



# COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 14<sup>th</sup>, 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. 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 – April 7th: \$27,303**

**Designated giving: \$50**

**Total giving: \$27,353**

**General fund giving (year-to-date): \$127,099**

**Designated giving (year-to-date): \$2,289**

**Total giving: \$129,388**

# Covenant Presbyterian Church of Fort Smith

## Lord's Day, April 14th, 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

*When His Salvation Bringing*

### Striking of the Hour

### Greeting

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

Psalm 89:1-4, 14-16<sup>2</sup>

Let us worship God.

**Minister:** I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

**Congregation:** For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."

**Minister:** You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: 'I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations.'"

**Congregation:** Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

**Minister:** Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,

**Congregation:** who exult in your name all the day and in your righteousness are exalted.

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

**\*Song of Ascent (Unison)**

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*  
Trinity Hymnal, 235

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

*Zechariah 9:9*  
*John 12:12-19*

**Elder:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God.

**\*Hymn of Praise (Unison)**

*Psalms 118<sup>4</sup> vs. 1-3*

1. I shall not die, but live and tell Je - ho - vah's power to save; The  
2. This is Je - ho - vah's gate; by it The just shall en - ter in. I'll  
3. This is the day the Lord has made; Let us be glad and sing. Ho -  
4. The Lord is God, and He to us Has made the light a - rise; O

5  
Lord has sore - ly chast - ened me, But spared me from the grave. O  
praise Thee Who hast heard my prayer, And hast my safe - ty been. That  
san - na, Lord! O give suc - cess! O Lord, sal - va - tion bring! O  
9 bind ye to the al - tar's horns With cords the sac - ri - fice. Thou

set ye o - pen un - to me The gates of right - eous - ness; Then  
stone is made head cor - ner - stone Which build - ers did des - pise. This  
bles - sed be the one who comes, Comes in Je - ho - vah's name; The  
13 art my God; I'll give Thee thanks. My God, I'll wor - ship Thee. O

will I en - ter in - to them And I the Lord will bless.  
is the do - ing of the Lord, And won - drous in our eyes.  
bles - sing from Je - ho - vah's house Up - on you we pro - claim.  
thank the Lord, for He is good; His grace will end - less be.

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<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>This psalm concludes the section of psalms associated with the celebration of Passover, so it may have been the final psalm on the mind of Jesus as he celebrated Passover with his disciples. Jesus quotes words that we sing in the second stanza about himself, and the people greeted his triumphal entry into Jerusalem with words that we sing in the third stanza.

**Prayer of Adoration and Invocation (Elder)**

**Gloria Patri (Choir)**

**Confession of Sin (Unison)<sup>4</sup>**

Psalm 130:1-2

*Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!*

**Silent Confession of Sin**

**Assurance of Pardon (Unison)<sup>5</sup>**

Isaiah 53:6

*All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

<sup>4</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>5</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.

**\*Hymn of Rejoicing** (Unison)

*There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood*  
Trinity Hymnal, 253 vs. 1, 2, 3, 5

**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.

## **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*

\* = Please stand if able.

## **Worship with Tithes & Offerings<sup>6</sup>**

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

Hosanna, loud hosanna the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.  
From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,  
the victory palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.  
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,  
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.  
"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven, our King.  
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,  
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

### **\*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**

*High and Lifted Up*  
John 12:27-37 (Pew Bible, 899)

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<sup>6</sup>The hymn tune: ELLACOMBE; arranged by Douglas E. Wagner. The words are provided for prayerful worship.

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

*Benediction*  
Trinity Hymnal, 730

**Pastoral Benediction<sup>7</sup>**

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**

*Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!*

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<sup>7</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**

*High and Lifted Up*

John 12:27-37 (Pew Bible, 899)

### **I. Introduction**

### **II. The Sorrow of the Son of Man**

### **III. The Glory of the Son of God**

### **IV. The Hope of the Children of God**

*“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. So the crowd answered him, “We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.”*

*When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him,*

*- John 12:27-37*

## 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 Brunch & Class – 9:45 a.m.

Easter Service - 11:00 a.m.

**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*. For information about Community Groups, please call the church office.

**Women's Evening Bible Study:** *The Envy of Eve* book study will meet Thursday night, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall...come early to visit over coffee.

**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).

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

**College Ministry:** It's that time again...Care package deadline for our college students is April 30<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your items to the Fellowship Hall or the church office.

### **Nursery Workers:**

**April 21**

**Church Service** – Lindsay Glover & Sydney Clayton

**April 28**

**Church Service** – Kris Bush & Lilly Smith

### **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