

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 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsive) Based on Psalm 40:9-10; Isaiah 25:1

Elder: Tell the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; speak of the Lord's faithfulness and salvation; declare his steadfast love and faithfulness in the great congregation.

Congregation: O Lord, you are our God; we will exalt you; we will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things.

***SONG OF ASCENT** (Unison) All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
Trinity Hymnal, 296 vs. 1, 3, 4, 5

SCRIPTURE READING Ruling Elder

Isaiah 42:1-9
1 Peter 2:4-5, 9-10

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

***HYMN OF PRAISE** (Unison) Psalm 22 vs. 22-28

1. A - mid the throng - in wor - ship - ers Je - ho - vah will I bless; be -
 2. The bur - den of the sor - row - ful the Lord will not de - spise; he
 3. He feeds with good the hum - ble soul and sat - is - fies the meek, and
 fore my breth - ren gath - ered there, his name will I con - fess. Come,
 has not turned from those who mourn, he heark - ens to their cries. His
 they shall live and praise the Lord who for his mer - cy seek. The
 praise him, ye that fear the Lord, ye chil - dren of his grace; with
 good - ness makes me join the throng where saints his praise pro - claim; and
 ends of all the earth take thought, the na - tions seek the Lord; they
 rev - 'rence sound his glo - ries forth and bow be - fore his face.
 there will I ful - fill my vows 'mid those who fear his name.
 wor - ship him, the King of kings, in earth and heav'n a - dored.

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) Rock of Ages (When the Day Seems Long)

1. Rock of Ag - es when the day seems long, from this
 2. Rock of Ag - es you have brought me near, you have
 3. Rock of Ag - es, when in want or rest, my des - p'rate
 4. Rock of Ag - es, bro - ken, scorned for me. Who am
 5. Rock of Ag - es, "It is done!" you cried. The cur - tain's
 6. Rock of Ag - es, my great hope se - cure, your prom - ise
 la - bor and this heart - ache I have come; the skies will wear out, but you re -
 poured out your life - blood, your love, your tears to make this stone heart come a -
 need for such a Sav - ior I con - fess. Pull these i - dols out from my
 I that you would die to make me free? To give me glo - ry, you took the
 torn and I see jus - tice sat - is - fied. Now write your mer - cy here on my
 holds just like an an - chor to my soul. Bind your child - ren with cords of
 main the same. Rock of Ag - es, I praise your name.
 live a - gain; Rock of Ag - es, for - give my sin. Rock of
 heart em - brace. Rock of Ag - es, I need your grace.
 death and pain. Rock of Ag - es, my Of - fer - ing.
 heart and hands. Rock of Ag - es, in faith I stand.
 9 love and grace; Rock of Ag - es, we give you praise.
 14 Ag - es, Rock of Ag - es, bind your child - ren un - til the
 king - dom comes; Rock of Ag - es, your will be done.

* = 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.

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 One Apostolic Church RE Rick Coan
1 John 1:1-4 (Pew Bible, 1021)

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** (Unison) The Church's One Foundation

***PASTORAL BLESSING (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 We Are God's People

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.

Prayer Ministry: If you have a prayer request that you would like the church to pray for, you can send your request to pray@cpfcs.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/cpcfcs-prays>.

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

Covenant Fine Art Series Concert: Please plan to join us for a special classical concert on Sunday evening, December 4th, featuring an ensemble of violin, cello, and harp from the Nashville Chamber Music Society. More details coming soon!

Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – November 6th: \$14,303	General fund giving (YTD): \$446,736
Designated giving: \$255	Designated giving (YTD): \$4,654
Total giving: \$14,558	Total giving (YTD): \$451,390

Covenant Presbyterian Church Fort Smith, Arkansas



Lord's Day, November 13, 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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