



COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 24th, 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. White paraments adorn the pulpit and communion table during the celebration of Christmas, Easter, and other days to represent the purity of Christ and the joy and peace believers find in Him.

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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 17th: \$4,662
Designated giving: \$72
Total giving: \$4,734

General fund giving (year-to-date): \$90,810
Designated giving (year-to-date): \$1,937
Total giving: \$92,747

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Lord's Day, March 24th, 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

God Is Working His Purpose Out

Striking of the Hour

Greeting

***Call to Worship**¹ (Responsive)

Colossians 1:15-20²

Let us worship God.

Minister: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,

Congregation: whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

Minister: And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Congregation: And he is the head of the body, the church.

Minister: He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things,

Congregation: whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

* = 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)**

O Worship the King
Trinity Hymnal, 2 vs. 1, 2, 4, 5

Scripture Reading³ (Elder)

Isaiah 42:1-4
Romans 1:16-17

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Praise (Unison)**

Psalm 40⁴ vs. 1-4, 8-9

1. I wait - ed long up - on the Lord; he stooped and heard my cry. He
2. And man - y, see - ing me re - stored, will trust the Lord and fear. How
3. "To do your will, O Lord my God, is sure - ly my de - light. Your
5 drew me from de - struc - tion's pit and from the bog - gy mire. He
6 blest the man who makes the Lord his trust and ref - uge sure, who
7 law is deep with - in my heart and pre - cious in my sight." With -
9 set my feet up - on a rock, and stead - fast made my ways. He
10 turns not to the ar - ro - gant, to those who fol - low lies, to
11 in your great as - sem - bly your de - liv - 'rance I've pro - claimed; you
13 put with - in my mouth a new and joy - ful song of praise.
14 those who turn a - way from truth, but on the Lord re - lies.
15 know, O Lord, in prais - ing You my lips are not re - strained.

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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.

⁴This section of Psalm 40 has the psalmist offering thanksgiving to God. In singing it, we affirm God's gracious salvation and our subsequent declaration to all of his grace to us.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation (Elder)

Gloria Patri (Choir)

Confession of Sin (Unison)⁵

Psalm 51:3-4

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon (Unison)⁶

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

⁵The 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.

⁶God 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)

Amazing Grace!
Trinity Hymnal, 460 vs. 1-4

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 catholic⁷ 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.

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⁷The 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 & Offerings⁸

*I Greet Thee Who
My Sure Redeemer Art*

***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

* = Please stand if able.

⁸The words are provided in the *Trinity Hymnal* on page 168 for prayerful worship.

Sermon

Then to the Gentile
Matthew 12:15-21 (Pew Bible, 817)

***Hymn of Response (Unison)**

Benediction
Trinity Hymnal, 730

Pastoral Benediction⁹

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

Hope of the World

* = Please stand if able.

⁹Having 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

Then to the Gentile

Matthew 12:15-21 (Pew Bible, 817)

1. A Divinely-chosen Servant

2. A Soul-pleasing Beloved

3. A Multi-national Justice Preacher

4. An Unbroken Bruised Reed

5. A Quenchless Smoldering Wick

6. A Justice-delivering Victor

7. A Gentile-hoping Savior

Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there. And many followed him, and he healed them all and ordered them not to make him known. This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah:

*“Behold, my servant whom I have chosen,
my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased.
I will put my Spirit upon him,
and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles.
He will not quarrel or cry aloud,
nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a smoldering wick he will not quench,
until he brings justice to victory;
and in his name the Gentiles will hope.”*

- Matthew 12:15-21

Announcements & Upcoming Events

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.

New On-line Class: From the days of the early church, Christians have wrestled with the relationship between the law and the gospel. Since salvation is by grace and the law cannot save, what relevance does the law have for Christians today? In this course, Dr. Sinclair Ferguson sheds light on this issue by showing that the antidote to both legalism and antinomianism is one and the same: the life-giving gospel of Jesus Christ, in Whom we are simultaneously justified by faith, freed for good works, and assured of salvation. For the link to this study, please email info@cpcfs.org.

Covenant Game Night: Our next Game Night is Saturday, March 30th from 5:00-8:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. To reserve your spot, please contact Marian Henry or the church office.

Nursery Workers:

March 24

Church Service – Patty Hudson & Anna Magness

March 31

Church Service – Jeanne Wright & Karen Fleming

April 7

Church Service – Becky Horne & Teresa Parker

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

Roger Ayers, Deacon
Greg Bailey, Deacon
Blain Blaylock, Deacon
Greg Hartman, Deacon
Justin Home, Deacon
Brian Maurer, Deacon
Steve Rowland, Deacon
Drake Smith, Deacon

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