



COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 21st, 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 – July 14th: \$5,431

Designated giving: \$0

Total giving: \$5,431

General fund giving (year-to-date): \$228,765

Designated giving (year-to-date): \$4,580

Total giving: \$233,346

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Lord's Day, July 21st, 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

Blessed Assurance

Striking of the Hour

Greeting

***Call to Worship** (Responsive)

Psalm 57:5, 7-11

Let us worship God.

Minister: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

Congregation: My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast! I will sing and make melody!

Minister: Awake, my glory! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn!

Congregation: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations.

Minister: For your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

Congregation: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

* = Please stand if able.

***Song of Ascent (Unison)**

Crown Him with Many Crowns
Trinity Hymnal, 295

Scripture Reading

Elder Steve Clark

Isaiah 64:6-7
Galatians 2:19-21

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Praise (Unison)**

Psalm 14



1. The fool in heart is say - ing, "There sure - ly is no God." Cor -
2. All far a - stray have wan - dered, They all to vile - ness run. Not
3. There shall they be in ter - ror For God is with the just; You
rupt and vile their deeds are; not one of them does good. The
one of them is right - eous, No, not a sin - gle one. Have
9 would con - found one strug - gling; Je - ho - vah is his trust. Sal -
Lord looks down from heav - en On sons of men a - broad To
they of truth no know - ledge, These e - vil - work - ers all, Who
13 va - tion out of Zi - on Who will to Isr - 'el bring? The
see which one has wis - dom, If an - y seeks for God.
eat like bread my peo - ple And on God do not call?
Lord brings back His cap - tives. Joy, Ja - cob! Isr - 'el, sing!

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 51:3-4

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)**

Thy Mercy, My God

1. Thy mer - cy, my God, is the theme of my song, the
2. With - out Thy sweet mer - cy I could not live here;
3. Thy mer - cy is more than a match for my heart, which
4. Great Fa - ther of mer - cies, Thy good - ness I own, and the
joy of my heart, and the boast of my tongue. Thy
sin would re - duce me to utter dis - pair. But
won - ders to feel its own hard - ness de - part. Dis -
9 cov - e - rant love of Thy cru - ci - fied Son; all
free grace a - lone from the first to the last hath
13 through Thy good - ness my spir - its re - vive, and
solved by Thy good - ness I fall to the ground, and
praise to the Spir - it whose whis - per di - vine seals
won my af - fec - tions and bound my soul fast.
He that first made me still keeps me a - live.
weep for the praise of the mer - cy I found.
mer - cy and par - don and right - eous - ness mine.

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.

* = 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

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Trinity Hymnal, 529*

***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 *Self-help Salvation (and other lies demons love)* Dr. John Clayton
Matthew 12:43-45 (Pew Bible, 818)

***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

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

NOTES

Self-help Salvation (and other lies demons love)
Matthew 12:43-45 (Pew Bible, 818)

I. Self-merited Reformation

II. Self-warranted Occupation

III. Self-deserved Condemnation

“When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, but finds none. Then it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ And when it comes, it finds the house empty, swept, and put in order. Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there, and the last state of that person is worse than the first. So also will it be with this evil generation.”

-Matthew 12:43-45

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Covenant Fine Arts Series: Our next concert, *Die Heilige Musik*, a recital of opera and musical theater by Esther Atkinson, a Masters student of the Maryland Opera Studio at the University of Maryland, is Saturday, August 10th at 6:00 p.m. Please invite your friends and plan to join us.

Choir: Choir will meet August 7th at 6:00 p.m. in the choir loft. New members are welcome. For more information email Brandon at bbolin@cpcfs.org.

Nursery Workers:

July 21

Church Service – Jeanne Wright & Karen Fleming

July 28

Church Service – Patti Hudson & Teresa Parker

August 4

Church Service – Hannah Bush & Abby Krehbiel

August 11

Church Service – Caroline King & Sydney Clayton

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
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Drake Smith, Deacon

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