



COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 10th, 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

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. Purple paraments are displayed during the Season of Lent. Purple represents royalty as well as repentance, prayer, and suffering, and points to both the humility and regal authority of Christ the Servant-King.

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>

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 – March 3rd: \$10,176

Designated giving: \$231

Total giving: \$10,407

General fund giving (year-to-date): \$70,699

Designated giving (year-to-date): \$1,815

Total giving: \$72,514

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Lord's Day, March 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

Come unto Me, Ye Weary

Striking of the Hour

Greeting

***Call to Worship**¹ (Responsive)

Psalm 95:1-7²

Let us worship God.

Minister: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Congregation: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Minister: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hands are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also

Congregation: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

Minister: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

Congregation: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

* = Please stand if able.

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

²The 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)**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Trinity Hymnal, 92 vs. 1, 2, 4

Scripture Reading³ (Elder)

Proverbs 9:1-5
1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Praise (Unison)**

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all mea - sure that
2. Be - hold the man up - on a cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders; Ash -
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing, no gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom; but

3
He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His trea - sure. How
amed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers. It
I will boast in Je - sus Christ, His death, and res - ur - rec - tion. Why

5
great the pain of sear - ing loss, the Fa - ther turns His face a - way, as
was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished; His
should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer; but

7
wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring ma - ny sons to glo - ry.
dy - ing breath has brought me life; I know that it is fin - ished.
this I know with all my heart: His wounds havepaid my ran - som.

* = Please stand if able.

³The 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)⁴

Psalm 25:16-18

Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon (Unison)⁵

Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

⁴The 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.

⁵God 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)**

Jesus, I Come

1. Out of my bon - dage, sor - row and night, Je - sus, I come, Je - sus, I come;
2. Out of my shame - ful fail - ure and loss, Je - sus, I come, Je - sus, I come;
3. Out of un - rest and ar - ro - gant pride, Je - sus, I come, Je - sus, I come;
4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Je - sus, I come, Je - sus, I come;

5
in - to thy free - dom, glad - ness and light, Je - sus, I come to thee;
in - to the glor - ious gain of thy cross, Je - sus, I come to thee;
in - to thy bless - ed will to a - bide, Je - sus, I come to thee;
9 in - to the joy and light of thy home, Je - sus, I come to thee;

13
out of my sick - ness in - to thy health, out of my want - ing and in - to thy wealth,
out of earth's sor - rows, in - to thy balm, out of life's storms and in - to thy calm,
out of my - self to dwell in thy love, out of dis - pair in - to rap - tures a - bove,
out of the depths of ru - in un - told, in - to the peace of thy shel - ter - ing fold,

out of my sin and in - to thy - self, Je - sus, I come to thee.
out of dis - tress in - to ju - bi - lant psalm, Je - sus, I come to thee.
up - ward for - ev - er on wings like a dove, Je - sus, I come to thee.
ev - er thy glor - i - ous face to be - hold, Je - sus, I come to thee.

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.

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 & Offerings⁶

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed

Alas! And did my Savior bleed, and did my Sov'reign die?
Would He devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?
Was it for sins that I have done He suffered on the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!
Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut its glories in,
When Christ, the great Redeemer, died for human creatures' sin.
But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away; 'tis all that I can do.

*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.

⁶The music by Sandra T. Ward and the text by Isaac Watts are provided for prayerful worship.

Prayer of Dedication

Sermon

True Rest
Matthew 11:25-30 (Pew Bible, 816)

***Hymn of Response (Unison)**

Benediction
Trinity Hymnal, 730

Pastoral Benediction⁷

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

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

* = Please stand if able.

⁷Having 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

True Rest

Matthew 11:25-30 (Pew Bible, 816)

I. Introduction

II. Hidden Truth

III. Truth Revealed

IV. Revealed Rest

At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

-Matthew 11:25-30

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Community Groups: Our next Community Group will be tonight 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*.

Short-term Mission Trip Inquiry: We are currently considering a possible short-term mission trip to Costa Rica later this year. While we do not have many details at this time, we would like to hear from any church member who might be interested in this mission trip. Please contact the church office or email info@cpcfs.org.

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

Women in the Church Fellowship: Our next WIC Fellowship will meet at Nancy Krehbiel's on Thursday, March 14th at 6:00 p.m. Please bring tailgate food for our "March Madness" themed evening.

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

Nursery Workers:

March 17

Church Service – Sydney Clayton & Judy Sagely

March 24

Church Service – Karen Fleming & Jeanne Wright

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
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