

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Sunday, November 16, 2008
Eight-thirty and Eleven O'clock in the Morning
Twenty Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

*Let the people engage in silent meditation and prayer
upon entering the sanctuary.*

VOLUNTARY

- “Be Still My Soul” (11:00) arr. C. Dobrinski
Coventry Ringers
“A Thanksgiving Prelude” arr. C. Callahan
Emily Hedgpeth, flute

WORDS OF WELCOME, RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP,
AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Mark E. Diehl
(In order to come to know one another better, and to record your
attendance, you are asked to sign the registry pad in the pew racks and
pass it on to those sitting next to you.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

- Leader: Sing to God a new song,
for God has done marvelous things.
**People: All the ends of the earth
have seen the victory of our God.**
Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord!
Break forth into joyful song, and sing praises!
**People: God judges the world with righteousness.
Let the earth resound with the praise of God!**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 181
“Come Sing To God” *Tune:* Ellacombe
(The congregation is asked to stand when the organist begins the last
line of the introduction.)

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION
“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” (11:00). . . . F. Atkinson
The Covenant Choir
Silent Prayer
Prayer of Confession In Unison
**Gracious and loving God, for the ways that we bury your light
underneath layers of busyness and denial, have mercy. For the
times we fail to recognize your light in the eyes of others, the
hungry, the stranger, the family member, have mercy.**

For the opportunities not taken to share your light with our
children and our parents, our neighbors and our friends, have
mercy. For lives less than all you intend, forgive us, and grant us
your peace. Through the One who came to give us life and life
abundantly, we pray. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison (The Presbyterian Hymnal, page 574)
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Declaration of Pardon

***Congregational Response: *Gloria Patri*. Sung in Unison**
(The Presbyterian Hymnal, Number 579)
**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.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00) Robert W. Henderson
Thomas *Hill* Haughton V, son of Carla and Tommy Haughton

TIME WITH CHILDREN (11:00) Andrew W. Henderson

CHILDREN’S CELEBRATION OF THE WORD (11:00) Lauren Batten

ANTHEM

“Come Today with Jubilant Singing” (8:30). R. Leaf
Come today with jubilant singing, let the sound of praises ring.
Alleluia! Come, let us sing our praise to God. Alleluia!
Jerry Jernigan, tenor

“O When I Sing the Songs of God” (11:00). J. Carter
O when I sing the songs of God, my soul springs up to fly upon the
wind of faith and word to where my treasures lie. The greatest joy my
soul can know is grace sung loud and clear; the message of this match-
less gift is music to the ear. I’ll sing the news throughout the land, and
everywhere I go I’ll tell of God’s redeeming love and of the debt I owe. If
I could spend eternity in endless songs of praise, the years would never
be enough to sing God’s glorious ways.
The Covenant Chorale (grades 9-12)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: John 5:1-9. Pew Bible, NT page 90
Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: “Stand Up and Walk!” Robert W. Henderson

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: 399

“We Walk By Faith and Not by Sight” *Tune:* Dunlap’s Creek

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **In Unison**

We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His Lordship is hidden. The people and systems of the world do not acknowledge his rule. But his Lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.
(From “*A Brief Declaration of Faith*”)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“For the Beauty of the Earth” (8:30). A. Carter
For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies: Father unto thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light: Father unto thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and brain’s delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all the gentle thoughts and mild: Father, unto thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise. For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely giv’n, graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heav’n: Father unto thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

Jerry Jernigan, tenor
Emily Hedgpeth, flute

“With the Voice of Praise and Thanksgiving” (11:00) . . G.F. Handel
For I went with the multitude, and led them out into the house of God. With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, a festal throng keeping holy day.

The Covenant Choir

*DOXOLOGY *Tune:* Lasst Uns Erfreuen

(The congregation is asked to stand with the ministers when the organist begins the Doxology.)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*RECESSIONAL HYMN: 147

“Blessing and Honor” *Tune:* O Quanta Qualia

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (11:00)

“We Go In the Strength of the Lord” J. Taylor

*VOLUNTARY: “Now Thank We All Our God” arr. M. Burkhardt

* Those who are able please stand.
*** The ushers seat latecomers.

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading worship this morning: Bob Henderson, senior minister;
Mark Diehl, associate minister for congregational life and pastoral care;
Drew Henderson, associate minister for mission and outreach ;
Joan Watson, associate minister for Christian education
and spiritual formation (8:30 liturgist);
Stephen Talley, minister of music;
Susan Talley, organist and associate minister of music.

Playing the Carillon (11:00): Molly Savage.

Coventry Ringers: Barbara Balentine, Michael Brown, Mary Parrish Coley, Janet Delery, Robert Gindra, Ariel Gritter, Matthew Isaacs, Trisha Herndon, Danny Sue Kidd, Burton Mackey, Heather Myer, Gail York.

Celebrating the baptism with the Haughton family: grandparents: Joan Corbin of Waynesville, North Carolina; Margaret and Tommy Haughton of Lake Wylie, South Carolina; aunts and uncle: Julie Balcom, Rachel and Jonathan Trull, all of Asheville, North Carolina; cousins: Nicolette Balcom, Joel Balcom, McKenna Trull, Camden Trull, and Alexis Trull, all of Asheville.

Greeters (11:00): Members of the Foundation Class.

Bible Carrier (11:00): Ross Hobson.

Crucifer (11:00): Jane Wiley.

Children’s Celebration of the Word, an optional worship experience for children in grades 1-5, is held during the 11:00 worship service. Children who wish to participate will be escorted to the Chapel following the time with children; they return during the singing of the hymn of response.