

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading worship this morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister
Ian Clark, pastoral resident
Heather Potter, director of traditional music
Robert Dicks, associate director of traditional music & organist
Kenney Potter, choral conductor
Kay Tawney, visuals
Alan Atwell, Blaine Sanders, usher team leaders

Leading other services

Jason Graffis, director of contemporary worship and arts
Grady Moseley, interim minister of congregational life, pastoral care
Julia Watkins, pastoral resident
Burton Mackey, carillonneur

Cover Image

The Phoenix Resting in the Palm Tree is located on the west nave of the Chapel at the top of the window nearest the narthex entrance. The phoenix, illuminated by the Star of David, and the palm tree affirmed the resurrection of Christ and the triumph of life over death to 1st Century Christians by the syncretism of early Christianity with the Hellenized Egyptian and Roman cultures in which Christianity developed. Although criticized for incorporating incompatible ideas, syncretism that embraces the universal and respects particularity reduces religious tension and promotes mutual understanding and acceptance of the Other. The German Jewish philosopher Martin Buber describes an I-Thou relation that does not objectify, but welcomes the stranger as neighbor and brings us closer in relationship to God. Reference: Lev. 19:34; Deut. 10:19; Job 29:18; Ps. 92:12; Gal. 3:28; Heb. 13:2; et al. Photo © 2017 Jonsilla.com.

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.

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.

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 APRIL 18)

Welcome New Members

Please welcome Brian Happell; and Rick and Ashley Thurmond and daughter, Molly, into our church family.

Death in the Church Family

The congregation extends its sincere sympathy and love to Anita and Gale Pendergraph on the death of his sister, Doris Baird, on April 16, and rejoices with them in the assurance of the resurrection.

In Need of Healing Prayer

Judy Gaffney
Lamont Hudson
Frank Mansfield
Lillian Neal
Helen Neubauer
Polly Smith
Bob Taylor
Robert M. Taylor
Barbara White



To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019

8:45 a.m.

CHAPEL

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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

Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019
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 on "O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing"

CALL TO WORSHIP Luke 24:1-6a

*HYMN OF PRAISE 232

Jesus Christ is Risen Today EASTER HYMN

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

EASTER AFFIRMATION

Liturgist: The desert will sing and rejoice

People: And the wilderness blossom with flowers:

Liturgist: All will see the Lord's splendor

People: See the Lord's greatness and power.

Liturgist: Tell everyone who is anxious:

People: Be strong and don't be afraid:

Liturgist: The blind will be able to see:

People: The deaf will be able to hear:

Liturgist: The lame will leap and dance:

People: Those who can't speak will shout.

Liturgist: They will hammer their swords into ploughs

People: And their spears into pruning-knives;

Liturgist: The nations will live in peace;

People: They will train for war no more.

Liturgist: This is the promise of God;

People: God's promise will be fulfilled.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Sung Response (*verse 1, choir and congregation*)

The Strife is O'er VICTORY

The strife is o'er, the battle done;

the victory of life is won;

the song of triumph has begun.

Alleluia!

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Please greet those nearest you with the peace of Christ

COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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

This Joyful Eastertide C. Wood

This joyful Eastertide away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.
Had Christ that once was slain ne'er burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain; but now hath Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen, arisen.

My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber:
till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.
Had Christ that once was slain ne'er burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain; but now hath Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen, arisen.

Death's flood hath lost his chill, since Jesus cross'd the river:
lovers of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.
Had Christ that once was slain ne'er burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain; but now hath Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen, arisen.

~ Chapel Choir ~

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1-18 New Testament, p. 108

SERMON

It's About The "Why?" Bob Henderson

ANTHEM

Gavotte T. Arne

~ Trent Steelman, trumpet ~

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 248

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna HYMN TO JOY

SENDING

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Symphony No. 5; Toccata C.M. Widor



* You are invited to rise in body or spirit