

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Jen Christianson, pastoral resident; Bob Henderson, senior minister
Joan Watson, associate minister
Robert Dicks, associate director of traditional music and organist
Emily Reinicker, carillonneur; John Longshore, usher team leader

Leading Other Services

Jason Graffis, director of contemporary worship and arts
Jessica Patchett, associate minister

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the Del Sordo Family

Parents: Emma Jean "Jeanie" and Jeffrey Del Sordo; grandparents: Irma and Dennis Del Sordo of Bernardsville, NJ; aunt and uncle: Tammy Sue and William James Hunter, Jr and cousins: Hope and Holly Hunter of Charlotte. **Participating online:** Sister: Cassidy Ondalee Clements of Denver; grandmother: Peggy J. Hunter of Charlotte; great aunt and uncle: Carol and Doug Bassett of Charlotte, Denise Brandes and Michael Brandes of Bernardsville, Dora and Steve Del Sordo of Hillsborough, NJ, Patricia Ann Hucks of Charlotte; cousins: Ashley Hucks of Charlotte, Axel and Ella Brandes of Bernardsville, Emily, Ryan, and Evan Del Sordo of Hillsborough.

QUEST CLASS OF 2018

With guidance from middle school youth director Perrin Tribble, leader Mary Kate McAlister, and a team of adult mentors, this group of eighth-graders was examined by the Session on May 7 and approved for membership in Covenant Presbyterian Church. As they embrace the body of Christ and the community of our congregation, their parents would like to congratulate them on the work they have done to prepare for today and express their sincere appreciation to the mentors for their commitment and involvement with our youth:

John Balas (mentor: Kerry Hamilton), Walden Becker (Nik Van Nort), Joseph Borrelli (Austin Flynn), Elsie Currie (Jordan Schriefer), Sydney Del Sordo (Kate Carter), Sophia Farrell (Tricia Smith), Doug Grubbs (Evan Kluttz), Ben Kluttz (Bill Keith), Cate Kozlowski (Christi Pringle), Sydney Locke (Jenn Farrell), Ben Moore (Doug Bacon), Alex Naper (Ron Boozer), Stella Ray (Lynne Masonis, Alyssa Smith (Mary Kate McAlister), Walton St. Onge (Philip James, Tobias Svane-From (Alan Morrow)

QUEST COUNCIL

Tricia Smith, Stephanie Kluttz, Evan Kluttz

Cover Image: *Tongues of Fire* is located in the chapel apse on the east side. In fulfillment of the risen Lord's promise of a baptism by fire to receive God's power, the Holy Spirit, symbolized as a dove with tri-radiant nimbus, descends spreading rays of light to fill the disciples and Mary, the mother of Jesus, as tongues of fire dance on their heads, each person nimbed to indicate holiness. The medallion frame may symbolize the chancel and apse of the newly formed Church, a diamond overlaying the frame to convey the courage of those in the room in Jerusalem that day. Reference: Acts 1, 2. Photo © 2012 JonSilla.com. Used with permission.

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 (EW room 120).

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.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (AS OF MAY 17)

In Memoriam

Seddon "Rusty" Goode Jr.
January 7, 1932 – May 14, 2018

Roy Howard Joslin
October 6, 1951 – May 12, 2018

Mary Nisbet Purvis – Charter Member
July 26, 1932 – May 9, 2018

The congregation extends its sincere sympathy and love to Genie White and her family on the death of her sister, Mary Purvis, on May 9; and to Patricia Joslin and her family on the death of her husband, Roy Joslin, on May 12; and to

David Pitser and Alice Richey and their families in the death of his stepfather, Jacob "Jake" Charles Barnhardt Jr., on May 12; and to

Martha and David Isaacs and their family in the death of her stepmother, Donna Spencer McClary, on May 3; and to

The family of Rusty Goode who died on May 14, 2018; and rejoices with them all in the assurance of the resurrection.

Welcome New Members

Please join us in welcoming Katie and Barrett Brown into our church family

Additional Baptism Today at Covenant (9:30 Sanctuary)

Andrew Finn Ramsey, son of Natalie and Ryan Ramsey

Birth

Meg and Jace Hunter (and big sister Evelyn) who celebrated the birth of their daughter, Nora June Hunter, on May 7

In Need of Healing Prayer

Neta Caldwell, Lou Crites, Lamont Hudson, Rick Lawson
Mary Jane Ramsey, Bob Taylor, Barry Thackston
Laura Weaver (cards only), Barbara White

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To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND CONFIRMATION

Sunday, May 20, 2018

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, May 20, 2018

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

Hymn S. Gindra

Fugue in D Major J.S. Bach

CHORAL INTROIT

Wa wa wa Emimimo Traditional Nigerian

(sung in Yoruba)

Come, O Holy Spirit, come

Come, almighty Spirit, come

Come!

~ Covenant Choir ~

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty LOBE DEN HERREN

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Silent Prayer

Corporate Prayer of Confession. . . from *Book of Common Worship*

Almighty God,
you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples
creating bold tongues, open ears,
and a new community of faith.

We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us.

We do not listen for your word of grace,

speak the good news of your love,

or live as a people made one in Christ.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit,
and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people,
doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

This morning's introit comes to us from Nigeria, specifically the Yoruba tribe. Yoruba is a tonal language with three pitch levels indicated by diacritical marks. At least one diacritical mark is used in each syllable of a word. Simply changing a mark can change the meaning of a word. "Wa" is the imperative form of the verb "to come." Adding an "o" on the end of the verb doubles its strength. "Wa wa wa" is an invocation for the Holy Spirit. The imperative form of the verb indicates that it is a petition for the Holy Spirit to be present and bless all that transpires in the liturgy. The song is to be repeated until all have "captured the Spirit."

* You are invited to rise in body or spirit

Congregational Response 543 *Oh Christ, Surround Me*



God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

Assurance of Pardon

*Congregational Response 240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks ALLELUIA NO. 1

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

ANTHEM

All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name K. McChesney

~ Covenant Ringers ~

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 1:6-9; 2:1-18 New Testament, p. 111

SERMON

"Peter, the Promise, and a Spirit of Power" Jen Christianson

Sermon Series: Gone Fishin' – A Study of Simon Peter

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 289

On Pentecost They Gathered MUNICH

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.

Today's offertory anthem was written in 1946 by William L. Dawson (1899-1990). Dawson received his master's degree from American Conservatory of Music and taught at the Tuskegee Institute from 1931-1956. Dawson is credited with developing the Tuskegee Institute Choir into an internationally renowned ensemble. Dawson contributed to both orchestral and choral literature but he is best known for his arrangements and variations on spirituals. The Jordan River is likely a metaphor for deliverance and salvation and the transition to Heaven. As well, the "one train" might be referencing the Underground Railroad and the escape to freedom, a message intended to comfort those enduring slavery.

OFFERING & OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit W. Dawson

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray;
Yes, ev'ry time I feel the spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray.
Upon the mountain my Lord spoke.

Out His mouth came fire and smoke; Looked all around me,
it looked so fine, 'til I asked my Lord if all was mine.

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray;
Yes, ev'ry time I feel the spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray.
Jordan river is chilly an' cold. It chills the body, but not the soul;
There ain't but one train upon this track.
It runs to heaven an' right back.

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray;
Yes, ev'ry time I feel the spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray.

~ Covenant Choir, Jarret Taylor and Quinton Busch, soloists ~

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

Presentation of Confirmands. Perrin Tribble

Public Professions of Faith

Sacrament and Confirmation of Baptism

Sydney Bryanne Del Sordo Elder, Kate Carter

Nicholas Liam Del Sordo

Emma Jean "Jeanie" Del Sordo

Presentation of Crosses

Eternal Life O. Dungan

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,

To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

~ Christopher Cameron Smith, tenor ~

Charge to the Members

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 298

Lord, You Give the Great Commission ABBOT'S LEIGH

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE 14 (verse 5)

For the Beauty of the Earth. DIX

For thyself, best gift divine, to the world so freely given;

For that great, great love of thine, peace on earth
and joy in heaven:

Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

*POSTLUDE

Improvisation on Veni Creator. R. Dicks