

# 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

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

## STRIKING OF THE HOUR

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (Minister)

Psalm 115:1, 16-18

Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness! The heavens are the Lord's heavens, but the earth he has given to the children of man. The dead do not praise the Lord, nor do any who go down into silence. But we will bless the Lord from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!

### \*SONG OF ASCENT (Unison)

God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory  
Trinity Hymnal, 122

## SCRIPTURE READING

Ruling Elder

Psalm 119:97-104  
Galatians 5:16-18

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

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God.

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE (Unison)

Psalm 119 (Verses 97-104)

1. O how I love Thy law; it is my study all the day. It  
2. I stayed my feet from e-vil ways that I Thy word ob-serve; I  
3. Thy word is to my feet a lamp; and to my path a light. I  
4. My soul is ev-er in my hand; Thy law I nev-er spurn. The

5. makes me wis-er than my foes; its pre-cepts with me stay. More  
have been taught by Thee and from Thy judg-ments will not swerve. How  
sworn have, and laid a snare, yet con-firm to keep Thy judg-ments right. I'm  
wick-ed and laid a snare, yet con-firm to keep Thy pre-cepts I'll not turn. I'm

9. than my teach-ers or the old Thy ser-vant un-der-stands; Thy  
sweet in taste Thy prom-i-ses, than hon-ey far more sweet! Thy  
hum-bled much; Lord, quick-en me ac-cord-ing to Thy word. Ac-  
to Thy test-i-ment; they joy to my heart lend. My

13. test-i-mo-nies I con-sult and fol-low Thy com-mands.  
pre-cepts un-der-stand-ing give; I there-fore hate de-cit.  
cept the off-rings of my mouth; teach there-fore Thy judg-ments, Lord.  
heart Thy stat-utes longs to keep for-ev-er to the end.

## 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 130:1-2

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

### SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison)

Isaiah 53:5

[Christ] was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are 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

5. 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-

9. 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-  
13. 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 (Choir)

### \*DOXOLOGY (Unison)

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Deacon

## SERMON

Wretched Yet Righteous  
Romans 7:14-25 (Pew Bible, 943-944)

Dr. John Clayton

### \*HYMN OF PREPARATION

I Need Thee Every Hour  
Trinity Hymnal, 674 vs. 1, 2, 4

## 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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

\* = Please stand if able.

## Sermon Notes

### *Wretched Yet Righteous*

Romans 7:14-25 (Pew Bible, 943-944)

#### I. The Goodness of the Law

#### II. The Sinfulness of the Flesh

#### III. The Righteousness of the Flesh

## 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>.

**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.

**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.

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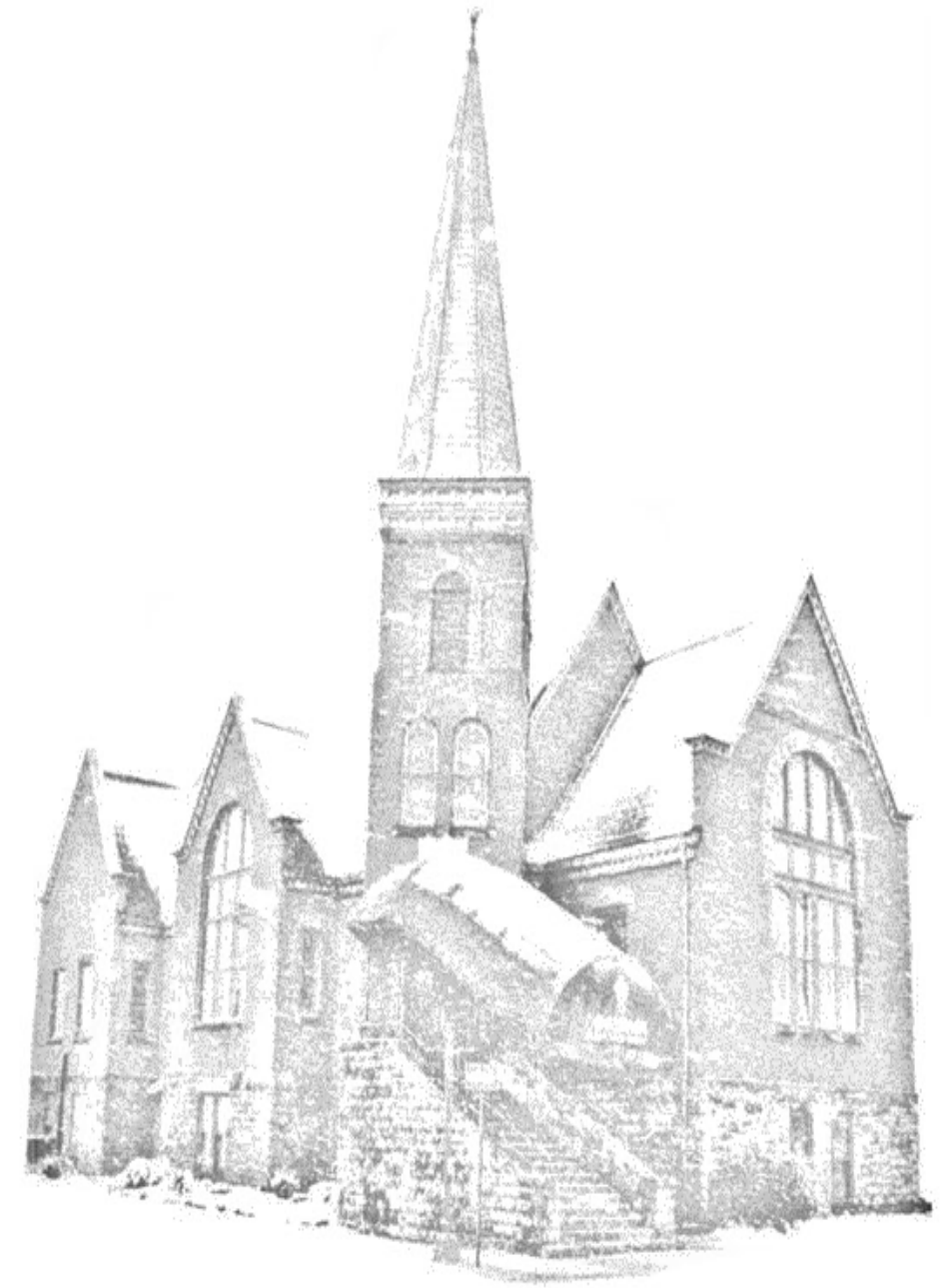
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## Covenant Presbyterian Church

Fort Smith, Arkansas



## Lord's Day, November 7, 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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