



COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 26th, 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 19th: \$6,950

Designated giving: \$0

Total giving: \$6,950

General fund giving (year-to-date): \$161,010

Designated giving (year-to-date): \$3,124

Total giving: \$164,134

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Lord's Day, May 26th, 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

Thine Be the Glory

Striking of the Hour

Greeting

***Call to Worship** (Responsive)

Psalm 117

Let us worship God.

Minister: Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Congregation: Praise the LORD!

* = Please stand if able.

***Song of Ascent** (Unison)

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!
Trinity Hymnal, 296 vs. 1, 3, 5, 6

Scripture Reading

Elder Mike Hudson

Jonah 1:15-17, 2:3-10
1 Cor. 15:12-20

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Praise** (Unison)

It Is Well with My Soul
Trinity Hymnal, 691 vs. 1-3

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Elder Mike Hudson

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)

Ezra 9:6

*O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift my face to you, my God, for our
iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has mounted up to the
heavens.*

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon (Unison)

Romans 8:1-2

*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For
the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin
and death.*

***Hymn of Rejoicing (Unison)**

Psalm 65 vs. 1-8

1. Praise waits for Thee in Zi - on! To Thee vows paid shall be. O
2. How blessed the man Thou choos - est And bring - est near to Thee, That
3. O God of our sal - va - tion, Thou in Thy right - eous - ness With
4. Thy might has built the moun - tains; Power clothes Thee ev - er - more, To

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God, of prayer the hear - er, All flesh shall come to Thee. In -
in Thy courts for - ev - er His dwell - ling place may be. We
awe - some deeds and won - ders Thine an - swer wilt ex - press, O
9 calm the na - tions' clam - or And still the o - cean's roar. Thine

i - qui - ties are dai - ly Pre - vail - ing o - ver me, But
shall with - in Thy tem - ple Be whol - ly sat - is - fied And
13 Thou in Whom con - fid - ing All ends of earth a - gree, And
awe - some signs and won - ders Fill dis - tant lands with fear. Thou

all of our trans - gres - sions Are cov - ered o'er by Thee.
filled with all the good - ness Thy sac - red courts pro - vide.
peo - ple who are sail - ing Up - on the farth - est sea.
mak - est dawn and sun - set For joy to shout and cheer.

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

*The Apostles' Creed
Trinity Hymnal, 845*

Pastoral Prayer of Intercession & Thanksgiving

* = Please stand if able.

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

Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord
Words & Music by David J. Evans
Arranged by Richard Shephard

***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 Justin Horne

Sermon

The Greatest Sign
Matthew 12:38-42 (Pew Bible, 817-818)

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

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

NOTES

The Greatest Sign

Matthew 12:38-42 (Pew Bible, 817-818)

I. Introduction

II. What Signs Do

III. What Signs Do Not Do

IV. What the Greatest Sign Does

Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you." But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here. The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.

-Matthew 12:38-42

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Women in the Church: Ladies, we will be having a brunch on Saturday, June 1st at the home of Nan Hudson at 10:00 a.m. There is a sign up in the sanctuary if you would like to help bring 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.

Pastoral Sabbatical: The Session is pleased to inform the congregation that Dr. Clayton will be on sabbatical for the month of June. Please join us in praying for him during this time of rest. As a result, the church office will be closed for the month of June. Please contact Brandon Bolin at bbolin@cpdfs.org with any immediate needs.

Nursery Workers:

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

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