



COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 6th, 2019

We are a gospel-centered church of theological depth,
intimate relationships, joyous worship, relentless evangelism,
and sacrificial service.

*Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without
wavering, for he who promised is
faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one
another to love and good works, not neglecting
to meet together, as is the habit of some,
but encouraging one another, and all the more
as you see the Day drawing near.*

- Hebrews 10:23-25

Covenant Presbyterian Church of Fort Smith

Welcome & Information

Welcome to Covenant Presbyterian Church of Fort Smith! We are glad 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.

Giving: We give as an act of worship. We give because God first gave to us (1 John 4:10-11). We are to give freely, sacrificially, and abundantly. We encourage you to give during our offertory today as an act of worship of our Almighty God.

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.

Covenant Email List: Please subscribe to our Covenant email list for church information and announcements. <https://tinyletter.com/cpcfs>

Covenant Church App: Available on Apple and Android devices, download the MyChurchApp, and search for **Covenant Presbyterian Church Fort Smith**.

WEEKLY GIVING SUMMARY

General fund giving – December 31st: \$119,075
Designated giving: \$0
Total giving: \$119,075

General fund giving (year-to-date): \$547,739
Designated giving (year-to-date): \$304,717
Total giving: \$852,456

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Lord's Day, January 6th, 2019

*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

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

Striking of the Hour

Greeting

***Call to Worship**¹ (Responsive)

*Psalm 100*²
Trinity Hymnal, 841

Let us worship God.

***Song of Ascent** (Unison)

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!
Trinity Hymnal, 296 vs. 1, 3, 5

* = Please stand if able.

¹We believe that God always initiates with sinners, so we begin worship with His invitation and command to us to gather in His name.

²The Bible is the means by which God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, reveals Himself to His people. We respond to His grace by praising Him through reciting, praying, singing, reading, and preaching the Bible.

Scripture Reading³ (Elder)

Exodus 32:9-14
1 Timothy 2:5

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Praise** (Unison)

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past⁴
Trinity Hymnal, 30 vs. 1, 2, 3, 7

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation (Elder)

Gloria Patri (Choir)

Confession of Sin (Unison)⁵

Psalm 25:16-18

Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

* = Please stand if able.

³The Word of God is sharper than a double-edged sword. When the Word goes out it will not return empty. The Word of God remains forever. Therefore, we read God's Word that God may be glorified and that we may be strengthened as His people.

⁴This hymn based on Psalm 90, the only one ascribed to Moses, is an affirmation of faith in the Lord as the eternal refuge of his people.

⁵The Bible teaches us to confess our sin to one another. Here, having heard the warning and way of salvation, with the help of the Spirit we corporately confess our sins and our need for the mercy of the Father, which comes only through Jesus Christ.

.Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon (Unison)⁶

Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

*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 - ered 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.

* = Please stand if able.

⁶God has not left us, His people, to wallow in our sin, so we announce and hear the wonderful promises of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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 & Offering⁷

*Fountain of Never-Ceasing Grace
Trinity Hymnal, 519*

***The Doxology (Unison)**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

* = Please stand if able.

⁷The words are provided in the *Trinity Hymnal* on page 519 for prayerful worship.

Prayer of Dedication

Sermon

Between God and Man
Exodus 18:13-27 (Pew Bible, 60)

Hymn of Preparation

Before the Throne of God Above

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair, and tells me of the guilt with -
3. Be - hold Him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect spot - less right - eous -

4
plea, a great High Priest whose name is love, who e - ver lives and pleads for
in, up - ward I look and see Him there, who made an end to all my
8
ness, the great un - change - a - ble "I Am," the King of glo - ry and of
me. My name is writ - ten on His hands, my name is writ - ten on His
12
sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
grace. One with Him - self I can - not die, my soul is pur - chased by His
16
heart; I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence de -
free; for God the Just is sat - is - fied to look on Him and par - don
blood; my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Sav - ior and my
part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
me, to look on Him and par - don me.
God, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God.

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Sacrament of the Lord's Supper⁷

The Instruction

Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Hymn of Response** (Unison)

Benediction
Trinity Hymnal, 730

Pastoral Benediction⁸

Hebrews 13:20-21

Minister: *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. Amen.*

Congregation: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Postlude

Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord

* = Please stand if able.

⁷The bread and juice you see on the Communion table may not look like much to the casual observer. In fact, it is merely bread and juice. What makes this meal special is that the Lord Jesus Christ is spiritually present in a unique way. This sacrament is not something to be taken lightly but neither is it a time to be somber; rather, we should be filled with thankfulness and joy. Our Savior, out of His great mercy, bids His people to come to this meal. If you are a member of a church who embraces the gospel of Jesus Christ and are at peace with your fellow Christians, we welcome you to this table. Come and consider with us our Lord's body and shed blood symbolized in the bread and juice. Rejoice with us in our union with Him and with each other as His Covenant people.

⁸Having proclaimed the glory of God, having confessed our dependence on Him, having sat under the authority of God's Word, we receive God's blessing that we may walk in faith in holiness. Just as God has the first word in worship, He also has the last word. For those who are in Christ Jesus, these are always words of blessing. We look up and extend our hands out in a posture of receiving the blessing of God.

NOTES
Between God and Man
Exodus 18:13-27 (Pew Bible, 60)

I. Introduction

II. A Chosen Mediator

III. A Delegating Mediator

IV. A Perfect Mediator

The next day Moses sat to judge the people, and the people stood around Moses from morning till evening. When Moses' father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, "What is this that you are doing for the people? Why do you sit alone, and all the people stand around you from morning till evening?" And Moses said to his father-in-law, "Because the people come to me to inquire of God; when they have a dispute, they come to me and I decide between one person and another, and I make them know the statutes of God and his laws." Moses' father-in-law said to him, "What you are doing is not good. You and the people with you will certainly wear yourselves out, for the thing is too heavy for you. You are not able to do it alone. Now obey my voice; I will give you advice, and God be with you! You shall represent the people before God and bring their cases to God, and you shall warn them about the statutes and the laws, and make them know the way in which they must walk and what they must do. Moreover, look for able men from all the people, men who fear God, who are trustworthy and hate a bribe, and place such men over the people as chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens. And let them judge the people at all times. Every great matter they shall bring to you, but any small matter they shall decide themselves. So it will be easier for you, and they will bear the burden with you. If you do this, God will direct you, you will be able to endure, and all this people also will go to their place in peace."

So Moses listened to the voice of his father-in-law and did all that he had said. Moses chose able men out of all Israel and made them heads over the people, chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens. And they judged the people at all times. Any hard case they brought to Moses, but any small matter they decided themselves. Then Moses let his father-in-law depart, and he went away to his own country.

Exodus 18:13-27

Announcements & Upcoming Events

2019 Devotional Guide: Our Devotional Guide this year includes a reading plan in which you will read through the New Testament and Psalms twice and the rest of the Bible once. Scripture-filled Prayers for each day of the week are provided along with a special Lord's Day prayer. At the end of guide, the Lord's Prayer is provided along with questions 98 to 107 of the Shorter Catechism. Pick up your copy at the sanctuary foyer or the Fellowship Hall.

Family Worship Guide: The Family Worship Guide for 2019 is changing to a separate handout. You can pick up your copy in the Fellowship Hall or find it on our website under Joyous Worship. Begin the new year by committing to daily time in God's Word, song, and prayer together as a family!

Ladies Bible Study: Please join us on Wednesday, January 9th at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for Ladies Bible Study as we read and discuss *Grace to Stand, Grace to Grow* by Carol J. Ruvolo. The books will be \$10. Call the church office for details.

Men's Bible Study: Our men's Bible study on 1 Corinthians will meet on January 10th at 7:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

ESL: Do you know a non-native English-speaker who would like to learn or improve their English? ESL classes resume on Monday, January 14th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Community Groups: Our next Community Group will be January 13th at 5:30 p.m. We will continue our study using David Gibson's *Living Life Backward: How Ecclesiastes Teaches Us to Live in Light of the End*. For information about Community Groups, please call the church office.

Nursery Workers:

January 6

Church Service – Anna Magness & Hannah Bush

January 13

Church Service – Lindsay Glover & Lauren Good

January 20

Church Service – Claire Clayton & Grace Anne Lambert

January 27

Church Service – Josie Taylor & Renee Turner

Staff

Reverend Dr. John Clayton, Minister

Reverend Jason Glover, Asst. Minister of Chaplain Ministry

Brandon Bolin, Director of Music & Media

Nancy Krehbiel, Director of Women's Ministry, ESL, and Caregiving

Session

Diaconate

Steve Clark, Ruling Elder	Roger Ayers, Deacon	Justin Home, Deacon
John Clayton, Teaching Elder	Greg Bailey, Deacon	Brian Maurer, Deacon
Jon Hendrickson, Ruling Elder	Blain Blaylock, Deacon	Steve Rowland, Deacon
Mike Hudson, Ruling Elder	Greg Hartman, Deacon	Drake Smith, Deacon
Greg Magness, Ruling Elder		