

## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

### Leading worship this morning

Jen Christianson, pastoral resident  
Joan Watson, associate minister  
John Richardson, director of traditional music and principal organist  
Rob Dicks, assistant director of traditional music  
Natasha Johnson, projections  
Hank Stallings, Keith Perry usher team leaders

### Leading other services

Bob Henderson, senior minister  
Jessica Patchett, associate minister  
Daniel Heath, contemporary worship leader  
Burton Mackey, carillonneur

## 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 (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

8:45 a.m.

## CHAPEL

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.



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**A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017  
8:45 a.m.  
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

\*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

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 196  
*All Glory, Laud and Honor..... VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Silent Confession

Unison 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.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*Sung Response 581 (*choir and congregation*)  
*Glory Be To The Father..... GLORIA PATRI*

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.

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*Please greet those nearest you with the peace of Christ*

COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

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 Chapel Singers ~

**THE WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:1-11..... New Testament, p. 21

SERMON

"Lost In The Crowd"..... Jen Christianson

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 826

*Lift High the Cross..... CRUCIFER*

**SENDING**

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE  
*Allegro Maestoso..... F. Peeters*



\* You are invited to rise in body or spirit