



COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 8th, 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 – September 1st: \$7,171

Designated giving: \$388

Total giving: \$7,559

General fund giving (year-to-date): \$278,358

Designated giving (year-to-date): \$5,764

Total giving: \$284,122

Covenant Presbyterian Church of Fort Smith
Lord's Day, September 8th, 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

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Striking of the Hour

Greeting

***Call to Worship (Minister)**

Psalm 98:1-3

Let us worship God.

Minister: *Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.*

* = Please stand if able.

***Song of Ascent (Unison)**

Psalm 100

1. Shout to the Lord, all earth, and make a joy - ful noise! With
2. En - ter his gates with thanks, and fill his courts with praise. Give
5 glad - ness serve the Lord your God; be - fore him lift your voice! Now
thanks to him, and bless his name; to God your voices raise. Be -
9 know the Lord is God. He made us, we are his, his
cause the Lord is good, his steady love endures; from
13 peo - ple and his sheep, who safe - ly in his pas - ture graze.
age to age, for - ev - er - more, his faith - ful - ness is sure.

Scripture Reading

Elder Mike Hudson

Isaiah 33:1-6
Philippians 3:8-9

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

***Hymn of Praise (Unison)**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Trinity Hymnal, 252

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 25:16-18

Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon (Unison)

Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

***Hymn of Rejoicing (Unison)**

Be Thou My Vision
Trinity Hymnal, 642 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.

Pastoral Prayer of Intercession & Thanksgiving

*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).

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

Sing Praise to the Lord!
Trinity Hymnal, 21

***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 Blain Blaylock

Sermon

Of Infinite Value
Matthew 13:44-52 (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

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

NOTES

Of Infinite Value

Matthew 13:44-52 (Pew Bible, 819)

I. Introduction

II. Infinite Value

III. Permanent Value

IV. Eternal Value

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

-Matthew 13:44-52

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Community Groups: Our Community Groups will begin **TONIGHT**, 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 9th**, 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@cpcfs.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 this Wednesday, **September 11th**, 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 this Thursday night, **September 12th**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall...come early to visit over coffee.

Men's Morning Bible Study: Our study will begin this Thursday, **September 12th**, at 7:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be studying the Epistle of James.

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

Nursery Workers:

September 15

Church Service – Beth Smith & Jill Rowland

September 22

Church Service – Jamie Bolin & Nan Hudson

September 29

Church Service – Lauren Good & Lindsay Glover

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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