



# COVENANT

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*April 7th, 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.

**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.

**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 31<sup>st</sup>: \$6,507**

**Designated giving: \$100**

**Total giving: \$6,607**

**General fund giving (year-to-date): \$99,796**

**Designated giving (year-to-date): \$2,239**

**Total giving: \$102,035**

# Covenant Presbyterian Church of Fort Smith

## Lord's Day, April 7th, 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

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

### Striking of the Hour

### Greeting

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

*Psalm 147:1-5<sup>2</sup>*

Let us worship God.

**Minister:** *Praise the Lord!*

**Congregation:** *For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.*

**Minister:** *The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.*

**Congregation:** *Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.*

### \*Song of Ascent (Unison)

*God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory*  
Trinity Hymnal, 122 vs. 1-3

\* = 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 reciting, praying, singing, reading, and preaching the Bible.

## Scripture Reading<sup>3</sup> (Elder)

*Isaiah 40:8*  
*Hebrews 13:8*

**Elder:** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Congregation:** Thanks be to God.

## \*Hymn of Praise (Unison)

*Psalm 121*

1. To the hills I lift my eyes; whence shall help for me a - rise?  
2. Thy pro - tec - tor is the Lord, shade for thee he will af - ford.

5  
From the Lord shall come my aid, who the heav'ns and earth has made.  
Nei - ther sun nor moon shall smite; God shall guard by day and night.

9  
He will guide through dan - gers all, will not suf - fer thee to fall.  
He will ev - er keep thy soul; what would harm he will con - trol.

13  
He who safe his peo - ple keeps, slum - bers not and nev - er sleeps.  
In the home and by the way he will keep thee day by day.

## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation (Elder)

## Gloria Patri (Choir)

\* = Please stand if able.

<sup>3</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.

<sup>4</sup>In this psalm, we affirm God's eternal power, his eternal sovereignty, and his eternal care for his children.

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

Psalm 79:9-10a

*Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and atone for our sins, for your name's sake! Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?"*

## Silent Confession of Sin

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

1 Peter 2:24

*He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.*

## \*Hymn of Rejoicing (Unison)

*The Apostles' Creed*

1. I be - lieve in God the Fa - ther, Ma - ker of the heav'n and earth, and in  
2. Suf - fered un - der Pon - tius Pi - late, cru - ci - fied, en - dur - ing hell, laid with -  
3. At God's right hand he is seat - ed, 'til his com - ing, as he said; fin - al  
4. I be - lieve the church of Je - sus ho - ly, cath - o - lic re - mains; we are  
5  
Je - sus Christ, our Sav - ior, God's own Son, of match - less worth; by the  
in the grave so si - lent, as the proph - ets did fore - tell. But the  
judg - ment will be met - ed to the liv - ing and the dead. I con -  
9 one thro' all the ag - es, the com - mun - ion of the saints. I be -  
Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ed, vir - gin Mar - y bore God's Son, he in  
stone - sealed tomb was emp - tied on the third day; he a - rose: in - to  
fess the Ho - ly Spir - it has been sent thro' Christ the Son to ap -  
13 lieve sins are for - giv - en, that our bod - ies will be raised, life with  
whom I have be - liev - ed: God Al - might - y, Three in One.  
heav - en made his en - try, Might - y Con - queror of his foes.  
ply sal - va - tion's mer - it; God the Spir - it, Three in One.  
God is nev - er end - ed. A - men, let his name be praised.

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<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.

<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.

## **Pastoral Prayer of Intercession and 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 & Offering<sup>7</sup>**

### *Canticle of Hope*

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,  
And in His Word, yes, in His Word I put my hope;  
My soul waits for the Lord  
More than watchmen wait for the morning.  
Out of the depths I cry to You.  
O Lord, hear my plea for mercy.  
For with the Lord is forgiveness  
For all who fear His name.  
I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,  
For with the Lord is unfailing love.

\* = Please stand if able.

<sup>7</sup>Based on Psalm 130, the words and music are written by Gary Hallquist and are provided for prayerful worship.

## \*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

## Sermon

*He Who Is God*

Ex. 20:1-3 (Pew Bible, 61)

## Hymn of Preparation

*Behold Our God*

1. Who has held the o - ceans in His hands? Who has num-bered ev'-ry grain of sand?  
2. Who has giv-en coun-sel to the Lord? Who can ques-tion an-y of His words?  
3. Who has felt the nails up-on His hand, bear-ing all the guilt of sin-ful man?

5  
Kings and na-tions trem-ble at His voice. All cre-a-tion ri-ses to re-  
Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fa-thom all His won-drous  
9 God e-ter-nal, hum-bled to the grave, Je-sus, Sav-ior, ri-sen now to

Chorus  
14  
joyce. Be-hold our God, seat-ed on His throne. Come let us a-dore Him. Be-  
deeds? reign!  
hold our King, noth-ing can com-pare, come, let us a-dore \_\_\_\_\_ Him!

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## **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper<sup>8</sup>**

The Instruction

Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

*Benediction*  
Trinity Hymnal, 730

**Pastoral Benediction<sup>9</sup>**

Hebrews 13:20-21

**Minister:** *Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.*

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God! Amen.

**Postlude**

*How Firm a Foundation*

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<sup>8</sup>The bread and juice you see on the Communion table may not look like much to the casual observer. In fact, it is merely bread and juice. What makes this meal special is that the Lord Jesus Christ is spiritually present in a unique way. This sacrament is not something to be taken lightly but neither is it a time to be somber; rather, we should be filled with thankfulness and joy. Our Savior, out of His great mercy, bids His people to come to this meal. If you are a member of a church who embraces the gospel of Jesus Christ and are at peace with your fellow Christians, we welcome you to this table. Come and consider with us our Lord's body and shed blood symbolized in the bread and juice. Rejoice with us in our union with Him and with each other as His Covenant people.

<sup>9</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**

*He Who Is God*

Ex. 20:1-3 (Pew Bible, 61)

### **I. Introduction**

### **II. He Who Is**

### **III. He Who Redeems**

### **IV. He Is God**

*And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. "You shall have no other gods before me.*

*- Exodus 20:1-3*

## Announcements & Upcoming Events

### Holy Week Services: April 18<sup>th</sup> – April 21<sup>st</sup>

Maundy Thursday (Communion Service) - 6:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

Easter Service - 11:00 a.m.

**Community Groups:** Our next Community Group will be April 14th 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*. For information about Community Groups, please call the church office.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:info@cpcfs.org).

**Spring Fellowship Luncheon:** Mark your calendar for our Spring Fellowship Luncheon following the service on April 28<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow.

### Nursery Workers:

**April 7**

**Church Service** – Becky Horne & Teresa Parker

**April 14**

**Church Service** – Janice Bailey & Rebekah Krehbiel

### 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

### Diaconate

Steve Clark, Ruling Elder	Roger Ayers, Deacon	Justin Home, Deacon
John Clayton, Teaching Elder	Greg Bailey, Deacon	Brian Maurer, Deacon
Jon Hendrickson, Ruling Elder	Blain Blaylock, Deacon	Steve Rowland, Deacon
Mike Hudson, Ruling Elder	Greg Hartman, Deacon	Drake Smith, Deacon
Greg Magness, Ruling Elder		