

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 25)

New Members

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

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

(11:00 Sanctuary)

Nora Kate Allen, daughter of Carrie and Chris Allen

Wedding

Congratulations to Emily Danuta Brzozowicz and Brett Allen Jackson, who celebrated the occasion of their marriage yesterday at Covenant.

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



To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 28, 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

Sunday, April 28, 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE 409

God is Here ABBOT'S LEIGH

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Silent Confession

Unison 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

*Sung Response 755 (*choir and congregation*)

Alleluia! Laud and Blessing WIESSE 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!**

*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

"Ich folge dir Gleichfalls" from St. John Passion J.S. Bach

I follow you with joyful steps
and do not leave you: my life, my light.
Bring me on my way and do not cease to pull,
push and urge me on.

~ Sarah Summers, soprano, Erinn Freschette, flute ~

THE WORD

SERMON

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

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 691

Lord, When I Came Into This Life LAND OF REST

SENDING

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Arrival of the Queen of Sheba G.F. Handel



* You are invited to rise in body or spirit

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading worship this morning

Grady Moseley, interim minister of congregational life,
pastoral care
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
Janet Delery, Pat Springs, usher team leaders

Leading other services

Bob Henderson, senior minister
Julia Watkins, pastoral resident
Jason Graffis, director of contemporary worship
and arts
Emily Reinicker, carillonneur

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.