



COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 27th, 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 – October 20th: \$9,083
Designated giving: \$0
Total giving: \$9,083

General fund giving (year-to-date): \$335,141
Designated giving (year-to-date): \$7,323
Total giving: \$342,464

Covenant Presbyterian Church of Fort Smith
Lord's Day, October 27th, 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

How Firm a Foundation

Striking of the Hour

Greeting

***Call to Worship (Responsive)**

Psalm 100
Trinity Hymnal, 821

Let us worship God.

* = Please stand if able.

***Song of Ascent (Unison)**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (Psalm 46)
Trinity Hymnal, 92

Scripture Reading

Teaching Elder Jason Glover

Isaiah 29:13-21
Colossians 2:6-8, 20-23

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Praise (Unison)**

Psalm 119 (vs. 1-3)

1. How blest the blame - less in their way Who from God's law do not de -
2. My wav'-ring heart is now re - solved Thy ho - ly stat - utes to ful -
3. How shall a young man cleanse his way? Let him with care Thy word ob -
4. I with my lips have oft de - clared The judg - ments which Thy mouth has

part, Who, hold - ing fast the word of truth, Seek Him with un - di - vid - ed
fill; No more shall I be brought to shame When I re - gard Thy ho - ly
serve. With all my heart I have Thee sought; From Thy com - mands let me not
shown, More joy Thy tes - ti - mon - ies gave Than all the rich - es I have

heart. Yea, they are kept from paths of sin Who walk in His ap - point - ed
will. To Thee my praise sin - cere shall rise When I Thy right - eous judg - ments
swerve. Thy word I've trea - sured in my heart, That I give no of - fense to
known. I'll on Thy pre - cepts med - i - tate, And have res - pect to all Thy

way; Thy pre - cepts Thou hast giv - en us That we should faith - ful - ly o - bey.
learn; For - sake me not, but be my guide, And from Thy stat - utes I'll not turn.
Thee. Thou, O Je - ho - vah, bless - ed art; Thy stat - utes teach Thou un - to me.
ways. I in Thy stat - utes will de - light, Thy word re - mem - ber all my days.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Teaching Elder Jason Glover

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)

Daniel 9:18b-19a

*For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but
because of your great mercy. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive.*

Silent Confession of Sin

* = Please stand if able.

Assurance of Pardon (Unison)

Romans 5:8

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

***Hymn of Rejoicing** (Unison)

The Church's One Foundation (vs. 1-4)
Trinity Hymnal, 347

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).

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

Break Thou the Bread of Life
Trinity Hymnal, 146
Arr. by Dennis Robert
Handbell ensemble

***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

Voiding the Word
Matthew 15:1-9 (Pew Bible, 820-821)

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

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

NOTES

Voiding the Word

Matthew 15:1-9 (Pew Bible, 820-821)

I. Introduction

II. Confusing Man-made with God-given

III. Confusing Profession with Possession

Then Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, "Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat." He answered them, "And why do you break the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition? For God commanded, 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.' But you say, 'If anyone tells his father or his mother, "What you would have gained from me is given to God," he need not honor his father.' So for the sake of your tradition you have made void the word of God. You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said:

*"This people honors me with their lips,
but their heart is far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."*

- Matthew 15:1-9

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Congregational Meeting, Election, and Minutes: On Sunday, October 20, 2019 at 10:45 a.m., a congregational meeting was held for the purpose of electing church officers. The following were elected:

Greg Bailey, Ruling Elder
Bradley Burgin, Deacon
Chandler Garrett, Deacon
Jeremy Good, Deacon
Joshua Lochala, Deacon

Minutes of the meeting, approved by the Session, are available on the foyer table.

Ordination Service & Reception: An officer ordination service will be held on Sunday evening, November 10th at 6:00 p.m. Following the service, we will have a reception in the Fellowship Hall. This will replace our Community Groups for the month of November.

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 27

Church Service – Patty Hudson & 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

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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