

## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

### Leading worship this morning

Ian Clark, pastoral resident  
Julia Watkins, 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

Bob Henderson, senior minister  
Jason Graffis, director of contemporary worship and arts  
Jessica Patchett, associate minister  
Katie Cornwell, carillonneur

### Cover Image

*The Promise of the Holy Spirit* is located in the Chapel on the east apse. Radiant light descends from the dove as a symbol of the Holy Spirit, our Advocate. The dove wears a nimbus to indicate holiness and is contained within a trinitarian symbol. The entire medallion is framed within the shape of a dove, the wings and head of which include additional trinitarian symbols. In tradition, the fleur-de-lis symbol includes a band joining the members of the Trinity together by the humanity of Mary, the Virgin Mother of God through whom God's entrance into the world was made known. But the peace of Christ is not that peace given as the world gives. Reference: John 14: 25-31. Photo © 2012 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 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 DECEMBER 13)

### Death in the Church

The congregation extends its sincere sympathy and love to Chad and Dana Dawson and their family on the death of her father, Allan Bruce Cox, on December 6, and rejoices with them in the assurance of the resurrection.

### In Need of Healing Prayer

Judy Gaffney  
Edna Hamilton  
Lamont Hudson  
Frank Mansfield  
Mary Nell McPherson  
Lillian Neal  
Helen Neubauer  
Bob Taylor  
Barbara White



*To the Greater Glory of God*

## A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 16, 2018

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, December 16, 2018

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

Der Tag, Der ist so Freudenrich. . . . . J.S. Bach

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Angels From the Realms of Glory* . . . . . REGENT SQUARE

All creation join in praising  
God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
Evermore your voices raising  
to the eternal Three in One.

Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ the Promised One.

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Silent Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, Be patient with us,  
for we struggle to see.  
You promise that swords will be beaten into plowshares,  
but we see little peace.  
You promise that even the trees will clap their hands,  
but we see little joy.  
You promise that the lion will lie down with the lamb,  
but we see little hope.  
In a world filled with recalcitrant problems,  
we look for powerful answers.  
We forget that you are the one who comes as a baby,  
laid in a manger, salvation wrapped up in swaddling cloth,  
nothing special, and everything we need.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*Sung Response (*choir and congregation*)

*On Christmas Night All Christians Sing* . . . . . SUSSEX CAROL

When sin departs before God's grace,  
then life and health come in its place;  
When sin departs before God's grace,  
then life and health come in its place.  
"Glory to God in highest heaven,  
peace on earth and goodwill. Amen!"

\*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.

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Stewardship Update . . . . . Lecia and Steve Shockley

OFFERING & OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Prepare the Royal Highway* . . . . . arr. C. Moglebust  
~ *Covenant Bell Ensemble, Candace Scott, oboe,* ~  
~ *Dan Hays, Rob Dicks, percussion* ~

**THE WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:25-31 . . . . . New Testament, p. 103

SERMON

"Not As The World Gives" . . . . . Ian Clark  
Sermon Series: What Are You Waiting For?

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 136

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain* . . . . . GO TELL IT

**SENDING**

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Noël X.* . . . . . L Daquin



\* You are invited to rise in body or spirit