



COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 5th, 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.

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 28th: \$2,749
Designated giving: \$210
Total giving: \$2,959

General fund giving (year-to-date): \$149,981
Designated giving (year-to-date): \$3,049
Total giving: \$153,030

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Lord's Day, May 5th, 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

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Striking of the Hour

Greeting

*Call to Worship¹ (Responsive)

Psalm 100²

Let us worship God.

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Congregation: Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Minister: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him and bless his name!

Congregation: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

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

***Song of Ascent (Unison)**

Psalm 150³



1. O hal - le - lu - jah! Praise the Lord! Praise God with - in his sa - cred courts! Hal - le -
2. Praise God whose maj - es - ty a - bounds! O praise him with the trum - pet sound! Hal - le -
3. With sound - ing cym - bals praise the Lord! With clash - ing cym - bals praise a - loud! Hal - le -
5 lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise, praise him in his heav'n - ly height! Praise,
6 lu - jah! Ha - le - lu - jah! Praise God with lute and harp and strings, with
7 lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Let all that breathes now praise the Lord! O
9 praise him for his deeds of might! O — praise him, O — praise him! Hal - le -
10 dance and pipe and tam - bour - ine! O — praise him, O — praise him! Hal - le -
11 praise the Lord for - ev - er - more! O — praise him, O — praise him! Hal - le -
13 lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!
14 lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!
15 lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Scripture Reading⁴ (Elder)

Isaiah 6:1-4

Revelation 4:2-11

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Praise (Unison)**

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Trinity Hymnal, 100 vs. 1, 2, 4

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation (Elder)

* = Please stand if able.

³Praise is the dominant theme of the final psalm. There are thirteen commands to praise the Lord in the six verses that make up the psalm. As we sing, we are proclaiming that we are to praise God with all that we are and with all that we have through worship, because of who he is and what he has done.

⁴The 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.

Gloria Patri (Choir)

Confession of Sin (Unison)⁵

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)⁶

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.

*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
13 fess the Ho - ly Spir - it has been sent thro' Christ the Son to ap -
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.

* = Please stand if able.

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.

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 & Offering⁷

Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here;
Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground;
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him;
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

* = Please stand if able.

⁷The words and music are by David J. Evans, arranged by Richard Shephard, and 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

A Blessed, not a Broken Hallelujah
Psalm 150 (Pew Bible, 526)
Dr. John Clayton

Hymn of Preparation

Crown Him with Many Crowns
Trinity Hymnal 295 vs. 1, 2, 4

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper⁸

The Instruction

Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

* = Please stand if able.

⁸The 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.

***Hymn of Response (Unison)**

Benediction
Trinity Hymnal, 730

Pastoral Benediction⁹

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

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

* = 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

A Blessed, not a Broken Hallelujah
Psalm 150 (Pew Bible, 526)

I. Introduction

II. The Place of Unadulterated Worship

III. The Reason for the Imperative of Worship

IV. The Manner and the Measure of Exuberant Worship

Praise the LORD!
Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens!
Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his excellent greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!
Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!
Praise him with sounding cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD!

- Psalm 150

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*. For information about Community Groups, please call the church office. This will be our last meeting until September.

Men's Bible Study: Our next men's Bible study on 1 Corinthians will meet Thursday, May 9th at 7:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Costa Rica Mission Trip Meeting: If you would like more information about our possible mission trip to Costa Rica, please join us for an informational meeting on Thursday, May 23rd at 5:30 p.m. in the Covenant Fellowship Hall.

ESL Ministry: We will be having a Summer Session this year, held the 1st and 3rd Mondays of May, June and July. This will be primarily a conversational opportunity for our non-native English speakers, and we are looking for some people who will be willing to come and spend time talking with our students. We will play games to help them practice their English, have articles and stories available for discussion, along with worksheets. The sessions will start at 6:30pm and end at 8:00pm. It isn't necessary to commit to every session, but volunteers could come as their schedule allows. If this is something that interests you, please contact Nancy (479-420-3052).

Nursery Workers:

May 5

Church Service – Angel Hartman & Hannah Paul

May 12

Church Service – Jacki Blaylock & Lauren Good

May 19

Church Service – Ashley Nelson & Jennifer Burgin

May 26

Church Service – Sydney Clayton & Grace Anne Lambert

June 2

Church Service – Gaye Brannon & Hilda Porter

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