



# COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 29<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 – September 22nd: \$4,234**

**Designated giving: \$190**

**Total giving: \$4,424**

**General fund giving (year-to-date): \$296,439**

**Designated giving (year-to-date): \$6,723**

**Total giving: \$303,162**

**Covenant Presbyterian Church of Fort Smith**  
**Lord's Day, September 29th, 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**

*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

**Striking of the Hour**

**Greeting**

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

Psalm 117

Let us worship God.

**Minister:** *Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!*

\* = Please stand if able.

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

*We Gather Together*  
Trinity Hymnal, 363

**Scripture Reading**

Elder Steve Clark

*Exodus 16:1-5, 13-18, 31-34*  
*John 6:29-35*

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

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

*Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts (vs. 1-3)*

1. Je - sus, thou joy changed of lov - ing hearts, thou  
2. Thy truth un - changed hath ev - er stood; thou  
3. We tase thee, O thou liv - ing bread, and  
4. Our rest - less spir - its yearn with for us, thee, where -  
5. O Je - sus ev - er with us, stay, make

5  
fount of life, thou light of men,  
sav - est those that on thee call;  
long to feast up - on thee still;  
e'er our change - ful lot is cast;  
all our mo - ments calm and bright;

9  
from the best bliss that thee earth in - parts we  
to the them that seek thee thou art - good, to  
we drink of thy grace, foun - tain - head, and  
chase when the dark night - cious of smile - we a - way, shed

13  
turn un - filled to thee a - gain.  
them that find thee all in all.  
thirst our souls from thee to fill.  
when our faith can hold thee fast.  
o'er the world thy ho - ly light.

**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)**

Ezra 9:6

*O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift my face to you, my God, for our  
iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has mounted up to the  
heavens.*

**Silent Confession of Sin**

**Assurance of Pardon (Unison)**

Romans 8:1-2

*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For  
the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin  
and death.*

**\*Hymn of Rejoicing (Unison)**

*Psalm 23 (vs. 1, 2, 4, & 5)*



1. The Lord is my shep-herd; no want shall I know. He makes me lie down where the  
2. My wan-der-ing steps he brings back to his way, in straight paths of right-eous-ness  
3. Tho' I walk in death's val-ley, where dark-ness is near, be-cause you are with me, no  
4. In the sight of my en'-mies a ta-ble you spread. The oil of re-joic-ing you  
5. So sure-ly your cov-e-nant mer-cy and grace will fol-low me close-ly in  
green pas-tures grow; He leads me to rest where the calm wa-ters flow.  
mak-ing me stay; And this he has done his great name to dis-play.  
e-vil I'll fear; Your rod and your staff bring me com-fort and cheer.  
pour on my head; my cup o-ver-flows and I'm gra-cious-ly fed.  
all of my ways; I will dwell in the house of the Lord all my days.

**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**

*Be Thou My Vision*  
Trinity Hymnal, 642  
Arr. by Edwin T. Childs  
Brandon Bolin, soloist  
Kim Bolin, piano

### **\*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 Drake Smith

**Sermon**

*True Bread from Heaven*  
Matthew 14:13-21 (Pew Bible, 820)

Dr. John Clayton

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

*Benediction*  
Trinity Hymnal, 730

**Benediction**

Based on Philippians 4:7

**Minister:** *May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God! Amen.

**Postlude**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

## **NOTES**

*True Bread from Heaven*  
Matthew 14:13-21 (Pew Bible, 820)

### **I. Introduction**

### **II. Delivery from Heaven**

### **III. Dependence upon Heaven**

### **IV. Declaration from Heaven**

*Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.*

*- Matthew 14:13-21*

## 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 & Lilly Smith

**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

John Clayton, Teaching Elder

Jon Hendrickson, Ruling Elder

Mike Hudson, Ruling Elder

Greg Magness, Ruling Elder

### Diaconate

Justin Horne, Deacon

Brian Maurer, Deacon

Steve Rowland, Deacon

Drake Smith, Deacon

Roger Ayers, Deacon

Greg Bailey, Deacon

Blain Blaylock, Deacon

Greg Hartman, Deacon

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