

# 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

*Blessed Assurance*

## STRIKING OF THE HOUR

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Psalm 117  
Trinity Hymnal, 828

## \*SONG OF ASCENT (Unison)

*You Holy Angels Bright (Psalm 148)*  
Trinity Hymnal, 18 vs. 1, 2, 4, 5

## SCRIPTURE READING

Ruling Elder

*Exodus 20:1-3*  
*1 Peter 2:13-16*

**Elder:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God.

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE (Unison)

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
Trinity Hymnal, 457

## 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 51:1-2

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!*

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison)

2 Corinthians 5:21

*For our sake [God] made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

## \*HYMN OF REJOICING (Unison)

*The Apostles' Creed*



1. I be - lieve in God the Fa - ther, Ma - ker of the heav'n and earth, and in  
2. Suf - fer'd un - der Pon - tius Pi - late, cru - ci - fied, en - dur - ing hell, laid with -  
3. At God's right hand he is seat - ed, 'til his com - ing, as he said; fin - al  
4. I be - lieve the church of Je - sus ho - ly, cath - o - lic re - mains; we are

Je - sus Christ, our Sav - ior, God's own Son, of match - less worth; by the  
in the grave so si - lent, as the proph - ets did fore - tell. But the  
judg - ment will be met - ed to the liv - ing and the dead. I con -  
one thro' all the ag - es, the com - mun - ion of the saints. I be -

Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ed, vir - gin Mar - y bore God's Son, he in  
stone - sealed tomb was emp - tied on the third day; he a - rose: in - to  
fess the Ho - ly Spir - it has been sent thro' Christ the Son to ap -  
lieve sins are for - giv - en, that our bod - ies will be raised, life with

whom I have be - liev - ed: God Al - might - y, Three in One.  
heav - en made his en - try, Might - y Con - queror of his foes.  
ply sal - va - tion's mer - it; God the Spir - it, Three in One.  
God is nev - er end - ed. A - men, let his name be praised.

## 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

*Slaves to God*  
Romans 6:15-23 (Pew Bible, 943)

Dr. John Clayton

## \*HYMN OF PREPARATION

*We Will Feast in the House of Zion*



We will feast in the house of Zi - on, we will sing with our hearts re - stored. He has  
done great things, we will say to - geth - er; we will feast and weep no more.

1. We will not be burned by the fire; He is the LORD our  
2. In the dark of night, be - fore the dawn, my soul be not a -  
3. Ev - 'ry vow we've bro - ken and be - trayed; You are the Faith - ful

God. We are not con - sumed by the flood; up - held, pro - tect - ed, lift - ed up.  
fraid. For the prom - ised mor - ning, oh how long? Oh God of Ja - cob, be my strength.  
one. And from the gar - den to the grave, bind us to - geth - er, bring sha - lom.

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## \*HYMN OF RESPONSE (Unison)

*Benediction*  
Trinity Hymnal, 730

## \*PASTORAL BENEDICTION (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

*Take My Life, and Let It Be*

## Sermon Notes

### *Slaves to God*

Romans 6:15-23 (Pew Bible, 943)

#### I. Introduction

#### II. Slaves of Sin

#### III. Slaves of Righteousness

#### IV. Slaves of 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.

**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.

**Lord's Supper:** We will be observing the Lord's Supper this morning. We ask that you begin now examining yourself and preparing your heart to celebrate the sacrament. If you are not a member of Covenant, you are welcome to celebrate the sacrament with us if you have made a credible profession of faith in Christ, have been baptized, and are in good standing with a like-kind Protestant church.

**Benevolence Giving:** We take up a separate offering for benevolence on the Lord's Supper Sunday (first Sunday of each month). Please designate benevolence gifts on your giving envelope and place it in the benevolence box at the back of the sanctuary.

**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](mailto: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>.

**New Adult Sunday School Series:** Please join us each Sunday for our new series, *Proverbs: Words of Wisdom*, 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.

**Women's Evening Bible Study:** The monthly evening study will be Thursday, October 7th in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 pm. We're using *Alive in Him: How Being Embraced by the Love of Christ Changes Everything* by Gloria Furman.

**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 at the back of the sanctuary.

**Wedding Reception:** Rusty and Kim (Bolin) Peoples cordially invite you to a drop-in wedding reception this afternoon, October 10, at 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Covenant fellowship hall. No gifts please, just the honor of your presence.

### Ministry Staff

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## Covenant Presbyterian Church

Fort Smith, Arkansas



## Lord's Day, October 10, 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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