

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 *Safely through Another Week*

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsive) Based on Psalm 122:1, 27:4

Minister: Let us go to the house of the Lord!

Congregation: *One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.*

***SONG OF ASCENT** (Unison) *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*
(Trinity Hymnal, 38)

SCRIPTURE READING Ruling Elder

Psalm 95:1-7
John 4:19-24

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** (Unison) *Psalm 95 vs. 1-3*

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-erence 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.
6. o-ver i-dol gods vic-to-rious, great is he, our God and King.
7. and, lest, if we our hearts should hard-en, we should per-ish in the way;
8. Thank-ful trib-ute glad-ly bring-ing, let us come be-fore him now,
9. In his hand are earth's deep pla-ces, al-so his are all the hills;
10. He is our own God who leads us, we the peo-ple of his care;
11. 13. lest to us, so un-be-liev-ing, he in judg-ment shall de-clare:
12. and, with psalms his prais-es sing-ing, joy-ful in his pres-ence bow.
13. his the sea whose bounds he trac-es, his the land his boun-ty fills.
14. with a shep-herd's hand he feeds us as his flock in pas-tures fair.
15. "You, so long my Spir-it griev-ing, nev-er in my rest can share."

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 51:1-3

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison) 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

***HYMN OF REJOICING** (Unison). *Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*
Trinity Hymnal, 165

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*

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS (Choir)

***DOXOLOGY** (Unison)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Deacon

SERMON *Let Us Worship God* Dr. John Clayton
Psalm 122 (Pew Bible, 517)

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** (Unison) *Behold Our God*

1. Who has held the o-ceans in His hands? Who has num-bered ev'-ry grain of sand?
2. Who has giv-en coun-sel to the Lord? Who can ques-tion an-y of His words?
3. Who has felt the nails up-on His hand, bear-ing all the guilt of sin-ful man?
5. Kings and na-tions trem-ble at His voice. All cre-a-tion ri-ses to re-
Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fa-thom all His won-drous
God e-ter-nal, hum-bled to the grave, Je-sus, Sav-ior, ri-sen now to
9. Chorus
10. joyce. deeds? reign! Be-hold our God, seat-ed on His throne. Come let us a-dore Him. Be-
11. hold our King, noth-ing can com-pare, come, let us a-dore Him!
14. hold our King, noth-ing can com-pare, come, let us a-dore Him!"

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

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

* = 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).

***"catholic" refers to the universal church at all times and all places.

Sermon Notes

Let Us Worship God
Psalm 122 (Pew Bible, 517)

I. Introduction

II. Privilege of Worship

III. Place of Worship

IV. Prayer of Worship

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. 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.

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.

Children & Restrooms: Parents, please accompany your children to the restroom during the worship service.

Adult Sunday School Series: Please join us in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday for breakfast at 9:00 a.m. and Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. for our series, *Proverbs: Words of Wisdom*, a topical study of select proverbs.

Self-service Nursery: Parents who wish to attend to their children outside of the worship service will find a nursery room available downstairs, equipped with a changing table, rocking chairs, toys, and an adjustable-volume speaker to listen to the worship service.

Chili Cook Off: Tonight is our 9th Annual Chili-Cook Off at Bonanza Park at 4:30 p.m. **Please have your chili for judging at the park by 4:00 p.m.** Please bring lawn chairs.

Covenant Game Night: Our next Game Night is Saturday, October 29th from 5:00-8:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. To reserve your spot, please contact Marian Henry at 918-728-5844 so she can coordinate the food.

10-Year Anniversary Picture: October marks our 10-year anniversary, and to celebrate we are asking everyone to be present on Sunday, October 30th, for our church family picture to be taken immediately following the worship service.

New Members: Please welcome our newest church members Matthew Glass, Ken, Cathy, and Cheyenne James, and Victoria Smith. New communing members make a public profession of faith and assent to the following declarations and promises, entering into a solemn covenant with God and his Church.

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – October 16th: \$6,687
Designated giving: \$125
Total giving: \$6,812

General fund giving (YTD): \$386,067
Designated giving (YTD): \$4,399
Total giving (YTD): \$390,466

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Lord's Day, October 23, 2022

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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