



COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 12th, 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>

WEEKLY GIVING SUMMARY

General fund giving – May 5th: \$6,178

Designated giving: \$50

Total giving: \$6,228

General fund giving (year-to-date): \$133,277

Designated giving (year-to-date): \$2,339

Total giving: \$135,616

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Lord's Day, May 12th, 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

Welcome, Happy Morning!

Striking of the Hour

Greeting

***Call to Worship** (Responsive)

Psalm 32:1-5, 10-11

Let us worship God.

Minister: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Congregation: Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Minister: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

Congregation: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Minister: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;

Congregation: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Minister: Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

Congregation: Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

* = Please stand if able.

***Song of Ascent (Unison)**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Trinity Hymnal, 92

Scripture Reading

Elder Steve Clark

Lamentations 3:55-58
Luke 11:29-32

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Praise (Unison)**

Every Promise of Your Word vs. 1, 2, 4

1. From the break - ing of the dawn to the set - ting of the sun, I will
2. When I stum - ble and I sin, con - dem - na - tion press - ing in, I will
3. When I'm faced with an - gushed choice, I will lis - ten for Your voice, and I'll
4. Hope that lifts me from de - spair, love that casts out ev - 'ry fear, as I

5
stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your Word. _____ Words of pow - er, strong to save, that will
stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your Word. _____ You are faith - ful to for - give, that in
stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your Word. _____ Thru' this dark and trou - bled land, You will
11 stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your Word. _____ Not for - sa - ken, not a - lone, for the

nev - er pass a - way. I will stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your Word. _____ For Your
free - dom I might live. So I stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your Word. _____ Guilt to
guide me with Your hand. As I stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your Word. _____ And You've
17 Com - for - ter has come, and I stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your Word. _____ Grace suf -

cov - e - nant is sure, and on this I am se - cure I can stand on ev - 'ry
in - no - cence re - stored. You re - mem - ber sins no more, so I'll stand on ev - 'ry
prom - ised to com - plete ev - 'ry work be - gun in me. So I'll stand on ev - 'ry
22 fi - cient, grace for me, grace for all who will be - lieve. We will stand on ev - 'ry

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Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Elder Steve Clark

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 51:1-2

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon (Unison)

Hebrews 8:12

For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.

***Hymn of Rejoicing (Unison)**

Psalm 130 (From the Depths of Woe)

1. From the depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lam - en - ta -
2. To wash a - way the crim - son stain, Grace, grace a - lone a - vail -
3. There - fore my trust is in the Lord, And not in my own mer -
4. Though great our sins and sore our woes, His grace much more a - bound -
- tion; Lord, turn a gra - cious ear to me And hear my sup - pli - ca -
- eth; Our works, a - las! Are all in vain; In much the best life fail -
- it; On Him my soul shall rest, His word Up - holds my faint - ing spir -
8 - eth; His help - ing hand no lim - it knows, Our up - most need it sound -
- tion; If Thou in - i - qui - ties dost mark, Our se - cret sins and mis -
- eth; No man can glo - ry in Thy sight, All must a - like con - fess
- it; His prom - ised mer - cy is my fort, My com - fort, and my sweet
12 - eth. Our Shep - herd good and true is He, Who will at last His Is -
- deeds dark, O who shall stand be - fore Thee? O who
- Thy might, And live a - lone by mer - cy, And live
- sup - port; I wait for it with pa - tience, I wait
17 - rael free From all their sin and sor - row, From all
- shall stand be - fore Thee?
- a lone by mer - cy.
- for it with pa - tience.
- their sin and sor - row.

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

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.

* = Please stand if able.

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 & Offerings

Covenant Choir
Not What My Hands Have Done
Trinity Hymnal, 461

***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

Deacon Blain Blaylock

Sermon

Prayer from the Depths of Woe
Jonah 2:1-10 (Pew Bible, 774-775)

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

O Jesus, Thou Art Standing

NOTES

Prayer from the Depths of Woe
Jonah 2:1-10 (Pew Bible, 774-775)

I. Introduction

II. Petitioning from the Depths

III. Pondering from the Depths

IV. Praising from the Depths

*Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish,
saying, "I called out to the LORD, out of my distress,
and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried,
and you heard my voice. For you cast me into the deep, into the heart
of the seas, and the flood surrounded me;
all your waves and your billows passed over me.
Then I said, 'I am driven away from your sight;
yet I shall again look upon your holy temple.'
The waters closed in over me to take my life;
the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped about my head at the
roots of the mountains. I went down to the land whose bars closed
upon me forever; yet you brought up my life from the pit,
O LORD my God. When my life was fainting away,
I remembered the LORD, and my prayer came to you,
into your holy temple. Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their
hope of steadfast love.
But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you;
what I have vowed I will pay.
Salvation belongs to the LORD!"
And the LORD spoke to the fish,
and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.
-Jonah 2:1-10*

Announcements & Upcoming Events

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.

Women's Evening Bible Study: *The Envy of Eve* book study will meet Thursday night, May 23rd at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall...come early to visit over coffee.

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 12

Church Service – Jacki Blaylock & Danielle Lochala

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

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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