



COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 13th, 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/cpcf>

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

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General fund giving – January 6th: \$6,564

Designated giving: \$530

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Lord's Day, January 13th, 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

Our God Is Mighty, Worthy of All Praising

Striking of the Hour

Greeting

***Call to Worship¹** (Responsive)

Psalm 96:1-6²

Let us worship God.

Minister: *Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!*

Congregation: *Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.*

Minister: *Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!*

Congregation: *For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared among all gods.*

Minister: *For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.*

Congregation: *Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.*

* = 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 praying, singing, reading, and preaching the Bible.

***Song of Ascent (Unison)**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Trinity Hymnal, 92

Scripture Reading³ (Elder)

Ezekiel 34:5-6, 11-16
John 10:14-16

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Praise (Unison)**

Psalm 67⁴

1. O God, to us show mer - cy, And bless us in Thy grace; Cause
2. O God, let peo - ples praise Thee; Let all the peo - ple sing; Let
3. O God, let peo - ples praise Thee; Let all the peo - ple sing; For
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Thou to shine up - on us The bright - ness of Thy face; That
na - tions now be joy - ful; Let songs of glad - ness ring; For
9
earth in rich a - bun - dance To us her fruit will bring. God,
so Thy way most ho - ly On earth may soon be known, And
Thou wilt judge the peo - ples In truth and right - eous - ness; And
13
our own God, will bless us; Yea, God will bless - ing send; And
un - to ev - 'ry peo - ple Thy sav - ing grace be shown.
o'er the earth shall na - tions Thy lead - er - ship con - fess.
all the earth shall fear Him To its re - mot - est end.

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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 psalm is concerned with the relationship of God with all nations on earth. In it we sing for blessing for the nations, and that all nations would glorify and enjoy God.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation (Elder)

Gloria Patri (Choir)

Confession of Sin (Unison)⁵

Psalm 51:1-2

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon (Unison)⁶

Hebrews 8:12

For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.

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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.

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.

***Hymn of Rejoicing (Unison)**

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

1. How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all mea-sure that
2. Be-hold the man up-on a cross, my sin up-on His shoul-ders; Ash-but
3. I will not boast in an-y-thing, no gifts, no pow'r, no wis-dom; but

He should give His on-ly Son to make a wretch His trea-sure. How
amed, I hear my mock-ing voice call out a-mong the scof-fers. It
I will boast in Je-sus Christ, His death, and res-ur-rec-tion. Why

great the pain of sear-ing loss, the Fa-ther turns His face a-way, as
was my sin that held Him there un-til it was ac-com-plished; His
should I gain from His re-ward? I can-not give an an-swer; but

wounds which mar the Cho-sen One bring ma-ny sons to glo-ry.
dy-ing breath has brought me life; I know that it is fin-ished.
this I know with all my heart: His wounds havepaid my ran-som.

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

Based on Revelation 4:8, 11; 5:9; 22:17, 20

Minister: We say together in faith:

Congregation: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.

Minister: We believe in God the Father, who created all things:

Congregation: for by his will they were created and have their being.

Minister: We believe in God the Son, who was slain:

Congregation; for with his blood, he purchased us for God, from every tribe and language, from every people and nation.

Minister: We believe in God the Holy Spirit:

Congregation: the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!' Even so come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

* = Please stand if able.

Pastoral Prayer of Intercession & 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 & Offerings⁷

Bless His Holy Name

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And all that is within me
Bless His holy name.
The Lord is gracious,
And full of compassion;
Slow to anger, and of great mercy.
The Lord is righteous,
O praise Him forever.
Sing and give thanks unto Him.

***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.

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⁷The words and music by Julie Knowles are from the Psalms and are provided for prayerful worship.

Prayer of Dedication

Sermon

Shepherd of the Kingdom
Matthew 9:35-38 (Pew Bible, 814)

***Hymn of Response (Unison)**

Benediction
Trinity Hymnal, 730

Pastoral Benediction⁸

Numbers 6:24-26

Minister: *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

The Sending, Lord, Springs

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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

Shepherd of the Kingdom
Matthew 9:35-38 (Pew Bible, 814)

I. Introduction

II. Kingdom Message

III. Kingdom Miracles

IV. Kingdom Mission

And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

-Matthew 9:35-38

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Community Groups: Our next Community Group will be tonight 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.

Prison Ministry: Covenant Presbyterian men have an opportunity to broaden our mission outreach February 8th by making a visit to the Wrightsville prison unit, where men are being prepared with Christian guidance for re-entry into the free world. We will go with other men from the Northwest Arkansas region and participate in worship and in group discussion to learn how we can aid in their family restoration and re-adjustment to society. If you would like to go, contact Johnny Clayton at church, or call 479-650-1455 for an application.

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 Wednesdays 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.

Nursery Workers:

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

Steve Clark, Ruling Elder
John Clayton, Teaching Elder
Jon Hendrickson, Ruling Elder
Mike Hudson, Ruling Elder
Greg Magness, Ruling Elder

Diaconate

Roger Ayers, Deacon
Greg Bailey, Deacon
Blain Blaylock, Deacon
Greg Hartman, Deacon
Justin Home, Deacon
Brian Maurer, Deacon
Steve Rowland, Deacon
Drake Smith, Deacon

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