

## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

### Leading worship this morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister  
Jen Christianson, pastoral resident  
John Richardson, director of traditional music and principal organist  
Rob Dicks, assistant director of traditional music  
Kay Tawney, projections  
Janet Delery, Pat Springs, usher team leaders

### Leading other services

Evan Amo, pastoral resident  
Katie Cornwell, carillonneur  
Daniel Heath, contemporary worship leader  
Jessica Patchett, associate minister  
Joan Watson, associate minister

## 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 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.

### Baptism Today at Covenant (11 a.m. Sanctuary)

Hallas “Hallie” Elizabeth Crockford,  
daughter of Natalie & Mike Crockford

### In Need of Healing Prayer

Betty Boyd, Neta Caldwell  
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

Sunday, March 26, 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.

**A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

Sunday, March 26, 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 550

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Silent Confession

Unison 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.

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,**

**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

*Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake* . . . . . R. Farrant

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake,

lay not our sins to our charge,

but forgive that is past,

and give us grace to amend our sinful lives.

To decline from sin and incline to virtue,

that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee,

now and evermore.

Amen.

*~ The Chapel Choir ~*

**THE WORD**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalms 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 COMMITMENT 463 (verses 1-3)

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

**SENDING**

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Allegro* . . . . . T. Arne



\* You are invited to rise in body or spirit