



# COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 22<sup>nd</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 – September 15th: \$6,838**

**Designated giving: \$524**

**Total giving: \$7,362**

**General fund giving (year-to-date): \$292,205**

**Designated giving (year-to-date): \$6,533**

**Total giving: \$298,738**

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## Lord's Day, September 22nd, 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**

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

**Striking of the Hour**

**Greeting**

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

Psalm 65:1-4

Let us worship God.

**Minister:** *Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed. O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come. When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions. Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!*

\* = Please stand if able.

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

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*  
Trinity Hymnal, 38

**Scripture Reading**

Elder Dr. Jon Hendrickson

*Isaiah 26:3-4*  
*Romans 1:18-32*

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

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

*God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory*  
Trinity Hymnal, 122

**Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

Elder Dr. Jon Hendrickson

**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)**

*Psalm 40* (verses 1-4, 8-9)

1. I wait-ed long up-on the Lord; he stooped and heard my cry. He  
2. And man-y, see-ing me re-stored, will trust the Lord and fear. How  
3. 'To do your will, O Lord my God, is sure-ly my de-light. Your  
5 drew me from de-struction's pit and from the bog-gy mire. He  
blest the man who makes the Lord his trust and ref-uge sure, who  
9 law is deep with-in my heart and pre-cious in my sight." With -  
set my feet up-on a rock, and stead-fast made my ways. He  
turns not to the ar-ro-gant, to those who fol-low lies, to  
13 in your great as-sembly your de-liv-'rance I've pro-claimed; you  
put with-in my mouth a new and joy-ful song of praise.  
those who turn a-way from truth, but on the Lord re-lies.  
know, O Lord, in prais-ing You my lips are not re-strained.

**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, Come Unto Me*  
Music and Lyrics by Ken Dosso  
(Based on Matt. 11:28)

### **\*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 Roger Ayers

**Sermon**

*Evidence of a Depraved Mind*  
Matthew 14:1-12 (Pew Bible, 820)

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**

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

## **NOTES**

*Evidence of a Depraved Mind*  
Matthew 14:1-12 (Pew Bible, 820)

### **I. Irrational Deduction**

### **II. Immoral Devotion**

### **III. Illicit Declaration**

### **IV. Irreverent Dedication**

*At that time Herod the tetrarch heard about the fame of Jesus, and he said to his servants, "This is John the Baptist. He has been raised from the dead; that is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." For Herod had seized John and bound him and put him in prison for the sake of Herodías, his brother Philip's wife, because John had been saying to him, "It is not lawful for you to have her." And though he wanted to put him to death, he feared the people, because they held him to be a prophet. But when Herod's birthday came, the daughter of Herodías danced before the company and pleased Herod, so that he promised with an oath to give her whatever she might ask. Prompted by her mother, she said, "Give me the head of John the Baptist here on a platter." And the king was sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he commanded it to be given. He sent and had John beheaded in the prison, and his head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, and she brought it to her mother. And his disciples came and took the body and buried it, and they went and told Jesus.*

*- Matthew 14:1-12*

## 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.

**Theology Class:** Don Weilersbacher's class will not meet this month but will resume Saturday, October 12th at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**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. 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 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 29

Church Service – Lauren Good & Lindsay Glover

#### October 6

Church Service – Jennifer Burgin & Maddie Burgin

#### October 13

Church Service – Leanna Leraris & Teresa Parker

### 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