



# COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 19<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. 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 12th: \$7,958**

**Designated giving: \$100**

**Total giving: \$8,058**

**General fund giving (year-to-date): \$141,235**

**Designated giving (year-to-date): \$2,439**

**Total giving: \$143,674**

# Covenant Presbyterian Church of Fort Smith

## Lord's Day, May 19th, 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

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

### Striking of the Hour

### Greeting

### \*Call to Worship (Responsive)

Psalm 95:1-3, 6-7

Let us worship God.

**Minister:** Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**Congregation:** Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

**Minister:** For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

**Congregation:** For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

\* = Please stand if able.

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

*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  
joyce.  
deeds? Be - hold our God, seat - ed on His throne. Come let us a - dore Him. Be -  
reign!

14  
hold our King, noth - ing can com - pare, come, let us a - dore \_\_\_\_\_ Him!

**Scripture Reading**

Teaching Elder Jason Glover

*Isaiah 49:5-7*  
*Matthew 12:38-42*

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

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God.

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

*Psalm 82*

1. God stands in the great assembly, judging all the gods with in:  
2. They are void of understanding; no right judgment can they make.

9 "How long will you judge unjustly, favoring the wicked men?  
They walk on in utter darkness; all of earth's foundations shake.

17 Vindicate the weak and orphans, guard the rights of those oppressed.  
"You are gods," so I addressed them; "You are sons of God Most High.

25 Save the weak, support the needy; from the wicked give them rest."  
You will fall like other princes, you as common men will die."

**Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

Teaching Elder Jason Glover

**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 51:3-4

*For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.*

## Silent Confession of Sin

### Assurance of Pardon (Unison)

1 John 1:9

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

### \*Hymn of Rejoicing (Unison)

*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all mea - sure that  
2. Be - hold the man up - on a cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders; Ash -  
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing, no gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom; but

3  
He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His trea - sure. How  
amed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers. It  
I will boast in Je - sus Christ, His death, and res - ur - rec - tion. Why

5  
great the pain of sear - ing loss, the Fa - ther turns His face a - way, as  
was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished; His  
should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer; but

7  
wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring ma - ny sons to glo - ry.  
dy - ing breath has brought me life; I know that it is fin - ished.  
this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

### Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

*The Apostles' Creed*  
Trinity Hymnal, 845

\* = 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**

Presentation by the Children's  
Sunday School Classes

### **\*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 Greg Hartman

**Sermon**

*The Purpose of God's Favor*  
1 Kings 10:1-13 (Pew Bible, 290-291)

Dr. John Clayton

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

*Benediction*  
Trinity Hymnal, 730

**Pastoral Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13:14

**Minister:** *The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

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

**Postlude**

*Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord*

## **NOTES**

*The Purpose of God's Favor*  
1 Kings 10:1-13 (Pew Bible, 290-291)

### **I. Proclamation of God's Favor**

### **II. Proof of God's Favor**

### **III. Praise of God's Favor**

### **IV. Purpose of God's Favor**

*Now when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to test him with hard questions. She came to Jerusalem with a very great retinue, with camels bearing spices and very much gold and precious stones. And when she came to Solomon, she told him all that was on her mind. And Solomon answered all her questions; there was nothing hidden from the king that he could not explain to her. And when the queen of Sheba had seen all the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built, the food of his table, the seating of his officials, and the attendance of his servants, their clothing, his cupbearers, and his burnt offerings that he offered at the house of the LORD, there was no more breath in her.*

*And she said to the king, "The report was true that I heard in my own land of your words and of your wisdom, but I did not believe the reports until I came and my own eyes had seen it. And behold, the half was not told me. Your wisdom and prosperity surpass the report that I heard. Happy are your men! Happy are your servants, who continually stand before you and hear your wisdom! Blessed be the LORD your God, who has delighted in you and set you on the throne of Israel! Because the LORD loved Israel forever, he has made you king, that you may execute justice and righteousness." Then she gave the king 120 talents of gold, and a very great quantity of spices and precious stones. Never again came such an abundance of spices as these that the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon.*

*Moreover, the fleet of Hiram, which brought gold from Ophir, brought from Ophir a very great amount of almug wood and precious stones. And the king made of the almug wood supports for the house of the LORD and for the king's house, also lyres and harps for the singers. No such almug wood has come or been seen to this day.*

*And King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all that she desired, whatever she asked besides what was given her by the bounty of King Solomon.  
So she turned and went back to her own land with her servants.*

## 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.

**Covenant Game Night:** Our next Game Night is Saturday, May 25th from 5:00-8:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. To reserve your spot, please contact Marian Henry at 918-728-5844 so she can coordinate the food.

**ESL Ministry:** If you would be interested in helping with our ESL Summer Sessions, a conversational opportunity for our non-native English speakers, please contact Nancy at 479-420-3052. The sessions will be on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of May, June and July from 6:30-8:00 pm.

### Nursery Workers:

#### 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

#### June 9

Church Service – Patti Sanchez & Rebekah Krehbiel

#### June 16

Church Service – Lauren Good & Lindsay Glover

#### June 23

Church Service – Jill Rowland & Beth Smith

### 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