



# COVENANT

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 17<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 10<sup>th</sup>: \$5,198**

**Designated giving: \$422**

**Total giving: \$5,620**

**General fund giving (year-to-date): \$50,299**

**Designated giving (year-to-date): \$1,559**

**Total giving: \$51,858**

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## Lord's Day, February 17th, 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

*Lift High the Cross*

### Striking of the Hour

### Greeting

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

Psalm 107:1-3<sup>2</sup>

Let us worship God.

**Minister:** *Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, and his steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.*

\* = 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)**

*Psalm 138<sup>3</sup>*

1. With grate - ful heart my thanks I bring, be - fore the great your  
2. I cried to you, and you did save; your word of grace new  
3. O Lord, en - throned in glo - ry bright, you reign a - bove in  
4. You will stretch forth your might - y arm to save me when my

4  
praise I sing; I wor - ship in your ho - ly place and praise you for your  
cour - age gave; the kings of earth shall thank you, Lord, for they have heard your  
heav'n - ly height; the proud in vain your fa - vor seek but you have mer - cy  
8  
foes a - larm; the work you have for me be - gun shall by your grace be

12  
truth and grace; for truth and grace to - geth - er shine in your most ho - ly  
won - drous word; yea, they shall come with songs of praise, for great and glo - rious  
for the meek; through trou - ble though my path - way be, you will re - vive and  
ful - ly done; your mer - cy shall for - ev - er be; O Lord, my Mak - er,

word di - vine, in your most ho - ly word di - vine.  
are your ways, for great and glo - rious are your ways.  
strength - en me, you will re - vive and strength - en me.  
think on me, O Lord, my Mak - er, think on me.

**Scripture Reading<sup>4</sup> (Elder)**

*Isaiah 40:10-11*

*Galatians 2:20*

**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

\* = Please stand if able.

<sup>3</sup>Psalm 138 is a psalm of thanksgiving to God.

<sup>4</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.

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

**Gloria Patri (Choir)**

**Confession of Sin (Unison)<sup>5</sup>**

Daniel 9:4-5

*O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules.*

**Silent Confession of Sin**

<sup>5</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.

**Assurance of Pardon** (Unison)<sup>6</sup>

Romans 5:1

*Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**\*Hymn of Rejoicing** (Unison)

*Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord*  
Trinity Hymnal, 465

**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.<sup>7</sup>  
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<sup>8</sup> church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

\* = Please stand if able.

<sup>6</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.

<sup>7</sup>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).

<sup>8</sup>The word "catholic" means universal.

## **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>9</sup>**

*Be Still, My Soul*  
Handbell Ensemble

### **\*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>9</sup>The music is by Jean Sibelius and is arranged by Judy Edean. The words are provided in the *Trinity Hymnal* on page 689 for prayerful worship.

## **Prayer of Dedication**

### **Sermon**

*The Reward of Christ*  
Matthew 10:40-42 (Pew Bible, 815-816)

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

*Benediction*  
Trinity Hymnal, 730

### **Pastoral Benediction<sup>10</sup>**

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*

\* = Please stand if able.

<sup>10</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 Reward of Christ*

Matthew 10:40-42 (Pew Bible, 815-816)

### **I. Introduction**

### **II. Identified in Christ**

### **III. Received as Christ**

### **IV. Reward of Christ**

*“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”*

*- Matthew 10:40-42*

## Announcements & Upcoming Events

**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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The next class will be Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**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.

**Officer Nominations:** From February 24<sup>th</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>, we will be accepting nominations for the church offices of Ruling Elder and Deacon. Nomination forms are available on the front table in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact the church office with any questions.

### Nursery Workers:

#### February 17

Church Service – Nan Hudson & Maddie Burgin

#### February 24

Church Service – Beth Smith & Jill Rowland

#### March 3

Church Service – Denise Hendrickson & Caroline King

## 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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