

## 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.

**Each Sunday, 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.

## THE WORSHIP SERVICE

### Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister  
Jen Christianson, pastoral resident  
Daniel Heath, contemporary worship leader  
Keven Adams, usher team leader

**Singing:** Amber Brown, Susan Richey, Bill Saunders, Lucy White

**Instrumentalists:** Henry Trexler (bass), Justin Wherry (percussion), Jimmy White (guitars)

**Sound and visuals:** Jacob Crain (projections), Cleveland Elam (video), Dave Welchman (sound)

### Leading Other Services

Evan Amo, pastoral resident  
Rob Dicks, assistant director of traditional music  
Emily Reinicker, carillonneur

*Advent Star* (wood, willow branches, bamboo, vine)

The star installed in the sanctuary was designed and created by members of the Worship Arts Committee. Using non-traditional materials to construct the art piece, the star symbolizes the totality of the Christmas story. The rugged and harsh aspects of the star remind us that Christ's birth was darkened by political unrest, genocide, and homelessness. And yet, the green branches attest to the new life Christ brings. Like the Advent wreath, the star serves as a visual reminder of God's light that shines in a world of darkness.

**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).

## CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (AS OF NOV. 21)

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

Andrew (*Andy*) Wolf McQuiston, son of Corey and Peter McQuiston

James Woodrow (*Woody*) McQuiston, son of Michelle and Warren McQuiston

### Deaths

The congregation expresses its sincere sympathy and love to LeAnne and Brad Stipp on the death of her mother and to Bradley and Christina Stipp, Spencer, Mary Neal, and Mitchell Stipp on the death of their grandmother, Patsy Allen of Apex, NC on November 17; and to

Megan and Kirk Young on the death of her father and to Alexander, Austin and Brooklyn Young on the death of their grandfather, Larry Don Gazzaway of Huntersville, NC on November 19 and rejoices with them all in the assurance of the resurrection.

### 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

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
Sunday, November 27, 2016

9:30 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.

## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 27, 2016 9:30 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.*

### ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

#### Responsive Reading of Scripture

*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus. . . . C. Wesley, D. Webb, et al<sup>1</sup>*

Come Thou long-expected Jesus  
Born to set Thy people free  
From our fears and sins release us  
Let us find our rest in Thee

Israel's strength and consolation  
Hope of all the saints Thou art  
Dear desire of every nation  
Joy of every longing heart

Born Thy people to deliver  
Born a Child and yet a King  
Born to reign in us forever  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring

By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone  
By Thine all sufficient merit  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

#### Welcome & Announcements

### GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

#### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Jenn, Liz and Harlowe Godwin

*\*Build Your Kingdom Here. . . . . Rend Collective<sup>2</sup>*

*\*Prayer of Adoration*

### PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

#### Call to Confession

*While We Are Waiting Come. . . . . C. Cloninger, D. Cason*

*(sung first by Worship Team, followed by congregation)*

While we are waiting come  
While we are waiting come  
Jesus our Lord Emmanuel  
While we are waiting come

#### Prayer of Confession

#### Assurance of Pardon

#### A Time with Young Disciples

#### 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.**

*Cares Chorus . . . . . K. Willard<sup>3</sup>*

*(sung first by Worship Team, followed by congregation)*

I cast all my cares upon you  
I lay all of my burdens  
Down at your feet  
And anytime that I don't know  
What to do  
I will cast all my cares upon you

#### Offering

*People Get Ready. . . . . C. Mayfield<sup>4</sup>*

People get ready there's a train a coming  
You don't need no baggage you just get on board  
All you need is faith to hear diesels humming  
You don't need no ticket you just thank the lord

People get ready for the train to Jordan (to Jordan)  
Picking up passengers from coast to coast  
Faith is the key open the doors and board them  
There's room for all of the loved and lost

There's plenty room for the hopeless sinner  
God sent God's just to save his own  
Have pity on those whose chances are thinner  
Cause there's no hiding place from the kingdom's throne

### GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

#### Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 32:1-3, 6-15 . . . . . Old Testament, p. 692

#### Sermon

The Miracle of 34<sup>th</sup> Street. . . . . Bob Henderson  
Sermon Series: Advent – Hope

*\*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus. . . . . C. Wesley, D. Webb, et al<sup>1</sup>*

### GO IN GOD'S NAME

#### \*Invitation and Benediction

*\*Jesus O What A Wonderful Child . . . . . K. Bible, T. Fettke<sup>5</sup>*

\* You are invited to rise in body or spirit