



# COVENANT

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*August 25<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. 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 – August 18th: \$5,156**

**Designated giving: \$250**

**Total giving: \$5,406**

**General fund giving (year-to-date): \$261,894**

**Designated giving (year-to-date): \$5,106**

**Total giving: \$267,000**

# Covenant Presbyterian Church of Fort Smith

## Lord's Day, August 25th, 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**

*Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*

### **Striking of the Hour**

### **Greeting**

### **\*Call to Worship (Minister)**

Psalm 102:18-22

Let us worship God.

**Minister:** *Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet to be created may praise the Lord: that he looked down from his holy height; from heaven the Lord looked at the earth, to hear the groans of the prisoners, to set free those who were doomed to die, that they may declare in Zion the name of the Lord, and in Jerusalem his praise, when peoples gather together, and kingdoms, to worship the Lord.*

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

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*  
Trinity Hymnal, 92 vs. 1, 3, 4

**Scripture Reading**

Elder Steve Clark

*Psalm 78:1-4*  
*Colossians 1:11-14*

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

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

*Psalm 78*

1. O ye my peo - ple to my law At - ten - tive - ly give  
2. We will not hide them from their sons But tell the race to  
3. That chil - dren yet un - born might know And their de - scend - ants

ear; The words that from my mouth pro - ceed In - cline your - selves to hear. My  
come Je - ho - vah's prais - es and His strength, The won - ders He has done. His  
lead To trust in God, re - call God's works, And His com - mandments heed, And

mouth shall speak a par - a - ble, The say - ings dark of old, Which  
word He un - to Ja - cob gave, His law to Is - ra - el, And  
not be like their fa - thers were, A race of stub - born mood, Which

we have list - ened to and known As by our fa - thers told.  
bade our fa - thers teach their sons The com - ing race to tell,  
ne - ver would pre - pare its heart Nor keep its faith with God.

**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)**

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)

*The Church's One Foundation*  
Trinity Hymnal, 347 vs. 1, 2, 4, 5

**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.

\*According to the Westminster Larger Catechism, "Christ's humiliation after his death consisted in his being buried, and continuing in the state of the dead, and under the power of death till the third day; which hath been otherwise expressed in these words, *He descended into hell*" (WLC 50).

## **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**

*I've Found a Friend, O Such a Friend*  
Trinity Hymnal, 517

### **\*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**

*An Advancing Kingdom*  
Matthew 13:31-35 (Pew Bible, 819)

Dr. John Clayton

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

*Benediction*  
Trinity Hymnal, 730

**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**

*Every Promise of Your Word*

## **NOTES**

*An Advancing Kingdom*

Matthew 13:31-35 (Pew Bible, 819)

### **I. Introduction**

### **II. Spiritual**

### **III. Visible**

### **IV. Revealed**

*He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."*

*He told them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened."*

*All these things Jesus said to the crowds in parables; indeed, he said nothing to them without a parable. This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet: "I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world."*

*-Matthew 13:31-35*

## Announcements & Upcoming Events

**Covenant Game Night:** Our next Game Night is Saturday, **August 31<sup>st</sup>**, 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.

**Community Groups:** Our Community Groups will begin Sunday night, **September 8<sup>th</sup>**, at 5:30 p.m. This year we are doing a study on the lives and ministry of Elijah & Elisha. Community Group locations are: south (Hudson), east (Hendrickson), central (Bailey), and Fellowship Hall (Clayton).

**ESL:** Our English Second Language School begins Monday, **September 9<sup>th</sup>**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you know someone that might be interested, please have them call the church office. **We are in need of teachers as well as someone willing to work one-on-one with an advanced student.** Please contact Nancy Krehbiel at [nkrehbiel@cpchs.org](mailto:nkrehbiel@cpchs.org) if you are interested in serving.

**Women's Morning Bible Study:** Women, please join us and invite your friends for our book study on *God's Mysterious Ways* by Jane Roach. We will start Wednesday, **September 11<sup>th</sup>**, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Women's Evening Bible Study:** Women, please join us and invite your friends for our book study on *Made for More* by Hannah Anderson. We will meet Thursday night, **September 12<sup>th</sup>**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall...come early to visit over coffee.

**Children's Sunday School Promotion:** On Sunday, **September 15<sup>th</sup>**, we will be promoting the students that are age appropriate for the next level class and beginning our Fall curriculum.

### Nursery Workers:

**September 1**

**Church Service** – Rebekah Krehbiel & Patti Sanchez

**September 8**

**Church Service** – Jacki Blaylock & Danielle Lochala

### 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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