

## THE WORSHIP SERVICE

### Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister  
Jen Christianson, pastoral resident  
Joan Watson, associate minister  
John Richardson, director of traditional music and principal organist  
Rob Dicks, assistant director of traditional music  
Katie Cornwell, carillonneur  
Pat Springs, usher team leader

### Audio and Visuals

Cleveland Elam (projections and video), Linda Hall (sound)

### Leading Other Services

Evan Amo, pastoral resident  
Daniel Heath, contemporary worship leader  
Jessica Patchett, associate minister

### Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the Crockford Family

Sister: Gracie; grandparents: Joe and Sandra Pool, Betty Crockford of Charlotte; great aunt and uncle: William and Nancy Crockford of Charlotte; aunts and uncles: Mark and Anne Crockford, Charles Crockford; cousins: Kathleen and Rachel Franek, Mary and Seth Soria, all of Charlotte. Joe Pool stands as Elder with his granddaughter.

**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 MARCH 23)

### In Memoriam

Joseph E. Franzle  
March 20, 2017

A memorial service will be held this Wednesday in the Chapel at 11:30 a.m.

Susan B. Pearce  
*Elder*

August 16, 1938 - March 23, 2017

### Welcome New Members

Join us in welcoming Ginny and Richard Magrath; Erin and William Miller; Liz and Kirk Ward and their son, Hugh into our church family

### Death in the Church

The congregation extends its sincere sympathy and love to: The family and friends of Joseph Franzle and Susan Pearce; and to Libby and Robert Kotseos on the death of her mother, Dorothy Vail Rucker, of Aiken, S.C. on March 20; and to Sheila and Alec Neisler on the death of her brother, Julie Neisler on the death of her uncle, Robert Wade Hooper of Crystal Beach, Fla. on March 17 and rejoices with them all in the assurance of the resurrection.

### In Need of Healing Prayer

Betty Boyd, Neta Caldwell, Carlyle Hill, Roy Joslin  
Helen King, Katherine Lawson, Arthur Morehead,  
Amy Sullivan, Bob Taylor

You may notice the Sanctuary is dimmer today. We are working to resolve an electrical issue that coincides with our campus-wide conversion to energy-efficient LED lights.

This worship service is being streamed via the Internet and video recorded for online viewing.  
♻️ If you would not like to keep this bulletin, please recycle it in the bins located in the narthex.



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*To the Greater Glory of God*

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 26, 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 23, 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

Improvisation

## \*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 550

*Give Praise to the Lord . . . . . LAUDATE DOMINUM*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Silent Prayer

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Lord, you know who we are.

You know everything we have done.

We thirst for things that will never satisfy us.

We commit ourselves to things that will never last.

We worship things that will never bring salvation.

Still, you offer us the gift of living water.

Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life.

Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water

so that we may never thirst again. Amen.

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

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Hallas "Hallie" Elizabeth Crockford, daughter of Natalie & Mike Crockford

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

## TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 130:1-6 . . . . . Old Testament, p. 542

Liturgist: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.  
Lord, hear my voice!

People: Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my supplications!

Leader: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?

People: But there is forgiveness with you,  
so that you may be revered.

Leader: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;

People: my soul waits for the Lord  
more than those who watch for the morning,  
more than those who watch for the morning.

II Samuel 15:7-13. . . . . Old Testament, p. 276

## SERMON

*Portrait of a Family Crisis: David and Absalom . . . . . Bob Henderson*

Sermon Series: Journeys In The Wilderness

## \*HYMN OF RESPONSE 463

*How Firm a Foundation . . . . . FOUNDATION*

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & CONCERNS

*We know the hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" as set to the well-known tune, "Nettleton." This morning's anthem is an adaption of this hymn, "I Am Bound for the Kingdom" by Mark Hahn. This older, more evangelical version from the "Sacred Harp," replaces the second half of the original verses with the phrase "I am bound for the Kingdom will you go to glory with me?" Hahn's music pays homage to this early, southern American way of singing by emphasizing its pentatonic harmonies and robust acapella singing.*

## 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

*I Am Bound for the Kingdom. . . . . M. Hahn*

Come, Thou fount of ev'ry blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.

I am bound for the Kingdom will you go to glory with me?  
Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

O to grace how great a debtor,  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy goodness like a fetter,  
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.

Prone to wander, Lord I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart Lord,  
Take and seal it for Thy courts above.

~ 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 833 (verses 1-3)

*O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go . . . . . ST. MARGARET*

## \*BENEDICTION

## \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE 833 (verse 4)

*O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go . . . . . ST. MARGARET*

O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
and from the ground there blossoms red  
life that shall endless be.

## \*POSTLUDE

*Allegro . . . . . T. Arne*

\* You are invited to rise in body or spirit