

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister
Grady Moseley, parish associate
Joan Watson, associate minister
John Richardson, director of traditional music and principal organist
Rob Dicks, assistant director of traditional music
Ben Unger, carillonneur
Kay Tawney, usher team leader

Audio and Visuals

Jacob Crain (projections), Cleveland Elam (video),
Dave Welchman (audio)

Leading Other Services

Jen Christianson, pastoral resident
Daniel Heath, contemporary worship leader
Jessica Patchett, associate minister

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the Mills Family

Grandparents: Jo Lynn McComb of Charlotte, Tony and Linda Mills of Greensboro, N.C., Janice Mills of Winston-Salem, N.C., great-aunts: Mary Ostrom of Davenport, Iowa, Sherry Petsel of Black Earth, Wis., Elizabeth Sproston of Athens, Ga., aunts and uncles: Meredith McComb Gibson of St. Petersburg, Fla., Meredith and Spencer Lineback of Winston-Salem. Betty Graybeal stands as Elder with the Mills family.

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the Young Family

Grandparents: Sharon Cuff of Pinehurst, N.C., Steve and Lilly Young of Charlotte; aunts and uncles: John David and Jennifer Cuff, Will and Jaime Cuff of Pinehurst; Tracy Young of Charlotte; cousins: Haley Dick, Carter Cuff, Connor Cuff and Sadie Cuff all of Pinehurst. Ann Gildea stands as Elder with the Young family.

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.

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).

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 MARCH 9)

Birth

Julianna and Taylor French (and big sister Huntley)
on the birth of their daughter, Margaret Elizabeth French, on February 27

In Need of Healing Prayer

Neta Caldwell
Susan Hickok
Carlyle Hill
Roy Joslin
Katherine Lawson
Arthur Morehead
Amy Sullivan
Bob Taylor

This worship service is being streamed via the Internet and video recorded for online viewing.
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To the Greater Glory of God
A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Sunday, March 12, 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

Sunday, March 12, 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

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross A. Shermann

~ Adult Handbell Choir ~

Joy and Delight B. Austin

~ Youth Handbell Choir ~

***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 35**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty LOBE DEN HERREN

CALL TO CONFESSION

Silent Prayer

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you promise us a life full of blessing,
but we do not always believe.

You incite us to hope,
but we fall back in fear.

You urge us to give freely,
but we cling to what we have.

You call us to watch at all times for you,
but we grow lazy and self-absorbed.

Forgive us. Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts,
and keep us alert to the wonders
you work in the world every day.

For the sake of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Congregational Response (*Choir and Congregation*)

Take, O take me as I am.

Summon out what I shall be.

Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Assurance of Pardon

The processional hymn this morning is one of the best from the German Reformed tradition. Joachim Neander's hymn has found its way into many English hymnals since its original German publication. Catherine Winkworth's translation, which our hymnal uses, takes liberties with the German text but preserves its festive meter. The tune, "Lobe den Herren," was used for this hymn when it was first published in 1680. Its triumphant opening gesture and efficient form have made it and its text a lasting contribution to the world of hymns.

*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**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presley June Mills, daughter of Alison and Adam Mills

Smith Whitney Young, son of Sarah and Brent Young

Baptism Response 482 (*Choir and congregation*)

Baptized in Water BUNESSAN

Baptized in water, sealed by the spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
heirs of salvation, trusting the promise,
faithfully now God's praises we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our King;
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praises we sing

ANTHEM

Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands S. Page

Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good for all.

Healing pain and sickness, blessing children small.

Washing tired feet and saving those who fall.

Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all.

Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for you.

Make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do.

Let me watch you, Jesus, til I'm gentle too.

Til my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

~ Choristers & Angelus Choirs ~

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 37:23-28 Old Testament, p. 33

SERMON

Joseph's Journey: 13 Years a Slave Bob Henderson

Sermon Series: Journeys In The Wilderness

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 30**

O God, in a Mysterious Way DUNDEE

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & CONCERNS

* You are invited to rise in body or spirit

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

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy M. Schweizer

(text can be found on page 435 of the hymnal)

~ Youth Chorale ~

***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 815** (verses 1-3)

Give to the Winds Thy Fears FESTAL SONG

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE 815** (verse 4)

Give to the Winds Thy Fears FESTAL SONG

Let us in life, in death,
thy steadfast truth declare,
and publish with our final breath
thy love and guardian care.

***POSTLUDE**

Lobe den Herren W. Wold

