



COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 16th, 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 9th: \$20,919

Designated giving: \$80

Total giving: \$20,999

General fund giving (year-to-date): \$71,716

Designated giving (year-to-date): \$604

Total giving: \$72,320

Covenant Presbyterian Church of Fort Smith
Lord's Day, February 16th, 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

Our God Is Mighty, Worthy of All Praising

Striking of the Hour

Greeting

***Call to Worship** (Minister)

Psalm 146:1-2

Let us worship God.

Minister: *Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.*

* = Please stand if able.

***Song of Ascent (Unison)**

Psalm 122

1. I was glad to hear them say - ing, "To the Lord's house
2. This the or - di - nance for — Is - r'el, Here to thank Je -
3. In your pa - la - ces — be — safe - ty. For the sake of
4 let us go." For our feet will soon — be — stand - ing
ho - vah's name. There are set the thrones of — judg - ment;
7 bro - thers all, For the sake of my — com - pan - ions,
11 In your gates, Jer - u - sa - lem, Sa - lem, well con - struct - ed cit - y;
There is Da - vid's house en - throned. Pray then for the peace of Sa - lem;
I am say - ing, — "Peace to you!" For Je - ho - vah's house with - in you,
There as - sem - ble all the tribes; Tribes that are — Je - ho - vah's own.
May they pros - per who love you. Be there peace with - in your walls.
Tem - ple of the Lord our God, I will ev - er — seek your good.

Scripture Reading

Ruling Elder Greg Magness

Psalm 27:4

John 4:7-24

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Praise (Unison)**

All for Jesus!

Trinity Hymnal, 565 vs. 1, 3, 4, 5

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Ruling Elder Greg Magness

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 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)

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.*

***Hymn of Rejoicing (Unison)**

It Is Well with My Soul
Trinity Hymnal, 691

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

The Nicene Creed

Minister: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

Congregation: of all things visible and invisible.

Minister: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds,

Congregation: God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,

Minister: begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;

Congregation: by whom all things were made;

Minister: who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man;

Congregation: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried;

Minister: and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;

Congregation: and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

Minister: And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,

Congregation: who proceeds from the Father and the Son;

Minister: who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

Congregation: and we believe in one holy catholic** and apostolic Church;

Minister: we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;

Congregation: and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Dr. John Clayton

* = Please stand if able.

**The 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 & Offering

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

***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.

Prayer of Dedication

Deacon Blain Blaylock

Sermon

Freedom in Christ
Matthew 17:22-27 (Pew Bible, 823)

Dr. John Clayton

***Hymn of Response (Unison)**

Benediction
Trinity Hymnal, 730

Pastoral Benediction

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

O Jesus, I Have Promised

NOTES

Freedom in Christ

Matthew 17:22-27 (Pew Bible, 823)

I. Introduction

II. Redemptive Freedom

III. Heavenly Freedom

IV. Eternal Freedom

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 17:22-27

Announcements & Upcoming Events

February Fellowship Luncheon: Our Covenant Family Meal is today after the service in the Fellowship Hall. Menu: pasta buffet, salad, and bread.

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) will not meet this Wednesday.

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 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

Session

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

Diaconate

Roger Ayers, Deacon	Justin Horne, Deacon
Bradley Burgin, Deacon	Joshua Lochala, Deacon
Blain Blaylock, Deacon	Brian Maurer, Deacon
Chandler Garrett, Deacon	Steve Rowland, Deacon
Jeremy Good, Deacon	Drake Smith, Deacon
Greg Hartman, Deacon	

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