



COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 30th, 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. 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>

WEEKLY GIVING SUMMARY

General fund giving – June 23rd: \$4,479

Designated giving: \$500

Total giving: \$4,979

General fund giving (year-to-date): \$206,924

Designated giving (year-to-date): \$4,160

Total giving: \$211,084

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Lord's Day, June 30th, 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

Father, Again in Jesus' Name We Meet

Striking of the Hour

Greeting

*Call to Worship (Responsive)

Psalm 95:1-7

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. In his hands are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also

Congregation: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

Minister: 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)**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
Trinity Hymnal, 38

Scripture Reading

Elder Mike Hudson

Psalm 103:8-13
Romans 8:14-17

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Praise (Unison)**

Psalm 103 (vs. 1, 3, & 4)

1. Bless the Lord, my soul, my whole heart ev - er bless His ho - ly name.
2. He made known His ways to Mos - es, and His acts to Is - rael's race;
3. For as high as is the heav - en, far a - bove the earth be - low,
5 Bless the Lord, my soul; for - get not all His mer - cies to pro - claim.
ten - der, lov - ing is Je - ho - vah slow to an - ger, rich in grace.
9 ev - er great to them that fear Him is the mer - cy He will show.
Who for - gives all thy trans - gres - sions; thy dis - eas - es all Who heals;
He will not for - ev - er chide us nor will keep His an - ger still,
13 Far as east from west is dis - tant He has put a - way our sin;
Who re - deems thee from des - truc - tion, Who with thee so kind - ly deals.
has not dealt as we of - fend - ed nor re - quit - ed us our ill.
like the pit - y of a fa - ther has Je - ho - vah's pit - y been.

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)

Psalm 25:6-7

*Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been
from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according
to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!*

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon (Unison)

Romans 6:23

*For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ
Jesus our Lord.*

***Hymn of Rejoicing (Unison)**

Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ
Trinity Hymnal, 524

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

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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Trinity Hymnal, 457

***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 Steve Rowland

Sermon

The Prodigal Love of the Father
Luke 15:11-32 (Pew Bible, 874-875)

Rev. Mike Ford

***Hymn of Response (Unison)**

Benediction
Trinity Hymnal, 730

Benediction

Based on Philippians 4:7

Minister: *May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Congregation: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Postlude

Amazing Grace!

NOTES

The Prodigal Love of the Father
Luke 15:11-32 (Pew Bible, 874-875)

I. Younger Brother

II. Elder Brother

III. What does this mean to us?

IV. Jesus as the True Brother

And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

Luke 15:11-32

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Guest Minister: Please welcome Reverend Mike Ford, Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) Minister at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. As the PCA's collegiate ministry at the U of A, Covenant supports Reverend Ford and the RUF ministry on campus.

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 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@cpafs.org with any immediate needs.

Nursery Workers:

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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