

WELCOME TO COVENANT

Welcome to this service of Word and Sacrament at Covenant Presbyterian Church. The beautiful Morrison Chapel – with its intimate architecture, artful appointments and stunning stained glass windows that tell the “old, old story” – is the setting for this traditional service. With the finest of instruments we raise our voices in praise of God. In the majesty and mystery of worship and the sacraments it is our hope and prayer that all encounter the living Lord.

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.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Birth

Congratulations to Courtney and Daniel Peterson who celebrated the birth of their daughter, Caroline Jane Peterson, on April 9

In Need of Healing Prayer

Carlyle Hill

Roy Joslin

Helen King

Katherine Lawson

Bill Meanor

Arthur Morehead

John Ramsey – CMC Pineville Rehab

(no visitors, please - cards only)

Amy Sullivan

Bob Taylor



To the Greater Glory of God A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Easter Sunday

April 16, 2017

8:45 a.m.

CHAPEL

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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.

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017

8:45 a.m. in the Chapel

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.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Improvisation

CALL TO WORSHIP Luke 24: 1-6

*HYMN OF PRAISE 232

Jesus Christ is Risen Today EASTER HYMN

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

LITANY OF NEW LIFE

Liturgist: O God, our plans and priorities do not always make space for your interruptions.

People: Have mercy on us.

Liturgist: We are accustomed to death and disappointment. We are well acquainted with cynicism and disillusionment.

People: We are slow to believe your good news. We are scarred by false hopes.

Liturgist: We confess our lack of trust, our limited vision, our uneasy comfort with what we know.

People: We believe. Help our unbelief.

Liturgist: O God, you have created us for covenant keeping.

People: You have created us for resurrection spotting.

Liturgist: You have created us to live your Easter good news with everything we've got.

People: Engage and embrace us Lord, and equip us to live as a people shaped by your voice, your hope, your reign. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 245 (verse 4)

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today! LLANFAIR

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!

Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!

Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!

Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Please greet those nearest you with the peace of Christ.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

ANTHEM

Alleluia W. Boyce

~ Covenant Chapel Choir ~

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20: 11-18 New Testament, p. 108

SERMON

"Life as Devious as Death" Bob Henderson

OFFERING & OFFERTORY ANTHEM

La Majesté G.P. Telemann

~ Mark Dulin, trumpet & Rob Dicks, organ ~

SENDING

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 246

Christ Is Alive! TRURO

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Symphony I: Final L. Vierne



* You are invited to rise in body or spirit

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship This Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister

Evan Amo, pastoral resident

Gloria Dalton and Sally Graves, usher team leaders

Kay Tawney, projections

Leading Other Services

Jen Christianson, pastoral resident

Jessica Patchett, associate minister

Joan Watson, associate minister

John Richardson, director of traditional music and principal organist

Rob Dicks, assistant director of traditional music and organist

Daniel Heath, contemporary worship leader

Carolyn Lohr, carillonneur

Cover Image

"The Resurrection" from Covenant's apse window: Jesus steps triumphant from the tomb on Easter morning bearing the wounds of our transgressions, pointing upward to God, and carrying the flag of the Church triumphant. The angel who rolled back the stone appears like lightning. A kneeling soldier on Jesus' left holds the down-turned sword of judgment. The kneeling soldier on Jesus' right hand holds the upright spear of sovereignty symbolizing the transfer of mystical power that occurred with the Resurrection from the dead.