HYMN OF REJOICING (Unison)** *I Will Sing of My Redeemer*

1. I will sing of my Re - deem - er and His won - drous  
2. I will tell the won - drous sto - ry how, my lost es -  
3. I will praise my dear Re - deem - er; His tri - um - phant  
4. I will sing of my Re - deem - er and His heaven - ly  
love to me; on the cru - el cross He suf - fered from the  
tate to save, in His bound - less love and mer - cy He the  
pow - er I'll tell, How the vic - to - ry He giv - eth o - ver  
love for me; He from death to life hath brought me, Son of  
curse to set me free.  
ran - som free - ly gave.  
sin and death and hell. Sing, O sing of my Re - deem - er,  
God, with Him to be.  
with His blood He pur - chased me. On the cross He sealed my  
par - don, paid the debt and made me free.

**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.

**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*

**THE OFFERTORY (CHOIR)** *Not What My Hands Have Done*  
Trinity Hymnal, 461

**WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**\*DOXOLOGY (Unison)**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Deacon

**SERMON** *Life and Light in Jesus* Rev. Austin Royal  
John 1:1-18 (Pew Bible, 886)

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE (Unison)** *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

1. Je - sus, thou joy of lov - ing hearts, thou  
2. Thy truth un - changed of hath ev - er stood; thou  
3. We tate thee, O thou liv - ing bread, and  
4. Our rest - less spir - its yearn for us, stay, where  
5. O Je - sus ev - er with us stay, make  
fount of life, thou light of men,  
sav - est those that on thee call;  
long - est to our feast up - still;  
e'er our change - ful ments on lot is - cast;  
all our mo - ments calm and bright;  
from the best bliss that earth im - parts  
to we glad drink of thy dark night, the - four thou art - parts  
chase when the the of gra - night, the - four thou art - parts  
turn them un - filled to thee a - gain,  
thirst our that find in all  
when our our souls from thee to fill,  
o'er the the world thy hold can thee to fast,  
ly the ho - - - ly light.

**\*PASTORAL BLESSING (Minister)** Hebrews 13:20-21

*Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.*

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God! Amen.

**POSTLUDE** *For God So Loved the World*

\* = 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  
*Life and Light in Jesus*  
John 1:1-18 (Pew Bible, 886)

I. Introduction

II. Jesus, the Word

III. Life and Light in Jesus

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.

**Guest Preacher:** Please welcome our guest preacher today, Rev. Austin Royal. Originally from Macon, Georgia, Austin currently serves as the RUF Campus Minister at the University of Arkansas.

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

**The Lord's Supper:** The sacrament of the Lord's Supper has been moved from today to next Sunday, October 10th. Please prayerfully prepare for its celebration.

**New Adult Sunday School Series:** Starting next Sunday, October 10th, we will begin a new series, *Proverbs: Words of Wisdom*, in which we will begin a topical study of select proverbs.

**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 – September 26th: \$8,204	General fund giving (YTD): \$365,982
Designated giving: \$30	Designated giving (YTD): \$3,739
Total giving: \$8,234	Total giving (YTD): \$369,721

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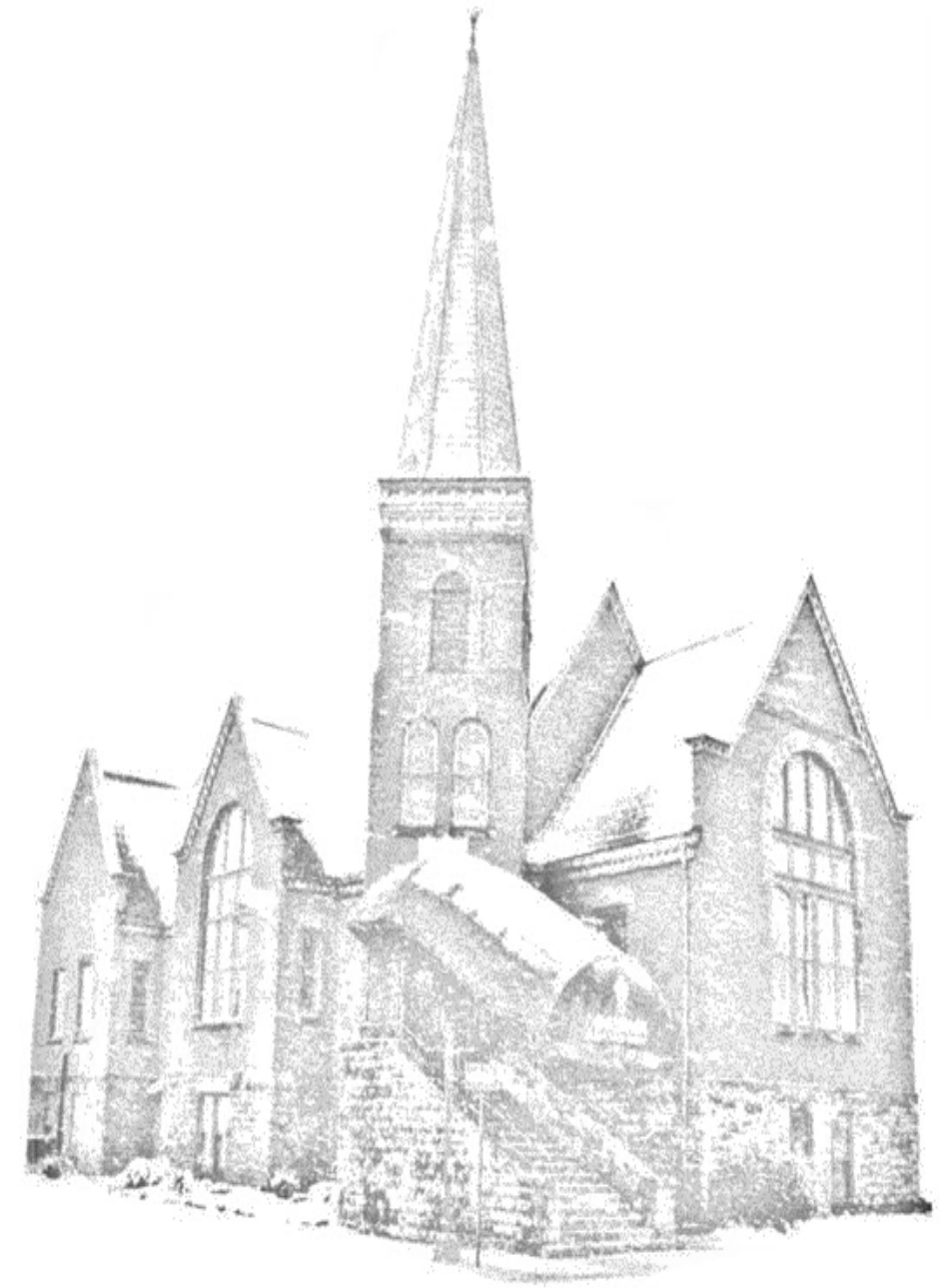
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# Covenant Presbyterian Church

Fort Smith, Arkansas



## Lord's Day, October 3, 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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