



COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 9th, 2020

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>

WEEKLY GIVING SUMMARY

General fund giving – February 2nd: \$22,388

Designated giving: \$170

Total giving: \$22,558

General fund giving (year-to-date): \$50,797

Designated giving (year-to-date): \$524

Total giving: \$51,321

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Lord's Day, February 9th, 2020

*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

And Can It Be

Striking of the Hour

Greeting

***Call to Worship** (Minister)

Psalm 147:1-3, 5

Let us worship God.

Minister: *Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting. The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.*

* = Please stand if able.

***Song of Ascent (Unison)**

Psalm 92 (vs. 1-6, 13-15)

1. It's good to thank the Lord, To praise Your name, Most High! To
2. Your deeds, Lord, make me glad. I'll joy in what You've done. How
3. You've raised, like ox, my horn, Poured fresh oil on my head. You
4. Those plant - ed by the Lord Shall in God's courts be seen; When

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praise Your love at dawn, Your faith - ful - ness all night! The ten - stringed
great Your do - ings, Lord! How deep Your thoughts each one! Fools won't be
made me see the spies And hear what plot - ters said. Like thriv - ing
10 old they'll still bear fruit And flour - ish fresh and green, And loud pro -

lyre With sweet - voiced lute and rip - pling harp Your praise in - spire.
shown; The fool - ish can't ac - cept this truth, To him un - known!
palm The right - eous grows, like ce - dars tall On Leb - a - non.
claim How up - right is the Lord, my Rock, no wrong in Him!

Scripture Reading

Teaching Elder Jason Glover

Deuteronomy 32:1-9

Romans 6:1-2, 20-23

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Praise (Unison)**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Trinity Hymnal, 457

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Teaching Elder Jason Glover

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 79:9-10a

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and atone for our sins, for your name's sake! Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?"

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon (Unison)

1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

***Hymn of Rejoicing (Unison)**

In Christ Alone

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my
2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh; Full - ness of God in help - less
3. There in the ground His bo - dy lay; Light of the world by dark - ness
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death; This is the pow'r of Christ in

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song; This Cor - ner - stone, this so - lid ground, Firm through the fierc - est drought and
babe. This gift of love and right - eous - ness Scorned by the ones He came to
slain. Then burst - ing forth in glor - ious day, Up from the grave He rose a -
8 me. From life's first cry to fi - nal breath Je - sus com - mands my des - ti -

storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace When fears are stilled, when stri - vings
save; 'Til on that cross as Je - sus died The wrath of God was sat - is -
gain! And as He stands in vic - to - ry Sin's curse has lost its grip on
12 ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man Can ev - er pluck me from His

cease; My Com - for - ter, my All in All; Here in the love of Christ I stand.
fied; For ev - ery sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I libe.
me; For I am His and He is mine, Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ!
hand; 'Til he re - turns or calls me home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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.**
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.

* = 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).

Pastoral Prayer of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Dr. John Clayton

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 & Offering

*None Other Lamb, None Other Name
Trinity Hymnal, 158*

***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.

Prayer of Dedication

Deacon Brian Maurer

Sermon

In Christ Alone
Matthew 17:14-27 (Pew Bible, 822-823)

Dr. John Clayton

***Hymn of Response (Unison)**

Benediction
Trinity Hymnal, 730

Pastoral Benediction

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

Rock of Ages

NOTES

In Christ Alone

Matthew 17:14-27 (Pew Bible, 822-823)

I. Introduction

II. Faith in Christ Alone

III. Salvation in Christ Alone

IV. Freedom in Christ Alone

And when they came to the crowd, a man came up to him and, kneeling before him, said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he has seizures and he suffers terribly. For often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and twisted generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was healed instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you." As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day." And they were greatly distressed. When they came to Capernaum, the collectors of the two-drachma tax went up to Peter and said, "Does your teacher not pay the tax?" He said, "Yes." And when he came into the house, Jesus spoke to him first, saying, "What do you think, Simon? From whom do kings of the earth take toll or tax? From their sons or from others?" And when he said, "From others," Jesus said to him, "Then the sons are free. However, not to give offense to them, go to the sea and cast a hook and take the first fish that comes up, and when you open its mouth you will find a shekel. Take that and give it to them for me and for yourself."

- Matthew 17:14-27

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Community Groups: Our Community Groups meet tonight at 5:30 p.m. The Groups will meet at the following locations: South (Hudson) at the Sagelys' home, East (Hendrickson) at the Hendricksons' home, Central (Bailey) at the Gibsons' home, and North (Clayton) at the Fellowship Hall.

February Fellowship Luncheon: Our next Covenant Family Meal is next Sunday, February 16th, after the service in the Fellowship Hall. Menu: pasta buffet, salad, and bread. Please bring a dessert.

Women's Morning Bible Study: Our women's study meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall. We are using Jen Wilkin's *None Like Him: 10 Ways God is Different From Us (And Why That's a Good Thing!)* for our study.

Men's Morning Bible Study: Our men's study meets on Thursday mornings at 7:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We are studying Philippians.

Children's Catechism Club: Our Catechism Club (ages 4 years old to 6th grade) meets on Wednesday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. in the Children's Sunday School area. For more information, call the church office or contact Greg or Angel Hartman.

ESL Conversation Partner: Would you like to serve as a conversation partner in our ESL ministry once or twice a month? Conversation starters/topics, articles will be supplied. If interested, contact Nancy Krehbiel at (479) 420-3052.

Nursery Workers:

February 9

Church Service – Jeanne Wright & Karen Fleming

February 16

Church Service – Jacki Blaylock & Ashley Nelson

February 26

Church Service – Hannah Paul & Denise Hendrickson

Staff

Dr. John Clayton, Minister

Reverend Jason Glover, Asst. Minister of Chaplain Ministry

Brandon Bolin, Director of Music & Media

Greg and Angel Hartman, Directors of Children's Ministry

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

Session

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Greg Bailey, Ruling Elder

Jon Hendrickson, Ruling Elder

Mike Hudson, Ruling Elder

Greg Magness, Ruling Elder

Roger Ayers, Deacon

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