

# 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** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

**STRIKING OF THE HOUR**

**GREETING**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Minister)** Psalm 100

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.*

**\*SONG OF ASCENT (Unison)** *Psalm 95*

1. Now with joy-ful ex-ul-ta-tion let us sing to God our praise;  
2. For how great a God, and glo-rious, is the Lord to whom we sing;  
3. To the Lord such might re-veal-ing, let us come with rev-'rence meet,  
4. While he of-fers peace and par-don, let us hear his voice to-day,  
5 to the rock of our sal-va-tion loud ho-san-nas let us raise.  
o-ver i-dol gods vic-to-rious, great is he, our God and King.  
and, be-fore our ma-ker kneel-ing, let us wor-ship at his feet.  
9 lest, if we our hearts should hard-en, we should per-ish in the way;  
Thank-ful trib-ute glad-ly bring-ing, let us come be-fore him now,  
In his hand are earth's deep pla-ces, al-so his are all the hills;  
He is our own God who leads us, we the peo-ple of his care;  
13 lest to us, so un-be-liev-ing, he in judg-ment shall de-clare:  
and, with psalms his prais-es sing-ing, joy-ful in his pres-ence bow.  
his the sea whose bounds he trac-es, his the land his boun-ty fills.  
with a shep-herd's hand he feeds us as his flock in pas-tures fair.  
"You, so long my Spir-it griev-ing, nev-er in my rest can share."

**SCRIPTURE READING** Ruling Elder

*2 Samuel 22:1-4  
Revelation 4:11*

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

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

*How Great Thou Art*  
Trinity Hymnal, 44 vs. 1-3

**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)** Ezra 9:6

*O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift my face to you, my God, for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has mounted up to the heavens.*

**SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison)** Romans 8:1-2

*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.*

**\*HYMN OF REJOICING (Unison)** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*  
Trinity Hymnal, 296 vs. 1, 3, 4, 5

**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*

**SERMON** *Worthy of Our Worship* Mr. Foster Gullett  
Psalm 95 (Pew Bible, 499)

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE (Unison)** *Benediction*  
Trinity Hymnal, 730

**\*PASTORAL BLESSING (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** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

\* = 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

*Worthy of Our Worship*  
Psalm 95 (Pew Bible, 499)

### I. Introduction

### II. God Is Our Savior

### III. God Is Our Maker

### IV. God Is Our Redeemer

## 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.

**October Worship Schedule:** We will continue in October with Sunday School online only and two services at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. For the 9:30 service, face masks will be *required* for the entirety of the service, including while sitting, standing, and singing. For the 11:00 service, face masks are *encouraged*.

**Guest Preacher:** Our preacher today is Foster Gullett, who is licensed to preach in our presbytery and is currently completing his MDiv at Reformed Theological Seminary. Foster and his wife, Laura, have served as missionaries in Italy since 2014. The Gulletts are temporarily living in Oxford, MS but plan to return to Italy in July 2021 to serve with a church planting team in the city center of Milan, where there are currently no Reformed or confessional churches.

**Women's Bible Study:** The Wednesday morning Bible study will meet this morning at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall (In person and online). Contact Nancy for zoom login information.

**Women's Evening Bible Study:** Please join us Tuesday, November 3rd, for our next evening study at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and online via Zoom. We will be covering chapters 3 and 4.

**Children's Catechism Club:** Calling all children ages 4 years old to 6th grade! This week's catechism video is available. If you are interested in joining the fun, contact Angel Hartman or the church office. We are learning and memorizing the *First Catechism* and the *Shorter Catechism* this semester.

### Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – October 11th: \$7,212  
Designated giving: \$100  
Total giving: \$7,312

General fund giving (YTD): \$289,099  
Designated giving (YTD): \$3,704  
Total giving (YTD): \$292,803

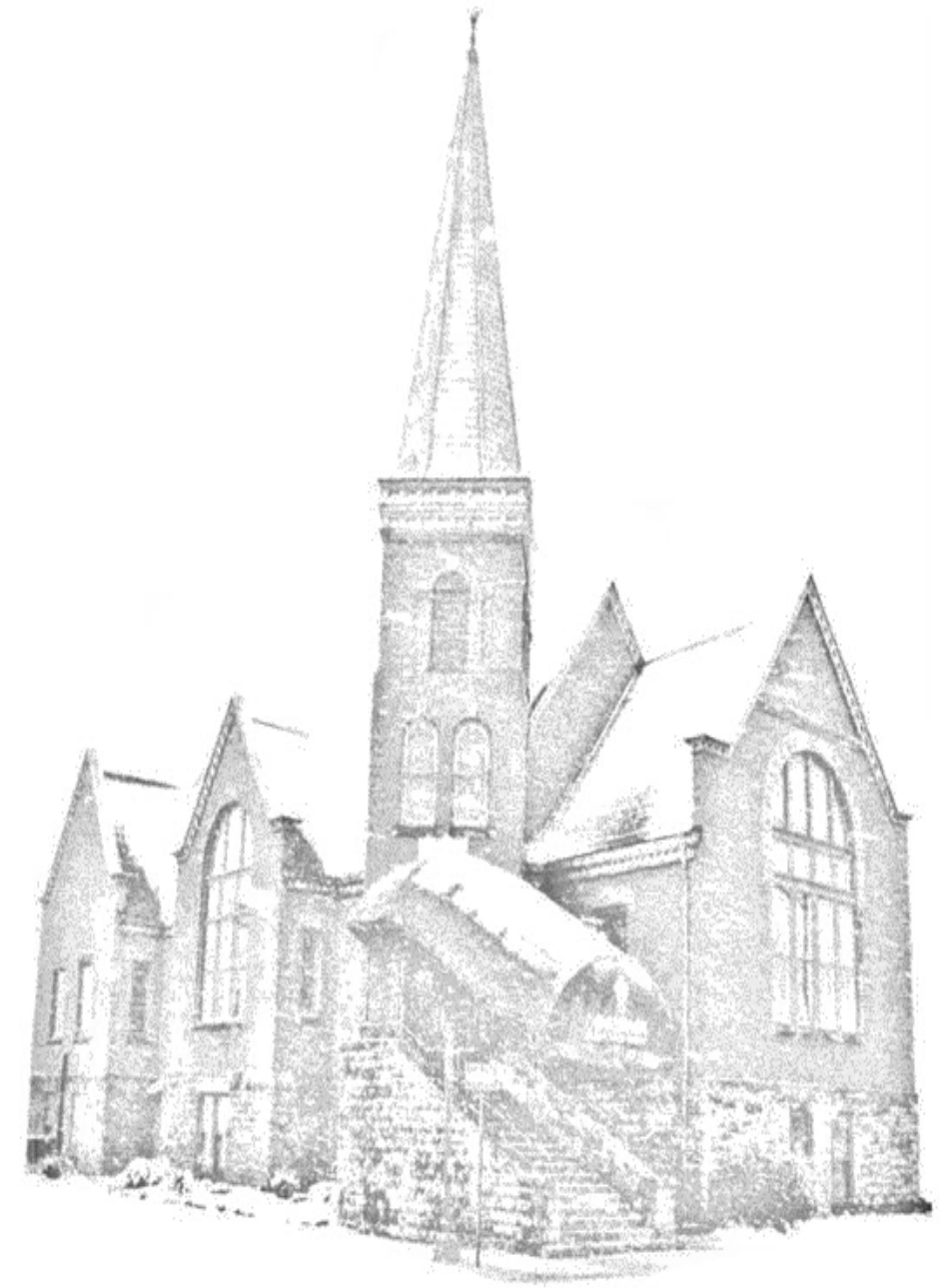
### Ministry Staff

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### Lord's Day, October 18, 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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