



# COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*June 23<sup>rd</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. Green is displayed during "ordinary time" which includes the period between Epiphany and Lent and the period between Pentecost and Advent. Green represents spiritual growth and world missions.

**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 Presbyterian Church of Fort Smith**  
**Lord's Day, June 23rd, 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**

*How Firm a Foundation*

**Striking of the Hour**

**Greeting**

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 46:1-3, 6-7

Let us worship God.

**Leader:** God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling...The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

\* = Please stand if able.

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

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*  
Trinity Hymnal, 92

**Scripture Reading**

Elder Jon Hendrickson

*Joshua 1:1-9*  
*Revelation 20:7-10*

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

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God.

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

*O Worship the King*  
Trinity Hymnal, 2 vs. 1, 2, 5

**Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

Elder Jon Hendrickson

**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)**

Daniel 9:18b-19a

*For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but  
because of your great mercy. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive.*

**Silent Confession of Sin**

**Assurance of Pardon (Unison)**

Romans 5:8

*God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

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

*Amazing Grace!*  
Trinity Hymnal, 460 vs. 1-4

**Affirmation of Faith** (Unison)

*The 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.

**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**

*He Who Would Valiant Be*  
Trinity Hymnal, 603

**\*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 Drake Smith

**Sermon**

*A Call to Trust*  
Ephesians 6:10-13 (Pew Bible, 979)

Joshua Dickens

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

*Benediction*  
Trinity Hymnal, 730

**Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26

**Leader:** *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**

*Be Thou My Vision*

## **NOTES**

*A Call to Trust*

Ephesians 6:10-13 (Pew Bible, 979)

### **I. Introduction**

### **II. Know the Enemy**

### **III. Fight the Battle**

### **IV. Rely Upon Christ**

*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.*

*For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.*

*- Ephesians 6:10-13*

## Announcements & Upcoming Events

**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 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@pcfs.org](mailto:bbolin@pcfs.org) with any immediate needs.

**Leading Worship and Preaching:** Joshua Dickens has been licensed to preach in our presbytery and is approved by the Session to lead our worship service today and preach the Word of God.

### Nursery Workers:

#### June 23

Church Service – Jill Rowland & Beth Smith

#### June 30

Church Service – Nan Hudson & Leanna Leraris

#### July 7

Church Service – Abby Krehbiel & Kris Bush

### 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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