



COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 24th, 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 – November 17th: \$7,542

Designated giving: \$100

Total giving: \$7,642

General fund giving (year-to-date): \$358,242

Designated giving (year-to-date): \$7,453

Total giving: \$365,695

Covenant Presbyterian Church of Fort Smith
Lord's Day, November 24th, 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

God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory

Striking of the Hour

Greeting

***Call to Worship (Minister)**

Psalm 22:27-28, 30-31

Let us worship God.

Minister: *All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him, for dominion belongs to the Lord and he rules over the nations. Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord. They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it!*

* = Please stand if able.

***Song of Ascent (Unison)**

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You
Trinity Hymnal, 156

Scripture Reading

Teaching Elder Jason Glover

Genesis 12:1-3;
Galatians 3:16-18, 24-29

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

***Hymn of Praise (Unison)**

Psalm 67

1. O God, to us show mer - cy, And bless us in Thy grace; Cause
2. O God, let peo - ples praise Thee; Let all the peo - ple sing; Let
3. O God, let peo - ples praise Thee; Let all the peo - ple sing; For

5
Thou to shine up - on us The bright - ness of Thy face; That
na - tions now be joy - ful; Let songs of glad - ness ring; For
earth in rich a - bun - dance To us her fruit will bring. God,

9
so Thy way most ho - ly On earth may soon be known, And
Thou wilt judge the peo - ples In truth and right - eous - ness; And
our own God, will bless us; Yea, God will bless - ing send; And

13
un - to ev - 'ry peo - ple Thy sav - ing grace be shown.
o'er the earth shall na - tions Thy lead - er - ship con - fess.
all the earth shall fear Him To its re - mot - est end.

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)

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)

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

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

Dr. John Clayton

*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

Jesus Shall Reign
Trinity Hymnal, 441

***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 Steve Rowland

Sermon

Let All the People Sing
Matthew 15:29-39 (Pew Bible, 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

Christ Is Coming!

NOTES

Let All the People Sing
Matthew 15:29-39 (Pew Bible, 821)

I. Introduction

II. Need of All People

III. Compassion for All People

IV. Praise from All People

Jesus went on from there and walked beside the Sea of Galilee. And he went up on the mountain and sat down there. And great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute, and many others, and they put them at his feet, and he healed them, so that the crowd wondered, when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled healthy, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they glorified the God of Israel.

Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion on the crowd because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. And I am unwilling to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way." And the disciples said to him, "Where are we to get enough bread in such a desolate place to feed so great a crowd?" And Jesus said to them, "How many loaves do you have?" They said, "Seven, and a few small fish." And directing the crowd to sit down on the ground, he took the seven loaves and the fish, and having given thanks he broke them 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 seven baskets full of the broken pieces left over. Those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children. And after sending away the crowds, he got into the boat and went to the region of Magadan.

-Matthew 15:29-39

Announcements & Upcoming Events

ESL Ministry Christmas Outreach: We would like to give \$15 Wal-Mart gift cards to each of the 10 children that come to our ESL program this year. If you would like to 'adopt' a child and give \$15 towards a card, or if you would like to make a general donation, Nancy will be purchasing the gift cards on Monday, November 25th.

Church Office Closed: The Church office will be closed next week for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Women's Morning Bible Study: Women's Bible Study will not meet this Wednesday.

Men's Morning Bible Study: Men's Bible Study will not meet this Thursday.

Nursery Workers:

November 24

Church Service – Patti Vela Sanchez & Janice Bailey

December 1

Church Service – Josie Taylor & Renee Turner

December 8

Church Service – Jill Rowland & Beth Smith

December 15

Church Service – Hannah Bush & Lilly Smith

December 22

Church Service – Nan Hudson & Maddie Burgin

December 29

Church Service – Sydney Clayton & Judy Sagely

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

Greg Bailey, Ruling Elder

Jon Hendrickson, Ruling Elder

Mike Hudson, Ruling Elder

Greg Magness, Ruling Elder

Diaconate

Roger Ayers, Deacon

Bradley Burgin, Deacon

Blain Blaylock, Deacon

Chandler Garrett, Deacon

Jeremy Good, Deacon

Greg Hartman, Deacon

Justin Horne, Deacon

Joshua Lochala, Deacon

Brian Maurer, Deacon

Steve Rowland, Deacon

Drake Smith, Deacon

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