



COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 23rd, 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 16th: \$4,562

Designated giving: \$160

Total giving: \$4,722

General fund giving (year-to-date): \$76,278

Designated giving (year-to-date): \$764

Total giving: \$77,042

Covenant Presbyterian Church of Fort Smith
Lord's Day, February 23rd, 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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Striking of the Hour

Greeting

***Call to Worship (Minister)**

Psalm 34:1-3

Let us worship God.

Minister: *I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!*

***Song of Ascent (Unison)**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
Trinity Hymnal, 38

Scripture Reading

Ruling Elder Greg Bailey

Ezekiel 34:11-16
John 10:7-11

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Praise (Unison)**

Psalms 23 vs. 1, 2, 3, 5

1. The Lord is my shep-herd; no want shall I know. He makes me lie down where the
2. My wan-der-ing steps he brings back to his way, in straight paths of right-eous-ness
3. Tho' I walk in death's val-ley, where dark-ness is near, be-cause you are with me, no
4. In the sight of my en'-mies a ta-ble you spread. The oil of re-joic-ing you
5. So sure-ly your cov-e-nant mer-cy and grace will fol-low me close-ly in

green pas-tures grow; He leads me to rest where the calm wa-ters flow.
mak-ing me stay; And this he has done his great name to dis-play.
e-vil I'll fear; Your rod and your staff bring me com-fort and cheer.
pour on my head; my cup o-ver-flows and I'm gra-cious-ly fed.
all of my ways; I will dwell in the house of the Lord all my days.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Ruling Elder Greg Bailey

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)

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

Assurance of Pardon (Unison)

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)**

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.**
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.

Pastoral Prayer of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Dr. John Clayton

* = 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).

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

O Send Thy Light Forth

***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 Steve Rowland

Sermon

The Good Shepherd and His Sheep
Matthew 18:1-14 (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

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

NOTES

The Good Shepherd and His Sheep
Matthew 18:1-14 (Pew Bible, 823)

I. Introduction

II. The Simplicity of Faith

III. The Seriousness of Sin

IV. The Salvation of Sinners

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. "Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

- Matthew 18:1-14

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Membership Interviews: If you would like to become a member of the church, membership interviews will be conducted on March 1st and 8th. Please call the church office to schedule an appointment.

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.

Theology Class: Don Weilersbacher's class will meet Saturday, February 29th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Covenant Game Night: Our next Game Night is Saturday, February 29th, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. To reserve your spot, please contact Marian Henry so she can coordinate the food.

2019 Financial Report: The 2019 Year-end Financial Report and 2020 Budget are available on the foyer table.

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.

Women's Evening Bible Study: Women, please join us and invite your friends for our book study on *Made for More* by Hannah Anderson. We will meet Tuesday night, March 3rd at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Nancy Krehbiel ...come early to visit over coffee. We will be discussing chapter 8.

Nursery Workers:

February 26

Church Service – Hannah Paul & Denise Hendrickson

March 3

Church Service – Patti Sanchez & Rebekah Krehbiel

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
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