

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Grady Moseley, interim minister of congregational life, pastoral care
Ian Clark, pastoral resident
Bob Henderson, senior minister
Heather Potter, director of traditional music
Robert Dicks, associate director of traditional music & organist
Kenney Potter, choral conductor
Sarah Summers, organ scholar
Emily Reinicker, carillonneur
Pat Springs, usher team leader

Audio and Visuals

Kay Tawney (video, visuals), Dave Welchman (audio)

Leading Other Services

Jason Graffis, director of contemporary worship and arts
Julia Watkins, pastoral resident

The Flowers in the Sanctuary

Given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Emily Danuta Brzozowicz and Brett Allen Jackson, yesterday at Covenant.

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the Allen Family

Sister: Madison; great grandparents: Anne and Robert Hopkins of Cincinnati, OH; grandparents: Ross Allen, Alison Allen, Christine Patterson, all of Charlotte; great aunt: Jane Arey of Concord, NC; aunts and uncles: David and Sara Patterson, Mary Anne Allen and Ethan Smith, all of Charlotte; cousins: Remy Patterson and River Patterson of Charlotte. Amy Hunter stands as elder with the Allen family.

Cover Image

Job, Where is Thy Hope? is located in the Sanctuary on the east nave in the second window from the narthex entrance. Job, his holiness indicated by a rose nimbus, sits among ashes to scrape loathsome sores from his head to his toe with a broken piece of pottery. His closest family attacks his faith in God. Three friends, Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar, surround him in silence. Job curses the day he was born and his friends begin to dispute his righteousness because of his misery, their conclusions colored by the tyranny of the normal, our propensity to find fault. The image is framed by two offset squares forming an octagon. The square is an Augustinian geometrical symbol for Christ. The octagon is midway between the square of the incarnate God and the circle of Eternity, used throughout Covenant's sanctuary for renewal in Christ. Reference: Job 2:11-13; Tobit 2-3. Photo © 2011 JonSilla.com.

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 is 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.

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 in each building for details.

Covenant expects and gladly welcomes many first-time and repeat visitors. By introducing ourselves and sharing a warm greeting, we express the hospitality of our congregation. Please share a smile and welcoming word with those around you.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (AS OF APRIL 25)

New Members

We welcome Nicole Brantley, Wendy Joyner, and Mollie Wickard into our church family.

Additional Baptisms Today at Covenant

(9:30 Sanctuary)

Madeleine "Maddie" Olivia Green, daughter of Jordan and Mike Green
James Randal Ripple, son of Mary Ripple and Gray Visco

Deaths in the Church Family

The congregation extends its sincere sympathy and love to Kelly Zellars and Henry Trexler on the death of her mother, Peggy M. Reid, on March 31; and to Anita and Gale Pendergraph on the death of his sister, Doris Baird, on April 16, and rejoices with them all in the assurance of the resurrection.

In Need of Healing Prayer

Judy Gaffney, Lamont Hudson, Frank Mansfield, Lillian Neal, Helen Neubauer, Susan Richards, Gale Pendergraph, Polly Smith, Bob Taylor, Robert M. Taylor, Barbara White

This service is being streamed live and recorded for online viewing at media.covenantpresby.org.

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To the Greater Glory of God
A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Sunday, April 28, 2019
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.

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday, April 28, 2019

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

Tocatta in C Major J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 409

God is Here ABBOT'S LEIGH

CHILDREN OF THE COVENANT

Hymn 306 (*seated, verses 1-2*)

Blest Be the Tie That Binds DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

Before our Maker's throne
we pour our ardent prayers.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

CALL TO CONFESSION 795 (*choir and congregation*)

Healer of Our Every Ill M. Haugen

Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

Silent Prayer

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Our souls are punctured, O Lord...
deflated when we consider how great your love is for us
and how undeserving at times we feel about ourselves.
There are times when our imperfections and gaffes
hook us into believing our souls are irreparable
and our hearts are unmalleable.
But your word tells us your steadfast love for us
never ceases and that your mercies never end.
They are new every morning – even this morning.
Thanks be to you, O Lord,
who lifts our hearts and inflates our souls
with a love that will not let us go. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Congregational Response 755 (*choir and congregation*)

Alleluia! Laud and Blessing WIESE FLAGGEN

Alleluia! Laud and blessing to our God whose word is sure;
by whose grace we find redemption,
in whose love we live secure.
Righteousness and rich compassion
shall attend us all our days,
may God's promise to be faithful
echo thorough our songs of praise!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Nora Kate Allen, daughter of Carrie and Chris Allen

Baptism Response 482 (*Choir and congregation*)

Baptized in Water BUNESSAN

Baptized in water, sealed by the spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King,
heirs of salvation, trusting the promise,
faithfully now God's praises we sing.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Along For The Ride" (Job 2:11-13) Grady Moseley

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 694

Great God of Every Blessing AURELIA

STEPHEN MINISTRY COMMISSIONING

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & CONCERNS

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

My God is a Rock arr. A Parker. and R. Shaw

My God is a rock in a weary land, shelter in a time of storm.

Stop and let me tell you 'bout the Chapter One
when the Lord God's work was just begun.
Stop and let me tell you 'bout the Chapter Two
when the Lord God's written his Bible through.
Stop and let me tell you 'bout the Chapter Three
when the Lord God died on Calvary.

My God is a rock in a weary land; shelter in a time of storm.

Stop and let me tell you 'bout the Chapter Four
when the Lord God visit among the poor.
Stop and let me tell you 'bout the Chapter Five
when the Lord God brought the dead alive.
Stop and let me tell you 'bout the Chapter Six:
he went to Jerusalem and healed the sick.

My God is a rock in a weary land; shelter in a time of storm.

Stop and let me tell you 'bout the Chapter Seven,
died and ris'en and went to heav'n.

Stop and let me tell you 'bout the Chapter Eight,
John see him standing at the golden gate.

Stop and let me tell you 'bout the Chapter Nine,
Lord God turned the water to wine.

Stop and let me tell you 'bout the Chapter Ten:
John says he's coming in the world again.

Oh my Jesus. I know he is a rock in a weary land;
shelter in a time of storm.

~ Donald Holland, Baritone ~

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 712

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought FOREST GREEN

In gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best today,
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life's way.
O God who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ your Son,
help us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 691 (*verses 1-3*)

Lord, When I Came Into This Life LAND OF REST

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE 691 (*verse 4*)

Lord, When I Came Into This Life LAND OF REST

So help me in my unbelief
and let my life be true:
feet firmly planted on the earth,
my sights set high on you.

POSTLUDE

Arrival of the Queen of Sheba G.F. Handel

