

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister
Evan Amo, pastoral resident
Jen Christianson, pastoral resident
John Richardson, director of traditional music and principal organist
Rob Dicks, assistant director of traditional music
Carolyn Lohr, carillonneur
Betsy Grant, usher team leader

Sound and Visuals

Jacob Crain (projections), Cleveland Elam (video), Linda Hall (sound)

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).

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 NOV. 17)

Baptism Today

(9:30 Sanctuary) Tracey-Ann Scarlett

In Need of Healing Prayer

Neta Caldwell
Elizabeth Holbrook
Susan Hickok
Trish Johnson
Roy Joslin
Louise Lawing
Arthur Morehead
Joan Watson
Carl Williamson – CMC Pineville

Death

The congregation expresses its sincere sympathy and love to LeAnne and Brad Stipp on the death of her mother and to Spencer, Mary Neal, and Mitchell Stipp on the death of their grandmother, Patsy Allen of Apex, NC on November 17 and rejoices with them in the assurance of the resurrection.

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, November 20 , 2016
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, November 20, 2016

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

Petit Prelude J. Jongen

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: We say to our God, "You are our Lord."

People: We have no good apart from our God.

Liturgist: The Lord shows us the path of life.

People: In God's presence there is fullness of joy.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 644

Give Thanks, O Christian People ES FLOG EIN KLEINS

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Silent Prayer

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,
just as your creating Word brought forth all that is,
so you promise to create new heavens and a new earth,
free from injustice, oppression, and brokenness.

Yet even with these promises, we often live in fear and despair.

We let anxiety make a home in our souls
and helplessness take root in our spirits.

Forgive us, God, for our lack of trust, our tepid belief, and our
reluctance to embrace a future dependent entirely on you.

Through Christ, the Risen One, 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

*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

Give Thanks S. Wilson

Angelus and Chorister Choirs
To him who does great wonders,
To him who made the heavens,
To him who formed the earth and seas,
give thanks to him, for he is God.

Give thanks to God for he is good,
his loving kindness endures forever.
Give thanks to God, Give thanks to God,
Give thanks to God for he is good.

To him who made the sunshine,
to him who made the moonlight,
To him who put the stars in place,
give thanks to him, for he is God.

~ *Angelus and Chorister Choirs* ~

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO 3RD GRADERS

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 18:15-17 New Testament, p.19

Romans 16:1-16 New Testament: p. 154

SERMON

The Legacy of Thank You Bob Henderson

Sermon Series: Gratitude

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 730

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God GRAND ISLE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH. From A Declaration of Faith

Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record.

The Bible is the account of God's word and action in history,
together with his people's response in faith.

It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church
towards the kingdom of God,
his just and loving rule over all.

It is the story of the one God,
who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

That story is still unfolding
and in faith we make it our own.

It forms our memory and our hope.

It tells us who we are and what we are to do.

To retell it is to declare what we believe.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & CONCERNS

Only a few weeks ago we heard the spiritual "There is a Balm in Gilead" by William Dawson. Dawson, born in the dusk of the 19th century, saw his work carried into the future by the composer we bear this morning, Moses Hogan. This morning's anthem, "I Want to Thank You, Lord" is not a spiritual, but rather a gospel song. While Dawson and other writers of African American folk inspired music sought to hold onto the integrity of the spiritual, Hogan broke free, borrowing from jazz, blues and gospel traditions to create a new representation. Hogan resurrected African American choral music which by the 1980's had become staid. This morning you hear a rich combination of traditions that create a new sound for the choral medium. Hogan died too early in 2003, from a brain tumor, leaving us with a tremendous body of compositions and a revived tradition that we cherish today.

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 Want to Thank You, Lord M. Hogan

"I want to thank you, Lord, for all you done.

I want to thank you, Lord, for the times of trouble,

Thank you, Lord, for protecting me,

Thank you, Jesus, Oh, for what you've done for me!

You were my friend when I had no friends.

I know on You I can depend.

You've been my mother and father, too.

You've been my sister and brother too."

~ *The Covenant Choir* ~

*DOXOLOGY 606 OLD HUNDREDTH

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

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 761 (verses 1-3)

Called as Partners in Christ's Service BEECHER

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE 761 (verse 4)

Called as Partners in Christ's Service BEECHER

So God grant us for tomorrow
ways to order human life
that surround each person's sorrow
with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living,
our compassion to increase,
messengers of faith, thus giving
hope and confidence and peace.

*POSTLUDE

Processional W. Mathias

