



# COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 13th, 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 – October 6th: \$15,765**

**Designated giving: \$180**

**Total giving: \$15,945**

**General fund giving (year-to-date): \$319,004**

**Designated giving (year-to-date): \$7,193**

**Total giving: \$326,197**

**Covenant Presbyterian Church of Fort Smith**  
**Lord's Day, October 13th, 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**

*The Church's One Foundation*

**Striking of the Hour**

**Greeting**

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

Psalm 89:5-7

Let us worship God.

**Minister:** *Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones! For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord? Who among the heavenly beings is like the Lord, a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones, and awesome above all who are around him?*

\* = Please stand if able.

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

*Holy, Holy, Holy!*

Trinity Hymnal, 100 vs. 1, 3, 4

**Scripture Reading**

Elder Greg Magness

*Exodus 3:7-15*

*Galatians 5:16-18, 25*

**Elder:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God.

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

*Psalms 107 vs. 21-32*

1. Let them give thanks un - to the Lord for all His kind-ness shown, and  
2. Some set their sails for o - ceans deep and trad - ed while at sea; they  
3. Their cour - age quick - ly fled a - way for dread - ful dan - ger loomed. They  
4. The qui - et wa - ters made them glad. Their port they safe - ly reached. Then

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for His works so won - der - ful which He to men makes known. And  
saw the great deeds of the Lord, His won - ders in the deep. He  
reeled and lurched like drunk - en men; they knew not what to do. They  
9 let them thank the Lord for all His love and won - drous deeds. Let  
let them of - fer thanks to Him, the sac - ri - fice of praise; His  
gave com - mand, a tem - pest rose, and stirred the might - y sea. The  
cried then to the Lord in grief; He saved them from dis - tress. He  
13 all the con - gre - ga - tion of the peo - ple lift His praise. Ex -  
works let them de - clare a - broad, in songs their voic - es raise.  
ships were lift - ed up on high, then plunged down in the deep.  
stilled the storm. He calmed the waves, and brought the sea to rest.  
tol Him in the coun - cil of the el - ders, give Him praise.

**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 130:1-2

*Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears  
be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!*

**Silent Confession of Sin**

**Assurance of Pardon (Unison)**

Isaiah 53:6

*All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own  
way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

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

*Though Troubles Assail Us*  
Trinity Hymnal, 95

**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**

*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

Music: J. S. Bach

Lyrics: Robert Bridges

Arranger: Hal. H. Hopson

**\*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**

*Walk by Faith*  
Matthew 14:22-33 (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**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

## **NOTES**

*Walk by Faith*

Matthew 14:22-33 (Pew Bible, 820)

### **I. Introduction**

### **II. Witness without Fear**

### **III. Walk by Faith**

### **IV. Worship only God**

*Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."*

*And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."*

*- Matthew 14:22-33*

## Announcements & Upcoming Events

**Community Groups:** Our Community Groups will begin TONIGHT at 5:30 p.m. Community Group locations are: south (Hudson), east (Hendrickson), central (Bailey), and Fellowship Hall (Clayton).

**Notice of Congregational Meeting:** 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.

**Covenant Family Photo:** Our annual family church-wide photo will be following the service on Sunday, October 20th.

**Chili Cook-Off:** Our 6th Annual Chili-Cook Off will be Sunday, October 20th at 4:30 p.m. at Bonanza Park. Please sign up to bring award winning chili, cornbread, or desserts

**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:**

**October 20**

**Church Service** – Patty Hudson & Caroline King

**October 27**

**Church Service** – Denise Hendrickson & Ashton Garrett

**November 3**

**Church Service** – Becky Horne & Hannah Bush

### 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

Roger Ayers, Deacon  
Greg Bailey, Deacon  
Blain Blaylock, Deacon  
Greg Hartman, Deacon

### Diaconate

Justin Horne, Deacon  
Brian Maurer, Deacon  
Steve Rowland, Deacon  
Drake Smith, Deacon