

# 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** *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

## STRIKING OF THE HOUR

## THE LIGHTING OF THE HOPE CANDLE

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsive) Based on Revelation 22:12-13, 20

**Minister:** With great hope, hear and hold fast the promise of the Lord Jesus: "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Surely I am coming soon."

**Congregation:** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

**\*SONG OF ASCENT** (Unison) *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
Trinity Hymnal, 194 vs. 1, 3, 4, 5

**SCRIPTURE READING** Ruling Elder

*Isaiah 40:28-31*  
*Romans 15:4, 13*

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

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** (Unison) *Psalm 13*

1. How long wilt thou for - get me, O Lord, thou God of grace? How  
2. O Lord my God, be - hold me, and hear my ear - nest cries; lest  
3. But I with ex - pec - ta - tion have on thy grace re - lied; my  
5  
long shall fears be - set me, while dark - ness hides thy face? How  
sleep of death en - fold me, en - light - en thou mine eyes; lest  
9 heart in thy sal - va - tion shall still with joy con - fide; and  
13  
long shall griefs dis - tress me and turn my day to night? How  
now my foe in - sult - ing should boast of his suc - cess, and  
I with voice of sing - ing will praise the Lord a - bove, who,  
long shall foes op - press me and tri - umph in their might?  
en - e - mies ex - ult - ing re - joice in my dis - tress,  
rich - est boun - ties bring - ing, hast dealt with me in love.

**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) Psalm 130:3-4

*If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.*

**\*HYMN OF REJOICING** (Unison) *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*  
Trinity Hymnal, 311 vs. 1-3

**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**

\* = 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.

**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** *Deep Woes, Enduring Hope* Dr. John Clayton  
Psalm 130 (Pew Bible, 518)

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** (Unison) *Psalm 130 (From the Depths of Woe)*

1. From the depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lam - en - ta -  
2. To wash a - way the crim - son stain, Grace, grace a - lone a - vail -  
3. There fore my trust is in the Lord, And not in my own mer -  
4. Though great our sins and sore our woes, His grace much more a - bound -  
4  
- tion; Lord, turn a gra - cious ear to me And hear my sup - pli - ca -  
- eth; Our works, a - las! Are all in vain; In much the best life fail -  
- it; On Him my soul shall rest, His word Up - holds my faint - ing spir -  
8 - eth; His help - ing hand no lim - it knows, Our up - most need it sound -  
- tion; If Thou in - i - qui - ties dost mark, Our se - cret sins and mis -  
- eth; No man can glo - ry in Thy sight, All must a - like con - fess  
- it; His prom - ised mer - cy is my fort, My com - fort, and my sweet  
12 - eth. Our Shep - herd good and true is He, Who will at last His Is -  
- deeds dark, O who shall stand be - fore Thee? O who  
- Thy might, And live a - lone by mer - cy, And live  
- sup - port; I wait for it with pa - tience, I wait  
17 - rael free From all their sin and sor - row, From all  
- shall stand be - fore Thee?  
- a - lone by mer - cy.  
- for it with pa - tience.  
- their sin and sor - row.

**\*PASTORAL BENEDICTION** (Minister) Isaiah 60:19-20

**Minister:** The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. Your sun shall no more go down, nor your moon withdraw itself; for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended.

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God! Amen.

**POSTLUDE** *Hope of the World*

## Sermon Notes

*Deep Woes, Enduring Hope*  
Psalm 130 (Pew Bible, 518)

### I. Introduction

### II. Fear who forgives

### III. Wait on who watches

### IV. Revere who redeems

## 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. Purple paraments are displayed during the Advent season. Purple represents hope, expectation, confidence, and anticipation. During Advent, we are reminded of the significance of the threefold advent of Christ in His incarnation, His dwelling in our hearts by His Spirit, and His glorious return at the last day.

**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.

**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 in December. Please contact your parish leader for date, time, and place.

**Advent:** This Sunday begins Advent, a four-week period in which the Church, rejoicing in Christ's first coming, eagerly looks forward to Christ's coming again. Beginning with the Sunday nearest November 30th and ending on the day before Christmas, the season is observed for the four Sundays prior to Christmas. The liturgical color is purple.

On this first Sunday of Advent our theme is Hope. At the beginning of our worship service the Prophet's Candle, the first purple candle representing Christ's royalty and the sinner's repentance, is lighted, representing that the coming of Christ was indeed foretold by the prophets of the Old Testament hundreds of years before the incarnation of Christ.

### Weekly Giving Summary

General fund giving – November 20th: \$3,460	General fund giving (YTD): \$439,843
Designated giving: \$50	Designated giving (YTD): \$4,704
Total giving: \$3,510	Total giving (YTD): \$444,547

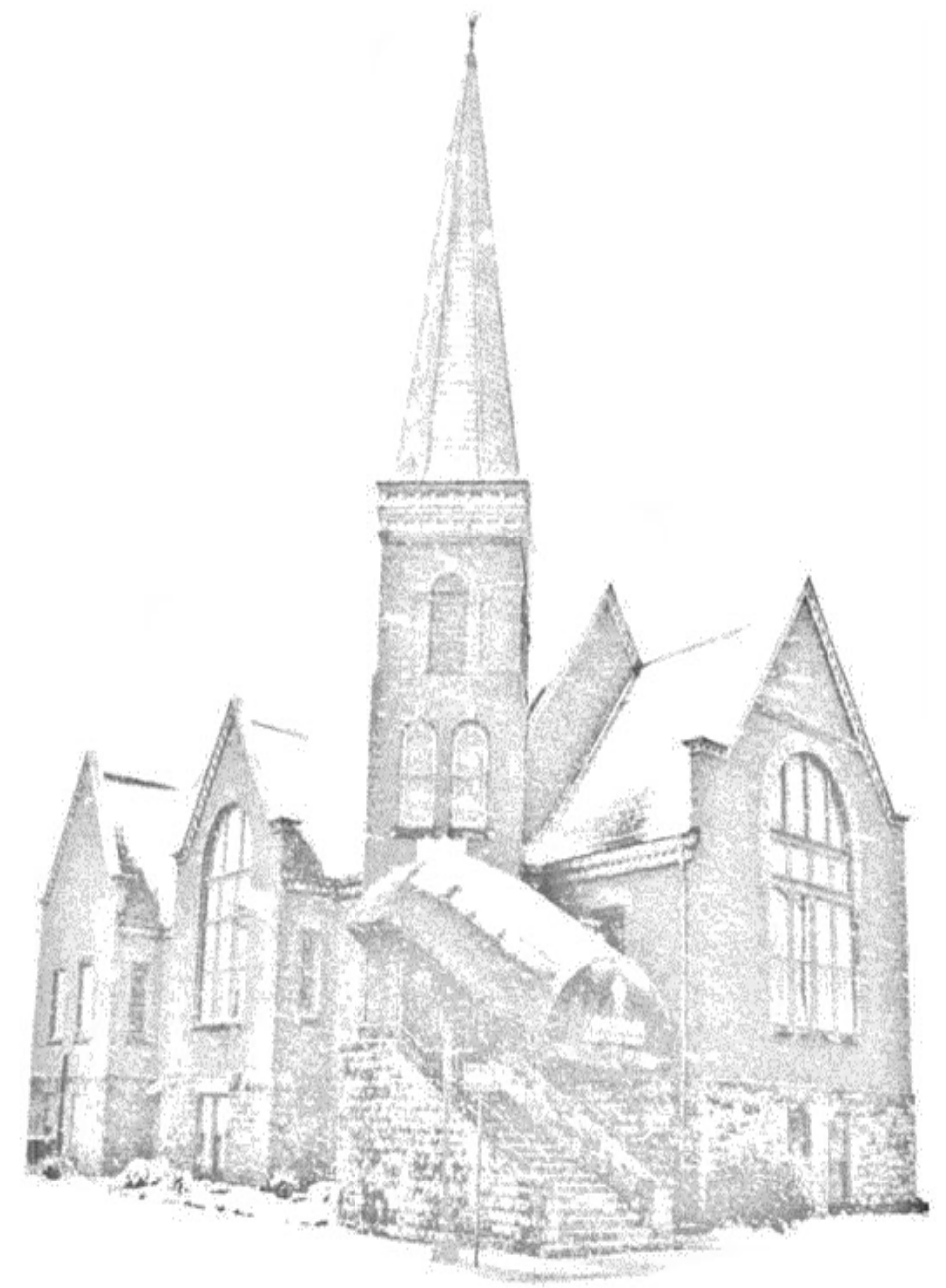
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## Covenant Presbyterian Church Fort Smith, Arkansas



## Lord's Day, November 27, 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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