

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister
Joan Watson, associate minister
Jen Christianson, pastoral resident
John Richardson, director of traditional music and principal organist
Rob Dicks, assistant director of traditional music
Burton Mackey, carillonneur
Kay Tawney, usher team leader

Audio and Visuals

Cleveland Elam (video & projections), Joe Pool (audio)

Leading Other Services

Jessica Patchett, associate minister
Daniel Heath, contemporary worship leader

Note to Parents: During the school year, Sunday School is offered in the Education Wing for preschool and elementary aged children at 9:30 a.m. Child care will be offered on the First Floor during 11 a.m. services; elementary aged children may go to the Kindergarten room (EW120).

Lenten Worship Banners

Ron Boozer, Anna Ferone, Katherine Roehrig, Anne White, Anne McQuiston, Katherine Richey, Cheryl McLawhorn, Katherine Lawson

The silk banners displayed in the sanctuary were created by members of the worship arts team during a weekend arts retreat with artist Lisle Gwynn Garrity. Working from the scriptures chosen for the six Sundays in Lent, the team collaborated to visually proclaim themes and images found in the scriptures as a whole. In their study, they discerned an overall theme of the duality of sin and grace, highlighting that our journey into the wilderness brings us through valleys that expose the depth of our pain and brokenness, while also guiding us to triumphant peaks where we are transformed by God's grace. Each banner explores different facets of our journey into the wilderness.

WELCOME TO COVENANT

Join us for fellowship and refreshments in the Circle, where today's preaching minister will be glad to greet you. You also may learn more about our life of faith together at our website or on Facebook.

Interested in joining Covenant? We welcome new members every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor, located downstairs in the Sanctuary building. We also welcome new members on the 4th Sunday of each month in the Fellowship Hall Library at 12 p.m.

We offer education and fellowship opportunities in the mornings and evenings for children, youth and adults in the Education Wing and Fellowship Hall. Please see the digital signs for details.

Covenant expects and gladly welcomes many first-time and repeat visitors. By introducing yourself and sharing a warm greeting, you express the hospitality of our congregation. Please share a smile and welcoming word with those around you.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (AS OF APRIL 6)

In Memoriam

Elizabeth W. Boyd
Elder Emerita & Charter Member
August 8, 1927 – March 30, 2017

Death in the Church

The congregation extends its sincere sympathy and love to Elizabeth and Page Stallings, on the death of his mother, and Liza and Clare Stallings on the death of their grandmother, Patsy Edgerton Way of North Myrtle Beach, SC on March 29, 2017 and rejoices with them in the assurance of the resurrection.

Births

Congratulations to Jessica and Seth Strickland (and big brothers Jackson and Alexander) on the birth of their daughter, Avery Ann Strickland, on March 25; and to Amanda and Matt Isaacs (and big sister Emma) on the birth of their son, Benjamin Finley Isaacs, on April 3

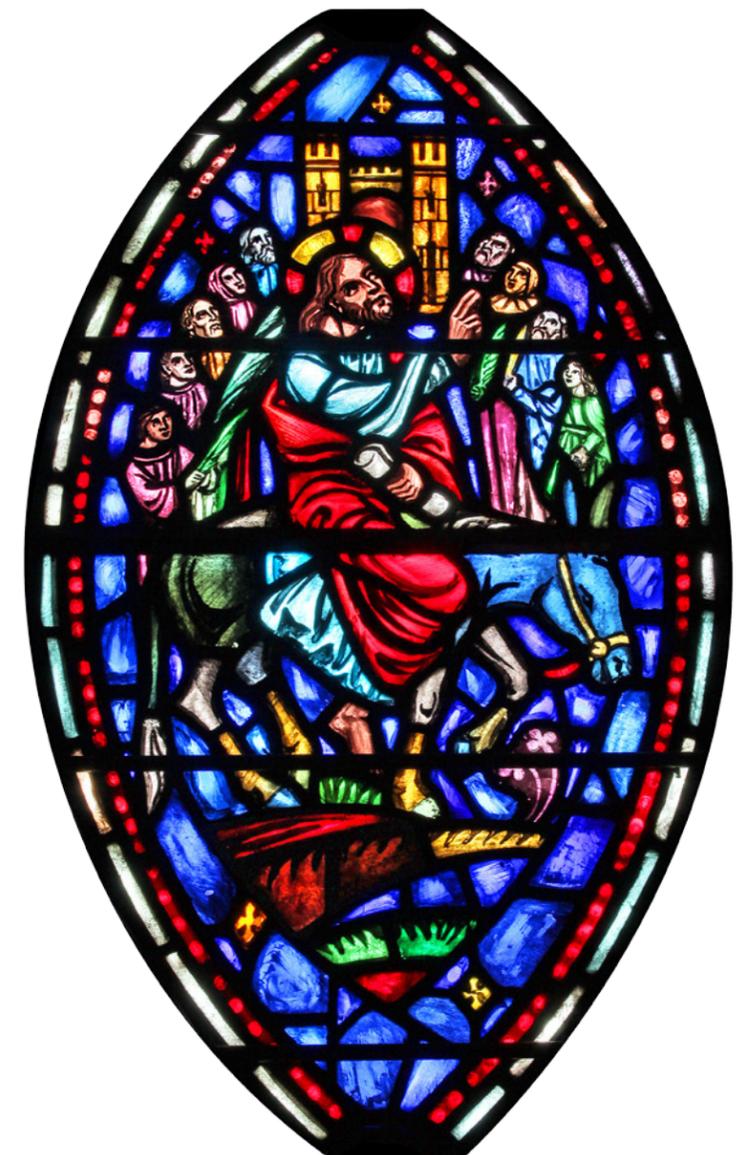
In Need of Healing Prayer

Carlyle Hill, Roy Joslin
Helen King, Katherine Lawson
Arthur Morehead, Amy Sullivan
Bob Taylor

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To the Greater Glory of God
A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017
11 a.m.
SANCTUARY

Covenant Presbyterian is a dynamic Christian community that gladly invites all people into a transformational experience of faith; boldly proclaims the gospel, bravely works toward a whole and just world, and passionately nurtures discipleship.

~ Large print bulletins with hymns ~
are available from the ushers.

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017

11 a.m.

Welcome to Covenant, we are glad you are here.

Children are always welcome in worship. Child care and children's programs (ages 6 weeks to fifth grade) are offered in the Education Wing.

Infant soothing rooms with live video of the worship service are available in the balcony and parlor. See an usher for assistance.

PRELUDE

Solemn Entry R. Strauss

~ Brian Winegardner and Stacey Mills, trumpet, Richard Goldfaden, horn,
Michael Hosford, trombone, Keith Johnson, bass trombone ~

*DOXOLOGY LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 196

All Glory, Laud and Honor VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

CALL TO CONFESSION

Silent Prayer

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Loving God, in the midst of energy and parades,
the laughter of children
and the beautiful chaos of procession, we pause.

We pause to remember that going up to Jerusalem
cost Jesus his very life.

So we come before you to confess
how pious phrases can slip so easily from our lips
yet fall flat in our lives.

Forgive us, we pray, when our faith is shallow
and our following timid.

Turn us round again, we pray, by your Holy Spirit.
May your Spirit be active within us and among us.
May your Spirit open us anew to your faithfulness
and to your freedom.

May your Spirit teach us to live new lives
and to be bearers of the seeds of your good news.
Amen.

* You are invited to rise in body or spirit

Congregational Response 444 (Choir and Congregation)

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive. DETROIT

Forgive our sins as we forgive,
you taught us, Lord, to pray,
but you alone can grant us grace
to live the words we say.

Assurance of Pardon

*Congregational Response

Gloria Patri. GREATOREX

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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANTHEM

Into Jerusalem. A.S. Taranto

Into Jerusalem Jesus came,
Those around him shouted his name,
Humbly he rode on a donkey colt,
To fulfill the promise of long ago.

(refrain)

Hosanna, hosanna, blessed is he,
Who reigns forever the King of kings!
Hosanna, hosanna, blessed is the one,
Who comes in the name of the Lord!

Crowds of people gathered round,
Spreading cloaks upon the ground,
Waving the palm branches that were near,
And praising their King with songs of cheer.

~ *Angelus & Chorister's Choir* ~

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19: 29-40 New Testament, p. 78

SERMON

Everybody Loves a Parade, Until... Bob Henderson

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 198

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! ST. DROSTANE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH. The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the Life everlasting.
Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

OFFERING & OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Messiah: Surely He Hath Borne Our Grievs G.F. Handel

Surely He hath borne our griefs,
and carried our sorrows!
He was wounded for our transgressions,
He was bruised for our iniquities;
the chastisement of our peace was upon Him.

(Isaiah 53:4-5)

~ *The Covenant Choir* ~

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 2 (verse 4)

Come, Thou Almighty King ITALIAN HYMN

To thee, great One in Three,
eternal praises be,
hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity
love and adore.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 826

Lift High The Cross CRUCIFER

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE 826 (refrain only)

Lift High The Cross CRUCIFER

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

*POSTLUDE

Antiphon I M. Dupre

Today's postlude sets the vesper antiphon, "Dum esset Rex." Its text is from the Song of Solomon, "While the king was at his table, my perfume spread its fragrance." Dupre's organ setting is a sonic picture of this poetic scene between a king and his beloved. Large, pungent chords march forward over a thundering bass line in the pedals. This music, like so much music for Palm Sunday, suggests both the regal and the corporal.

