



COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 15th, 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 8th: \$7,009

Designated giving: \$245

Total giving: \$7,254

General fund giving (year-to-date): \$285,367

Designated giving (year-to-date): \$6,009

Total giving: \$291,376

Covenant Presbyterian Church of Fort Smith
Lord's Day, September 15th, 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

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Striking of the Hour

Greeting

***Call to Worship (Minister)**

Psalm 30:1-4

Let us worship God.

Minister: *I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me. O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit. Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.*

* = Please stand if able.

***Song of Ascent (Unison)**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
Trinity Hymnal, 164 vs. 1, 3, 4, 6

Scripture Reading

Elder Greg Magness

Isaiah 61:1-2
Luke 4:16-24

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Praise (Unison)**

Psalms 146 vs. 1, 3, 4

1. Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise Je - ho - vah! O my soul, Je - ho - vah
2. Hap - py is the man that choos - es Ja - cob's God to be his
3. Food Je - ho - vah gives the hun - gry, Sight Je - ho - vah gives the
4. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise J - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah

praise! I will sing the glo - rious prais - es Of my God through all my
aid; He is blessed whose hope of bles - sing On the Lord his God is
blind, Free - dom gives He to the pris' - ner, Cheer to those bowed down in
praise; I will sing the glo - rious prais - es Of my God through all my
days. Put no con - fi - dence in prin - ces, Nor for help on man de -
stayed. He has made the earth and heav - en, Seas and all that they con -
mind. Well Je - ho - vah loves the right - eous To the stran - ger is a
days. O - ver all God reigns for ev - er, Through all a - ges He is
pend; He shall die, to dust re - turn - ing, And his pur - pos - es shall end.
tain; He will keep His truth for - ev - er, Rights of those op - pressed main -
stay, Helps the fa - ther - less and wid - ow, but sub - verts the sin - ner's way.
King; Un - to Him, thy God, O Zi - on. Joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Elder Greg Magness

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 51:1-2

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon (Unison)

Hebrews 8:12

For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.

***Hymn of Rejoicing (Unison)**

Jesus, I Come

1. Out of my bon - dage, sor - row and night, Je - sus, I come, Je - sus, I come;
2. Out of my shame - ful fail - ure and loss, Je - sus, I come, Je - sus, I come;
3. Out of un - rest and ar - ro - gant pride, Je - sus, I come, Je - sus, I come;
4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Je - sus, I come, Je - sus, I come;

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in - to thy free - dom, glad - ness and light, Je - sus, I come to thee;
in - to the glor - ious gain of thy cross, Je - sus, I come to thee;
in - to thy bless - ed will to a - bide, Je - sus, I come to thee;
9 in - to the joy and light of thy home, Je - sus, I come to thee;

13
out of my sick - ness in - to thy health, out of my want - ing and in - to thy wealth,
out of earth's sor - rows, in - to thy balm, out of life's storms and in - to thy calm,
out of my - self to dwell in thy love, out of dis - pair in - to rap - tures a - bove,
out of the depths of ru - in un - told, in - to the peace of thy shel - ter - ing fold,

out of my sin and in - to thy - self, Je - sus, I come to thee.
out of dis - tress in - to ju - bi - lant psalm, Je - sus, I come to thee.
up - ward for - ev - er on wings like a dove, Je - sus, I come to thee.
ev - er thy glor - i - ous face to be - hold, Je - sus, I come to thee.

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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Music: John Wyeth

Text: Robert Robinson

Arr: Robert W. Thygerson

***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

Faithless Familiarity
Matthew 13:53-58 (Pew Bible, 819, 820)

Dr. John Clayton

***Hymn of Response (Unison)**

Benediction
Trinity Hymnal, 730

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

Christ for the World We Sing

NOTES

Faithless Familiarity

Matthew 13:53-58 (Pew Bible, 819, 820)

I. Introduction

II. Astonished but not Hearing

III. Offended but not Believing

IV. Faithless but not Receiving

And when Jesus had finished these parables, he went away from there, and coming to his hometown he taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said, "Where did this man get this wisdom and these mighty works? Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?" And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and in his own household." And he did not do many mighty works there, because of their unbelief.

- Matthew 13:53-58

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Notice of Congregational Election: There will be a congregational election for the office of Ruling Elder and Deacon on Sunday morning, October 20th, 2019 at 10:45, prior to the worship service. Earlier this year, one candidate was nominated for the office of Ruling Elder, Greg Bailey, and four candidates were nominated for the office of Deacon, Bradley Burgin, Chandler Garrett, Jeremy Good, and Joshua Lochala. All candidates have undergone training, testing, and are approved by the Session for a congregational election. All communing members in good and regular standing are requested to be present to vote in this election. Pending the election, an ordination service will be held on Sunday evening, November 10th at 6:00 p.m.

Women in the Church: Please join us on Thursday, October 10th, at 10:00 a.m. for our next WIC event. We will be "on the mountain" at Karen Fleming's cabin for our annual soup, sandwich & dessert gathering.

ESL: Our English Second Language School meets Monday evenings 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 if you are interested in serving.

Women's Morning Bible Study: Women, please join us as we continue our book study of *God's Mysterious Ways* by Jane Roach. We meet on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Men's Morning Bible Study: Men, please join us as we continue our study of James. We meet on Thursdays at 7:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Nursery Workers:

September 22

Church Service – Lilly Smith & 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 Horne, Deacon
Brian Maurer, Deacon
Steve Rowland, Deacon
Drake Smith, Deacon

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