

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister
Joan Watson, associate minister
Evan Amo, pastoral resident
John Richardson, director of traditional music and principal organist
Rob Dicks, assistant director of traditional music
Carolyn Lohr, carillonneur
Pat Springs, usher team leader

Audio and Visuals

Jacob Crain (projections), Cleveland Elam (video),
Joe Pool (audio)

Leading Other Services

Jessica Patchett, associate minister
Jen Christianson, pastoral resident
Daniel Heath, contemporary worship leader

The Flowers in the Sanctuary

Given to the glory of God and in honor of Molly Brooke Cornwell
by her family

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the Allen Family

Grandparents: Christine Patterson, Ross and Maile Allen, Alison Allen, all of Charlotte; great aunt and uncle: Jane and Tim Arey of Concord, N.C.; aunts and uncles: David and Sara Patterson, Mary Anne Allen, Thomas Allen, all of Charlotte; second cousin: Alex Arey of Concord; cousins: Remy Patterson, River Patterson, Brayden Allen, Quin Allen, all of Charlotte. Great grandparents: Anne and Bob Hopkins, of La Quinta, Calif. participate via the Internet. Katie Raborn stands as Elder with the Allen family.

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the Cornwell Family

Great-grandparents: Ilease Brackett Cornwell of Charlotte, Jim Milner of Rome, Ga., Marion Faye Spearman of Newberry, S.C.; grandparents: Molly and Bill Spearman of Saluda, S.C., Brooke and Steve Cornwell of Charlotte; aunts and uncles: Mitchell Spearman of Pasadena, Calif., Allison and Bo Moss of Charlotte; cousins: Parker Moss and James Moss of Charlotte; great-aunt and -uncle: Jean and Dick Cornwell and cousins: Melissa, Brad, and Paige Christmann, Stephen and Catherine Philpott, all of Charlotte; cousins: Glenn and Megan Milner, Scott Milner, all of Charlotte; visiting family friends: Florence Belser of Summerton, S.C., Beth Phibbs of Columbia, S.C., Susie Westrup of Washington, D.C., and the Bowman family and LaSean McClain, all of Charlotte. Mary Clare Bracey stands as Elder with the Cornwell family.

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).

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.

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.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (AS OF FEB. 23)

New Members

Join us in welcoming Mike Anderson,
Rye and Tracy Barcott (and children, Sage and Charlotte)
into our church family

Birth

Congratulations to Mary & John Schuller who celebrated the birth of their daughter, Evelyn Knight Schuller on February 15

In Need of Healing Prayer

Neta Caldwell
Susan Hickok
Carlyle Hill
Roy Joslin
Arthur Morehead
Amy Sullivan
Bob Taylor

This worship service is being streamed via the Internet and video recorded for online viewing.
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To the Greater Glory of God
A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Sunday, February 26, 2017
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.

~ Large print bulletins with hymns ~
are available from the ushers.

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday, February 26, 2017

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

Allemande J.S. Bach

~ Rob Dicks, piano ~

Fugue in G minor (The Little). J.S. Bach

~ Suzanne Harmon, cello; Keith Hernandez, clarinet; John Richardson, piano;

Emily Schauer, flute ~

***DOXOLOGY** LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 756**

O God of Every Nation. LLANGLOFFAN

CALL TO CONFESSION

Silent Prayer

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Gracious One, we confess we have sinned against you in thought word and deed.

We fail to focus on all that is good; we speak in tones strident and sharp; and our behavior often serves to divide and favor.

Forgive our broken ways, we pray. Allow us to be re-shaped by grace, rooted in love, and active in service, all after the pattern of your son, who came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life. Amen.

Congregational Response (*Choir and Congregation*)

Take, O take me as I am.

Summon out what I shall be.

Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Assurance of Pardon

* You are invited to rise in body or spirit

*Congregational Response

Gloria Patri. GREATOREX

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.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Madison Elizabeth Allen, daughter of Carrie and Chris Allen

Molly Brooke Bracket Cornwell, daughter of Katie

and Lee Cornwell

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.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ our King; one with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praises we sing

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

ANTHEM

God Be in My Head. W. Davies

God be in my head and in my understanding.

God be in mine eyes and in my looking.

God be in my mouth and in my speaking.

God be in mine heart and in my thinking.

God be at my end and in my departing.

~ The Covenant Choir ~

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4:8-9 New Testament, p. 187

SERMON

Sticks and Stones May Break My Bones, But... Bob Henderson

Sermon Series: Partial Truths – Faith Beyond Cliché

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 457**

How Happy Are the Saints of God WAREHAM

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**. The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the Life everlasting. Amen.

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

A Prayer of St. Patrick. J. Rutter

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ above me, Christ beneath me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

~ The Covenant Choir ~

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 394**

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation. WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one: one in might and one in glory while unending ages run!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***RECESSIONAL HYMN 722** (verses 1-4)

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak CANONBURY

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE 722** (verse 5)

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak CANONBURY

O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and where until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.

***POSTLUDE**

Voluntary in G H. Heron