



COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 29th, 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. White paraments adorn the pulpit and communion table during the celebration of Christmas, Easter, and other festival days to represent the purity of Christ and the joy and peace believers find in Him.

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>

Covenant Presbyterian Church of Fort Smith
Lord's Day, December 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

O Word of God Incarnate

Striking of the Hour

Greeting

***Call to Worship (Minister)**

Hebrews 1:1-3

Let us worship God.

Minister: *Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.*

* = Please stand if able.

***Song of Ascent (Unison)**

Angels, from the Realms of Glory
Trinity Hymnal, 218 vs. 1, 2, 5

Scripture Reading

Teaching Elder Jason Glover

Exodus 40:34-38
Philippians 2:5-11

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

***Hymn of Praise (Unison)**

Psalms 33 vs. 1-9

1. With joy let us sing to the LORD, all you right - eous, for
2. For up - right and true is the word God has spo - ken; the
3. The LORD by his word has cre - a - ted the heav - ens; and
4. So let all the earth and its peo - ple re - vere him, and

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fit - ting it is that the up - right give praise. And
works of the LORD his great faith - ful - ness prove. And
he by his breath made the stars cone to be. The
9 in the LORD's pres - ence with stars awe let them stand. He

skill - ful - ly praise him with harp and with lyre; make
he loves true right - eous - ness, jus - tice and judg - ment; the
depths of the o - cean he heaps up to - geth - er, and
13 spoke, it was done, and con - tin - ues to stand fast; it

mus - ic to God, a new song to him raise.
ends of the earth show the LORD's stead - fast love.
puts in a store - house the waves of the sea.
all was ac - com - plished when he gave com - mand.

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

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)**

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing
Trinity Hymnal, 214

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 and Thanksgiving

Dr. John Clayton

* = Please stand if able.

**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 & Offering

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem
Traditional English melody
Words by Louis F. Benson

***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

The Ultimate Revelation of God
John 1:1-5, 14 (Pew Bible, 886)

Dr. John Clayton

***Hymn of Response (Unison)**

Benediction
Trinity Hymnal, 730

Pastoral 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

See, amid the Winter's Snow

NOTES

The Ultimate Revelation of God
John 1:1-5, 14 (Pew Bible, 886)

I. Introduction

II. A God Who May Be Known

III. A God Who Dwells among Us

IV. A God Who Reveals His Glory

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.
All things were made through him, and without him was not
any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was
the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the
darkness has not overcome it.*

*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we
have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the
Father, full of grace and truth.*

- John 1:1-5, 14

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Office Hours: The church office will be open next week on December 30th and January 2nd.

Daily Bible Reading: Join us in 2020 as we will be using the bible reading plan of 19th Century Scottish Presbyterian minister Robert Murray M'Cheyne. Using this plan, you will read through the Old Testament once and the New Testament and Psalms twice. Copies of the reading plan are available in the sanctuary foyer or in the Fellowship Hall.

Nursery Workers:

December 29

Church Service – Sydney Clayton & Judy Sagely

January 5

Church Service – Angel Hartman & Rebecca Dickens

January 12

Church Service – Lindsay Glover & Lauren Good

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	Justin Horne, Deacon
Bradley Burgin, Deacon	Joshua Lochala, Deacon
Blain Blaylock, Deacon	Brian Maurer, Deacon
Chandler Garrett, Deacon	Steve Rowland, Deacon
Jeremy Good, Deacon	Drake Smith, Deacon
Greg Hartman, Deacon	

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