



# COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 10<sup>th</sup>, 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*

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**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.

**Parameters:** 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/cpcfcs>

**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 – February 3<sup>rd</sup>: \$11,013**

**Designated giving: \$227**

**Total giving: \$11,240**

**General fund giving (year-to-date): \$45,101**

**Designated giving (year-to-date): \$1,137**

**Total giving: \$46,238**

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## Lord's Day, February 10th, 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

*Like a River Glorious*

### Striking of the Hour

### Greeting

**\*Call to Worship**<sup>1</sup> (Responsive)

Psalm 105:1-7<sup>2</sup>

Let us worship God.

**Minister:** Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

**Congregation:** Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

**Minister:** Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

**Congregation:** Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

**Minister:** Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

**Congregation:** He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

\* = Please stand if able.

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

<sup>2</sup>The 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)

*We Gather Together*  
Trinity Hymnal, 363

**Scripture Reading**<sup>3</sup> (Elder)

*Isaiah 12:1-6*  
*John 16:25-33*

**Elder:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God.

**\*Hymn of Praise** (Unison)

*Be Thou My Vision*  
Trinity Hymnal, 642 vs. 1, 2, 4, 5

**Prayer of Adoration and Invocation** (Elder)

\* = Please stand if able.

<sup>3</sup>The 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.

**Gloria Patri (Choir)**

**Confession of Sin (Unison)<sup>4</sup>**

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)<sup>5</sup>**

Isaiah 53:6

*All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

<sup>4</sup>The 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.

<sup>5</sup>God 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)**

*Psalm 130<sup>6</sup> (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 -  
- 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 -  
- 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  
- 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.

**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.

<sup>6</sup>In Psalm 130, the psalmist is meekly turning to God for forgiveness of sins. In singing this psalm, we are confessing our sins and then rejoice that we have been given the unmerited mercy and grace of God.

## **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 & Offerings<sup>7</sup>**

*He Who Would Valiant Be*

### **\*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.

<sup>7</sup>The words are provided in the *Trinity Hymnal* on page 603 for prayerful worship.

## **Prayer of Dedication**

### **Sermon**

*The Peace of Christ*  
Matthew 10:34-39 (Pew Bible, 815)

### **\*Hymn of Response (Unison)**

*Benediction*  
Trinity Hymnal, 730

### **Pastoral Benediction<sup>8</sup>**

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**

*Make Me a Captive, Lord*

\* = Please stand if able.

<sup>8</sup>Having 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**

*The Peace of Christ*

Matthew 10:34-39 (Pew Bible, 815)

### **I. Introduction**

### **II. Earthly Peace**

### **III. Heavenly Peace**

### **IV. Eternal Peace**

*“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.*

*- Matthew 10:34-39*

## Announcements & Upcoming Events

**Community Groups:** Our next Community Group will be February 10th 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. \*Leraris group will be meeting February 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Men's Bible Study:** Our next men's Bible study on 1 Corinthians will meet Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Women in the Church Fellowship:** We will meet at Nancy Krehbiel's on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Please bring a salad or sandwiches.

**Women's Evening Bible Study:** Envy of Eve book study will meet Thursday night, February 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall...come early to visit over coffee.

**Theology Class:** Don Weilersbacher's class will resume in February on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The next class will be Saturday, February 23rd.

**College Ministry:** Care package deadline for our college students is February 28<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your items to the Fellowship Hall or the church office.

### Nursery Workers:

**February 10**

Church Service – Lilly Smith & Hilda Porter

**February 17**

Church Service – Denise Hendrickson & Maddie Burgin

**February 24**

Church Service – Beth Smith & Jill Rowland

### 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  
Blain Blaylock, Deacon  
Greg Hartman, Deacon

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