

# 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

*To God Be the Glory*

## STRIKING OF THE HOUR

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Based on Psalm 68:26, 124:8

**Minister:** Bless God in the great congregation—the Lord, who is Israel’s fountain!

**Congregation:** Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

## \*SONG OF ASCENT (Unison)

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  
Trinity Hymnal, 53 vs. 1, 2, 5

## SCRIPTURE READING

Ruling Elder

*Exodus 14:10-14*  
*1 John 4:15-18*

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

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God.

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE (Unison)

*How Firm a Foundation*  
Trinity Hymnal, 94 vs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6

## 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 79:9-10a

*Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and atone for our sins, for your name’s sake! Why should the nations say, “Where is their God?”*

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison)

1 Peter 2:24

*He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.*

## \*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-fered 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

*On Our Side*  
Psalm 124 (Pew Bible, 517)

Dr. John Clayton

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

## Instruction

## \*Hymn of Preparation

*Jesus, I Come (verses 1-3)*

1. Out of my bon-dage, sor-row and night, Je-sus, I come, Je-sus, I come;  
2. Out of my shame-ful fail-ure and loss, Je-sus, I come, Je-sus, I come;  
3. Out of un-rest and ar-ro-gant pride, Je-sus, I come, Je-sus, I come;  
4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Je-sus, I come, Je-sus, I come;  
in-to thy free-dom, glad-ness and light, Je-sus, I come to thee;  
in-to the glor-ious gain of thy cross, Je-sus, I come to thee;  
in-to thy bless-ed will to a-bide, Je-sus, I come to thee;  
in-to the joy and light of thy home, Je-sus, I come to thee;  
out of my sick-ness in-to thy health, out of my want-ing and in-to thy wealth,  
out of earth's sor-rows, in-to thy balm, out of life's storms and in-to thy calm,  
out of my-self to dwell in thy love, out of dis-pair in-to rap-tures a-bove,  
out of the depths of ru-in un-told, in-to the peace of thy shel-ter-ing fold,  
out of my sin and in-to thy-self, Je-sus, I come to thee.  
out of dis-tress in-to ju-bi-lant psalm, Je-sus, I come to thee.  
up-ward for-ev-er on wings like a dove, Je-sus, I come to thee.  
ev-er thy glor-i-ous face to be-hold, Je-sus, I come to thee.

## Words of Institution and Prayer of Consecration

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is fitting and right to do so.**

## Administration of the Elements

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

## \*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

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

\* = Please stand if able.

Sermon Notes  
*On Our Side*  
Psalm 124 (Pew Bible, 517)

**I. Introduction**

**II. Delivered from Destruction**

**III. Freed from Fear**

**IV. Secured by Strength**

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 an 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.

**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.

**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.

**Seating:** Please be courteous by moving toward the front of the sanctuary providing room in the back for those arriving late.

**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.

**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.

**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>.

**Parish Groups:** Our Parish Groups will meet Sunday, November 20th. Check with your parish leader for time and location.

**MTW- 30 Days of Prayer:** November is our month of prayer for world missions, particularly for restricted-access countries where believers are often persecuted for their faith. This month of prayer coincides with the **International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church, which is Sunday, November 6th**. MTW has invited us to join in a global prayer meeting on this Sunday for our oppressed brothers and sisters.

Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – October 25<sup>th</sup>: \$7,299  
Designated giving: \$0  
Total giving: \$7,299

General fund giving (YTD): \$432,439  
Designated giving (YTD): \$4,399  
Total giving (YTD): \$436,838

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Lord's Day, November 6, 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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