



COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 20th, 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. 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.

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

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General fund giving – January 13th: \$16,914

Designated giving: \$135

Total giving: \$17,049

General fund giving (year-to-date): \$23,478

Designated giving (year-to-date): \$665

Total giving: \$24,143

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Lord's Day, January 20th, 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

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Striking of the Hour

Greeting

*Call to Worship¹ (Responsive)

Psalm 95:1-7²

Let us worship God.

Minister: *Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!*

Congregation: *Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!*

Minister: *For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hands are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also*

Congregation: *The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.*

Minister: *Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!*

Congregation: *For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.*

* = 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 Word.

***Song of Ascent (Unison)**

*Psalm 100*³

1. Shout to the Lord, all earth, and make a joy - ful noise! With
2. En - ter his gates with thanks, and fill his courts with praise. Give
5 glad - ness serve the Lord your God; be - fore him lift your voice! Now
thanks to him, and bless his name; to God your voices raise. Be -
9 know the Lord is God. He made us, we are his, his
cause the Lord is good, his steady love endures; from
13 peo - ple and his sheep, who safe - ly in his pas - ture graze.
age to age, for - ev - er - more, his faith - ful - ness is sure.

Scripture Reading⁴ (Elder)

Genesis 19:23-29

Romans 1:16-17

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Praise (Unison)**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
Trinity Hymnal, 38

* = Please stand if able.

³This psalm is a celebration of the Lord's kingship, calling on all the earth to worship Him.

⁴The 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.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation (Elder)

Gloria Patri (Choir)

Confession of Sin (Unison)⁵

Psalm 51:3-4

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon (Unison)⁶

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

* = Please stand if able.

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)

Amazing Grace!
Trinity Hymnal, 460 vs. 1-4

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

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.⁷
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 catholic⁸ church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer of Intercession & Thanksgiving

* = Please stand if able.

⁷According 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).

⁸The word "catholic" means universal.

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 & Offerings⁹

How Firm a Foundation

***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.

⁹The words are provided in the *Trinity Hymnal* on page 94 for prayerful worship.

Prayer of Dedication

Sermon

Apostolic Ministry
Matthew 10:1-15 (Pew Bible, 814-815)

***Hymn of Response (Unison)**

Benediction
Trinity Hymnal, 730

Pastoral Benediction¹⁰

2 Corinthians 13:14

Minister: *The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

Congregation: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Postlude

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

* = Please stand if able.

¹⁰Having 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

Apostolic Ministry

Matthew 10:1-15 (Pew Bible, 814-815)

I. Introduction

II. The Men

III. The Mission

IV. The Message

And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.

Acquire no gold or silver or copper for your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics or sandals or a staff, for the laborer deserves his food. And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. As you enter the house, greet it. And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.

-Matthew 10:1-15

Announcements & Upcoming Events

February Fellowship Luncheon: Our next Covenant Family Meal will be Sunday, February 3rd, in the Fellowship Hall. Menu: lasagna, salad, and bread (vegetarian and gluten-free option available). Please bring a dessert if able.

Covenant Game Night: Our next Game Night is Saturday, January 26th from 5:00-8:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. To reserve your spot, please contact Marian Henry or the church office.

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

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

Women's Evening Bible Study: Our next evening book study will meet Thursday night, January 24th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall...come early to visit over coffee. We will be discussing Chapter 4.

Nursery Workers:

January 20

Church Service – Claire Clayton & Grace Anne Lambert

January 27

Church Service – Josie Taylor & Renee Turner

February 3

Church Service – Gaye Brannon & Ashton Garrett

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

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