



COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Easter Sunday
April 12th, 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

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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>

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Lord's Day, April 12th, 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

Thine Be the Glory

Striking of the Hour

Greeting

***Call to Worship (Minister)**

1 Peter 1:18-21

Let us worship God.

Minister: *For you know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.*

* = Please stand if able.

***Song of Ascent** (Unison)

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
Trinity Hymnal, 277 vs. 1-4

Scripture Reading

Dr. John Clayton

Psalm 110:1-3
John 11:25-26

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

***Hymn of Praise** (Unison)

Psalm 110 (verses 1-4)

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Dr. John Clayton

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)

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)

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)**

Rejoice, the Lord Is King
Trinity Hymnal, 310 vs. 1, 2, 3, 5

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*

The Special Music

The Day of Resurrection
Brandon Bolin, voice
Kim Bolin, piano

Sermon

The Gospel of Resurrection
1 Corinthians 15:3-4, 20-28 (Pew Bible, 961)

Dr. John Clayton

***Hymn of Response (Unison)**

Benediction
Trinity Hymnal, 730

Pastoral Benediction

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

NOTES

The Gospel of Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:3-4, 20-28 (Pew Bible, 961)

I. Introduction

II. The Certainty of Resurrection

III. The Victory of Resurrection

IV. The Timing of Resurrection

V. The Glory of Resurrection

*For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received:
that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,
that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in
accordance with the Scriptures,*

*But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits
of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a
man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam
all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own
order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong
to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to
God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority
and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies
under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For
“God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it
says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is
excepted who put all things in subjection under him. When all
things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be
subjected to him who put all things in subjection
under him, that God may be all in all.*

-1 Corinthians 15:3-4, 20-28

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