

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
Nancy Sutton, Alan Kuester, usher team leaders

Leading other services

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

Cover Image

The Apocalypse of Matthew is located in the Chapel gallery, the uppermost medallion of which refers to Ephesians 5:2, "...be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." The entire window illustrates six scenes from Matthew 24:31-40: Feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, caring for the sick, and visiting the imprisoned. Where Christ is, there also is the Christian community. Christ mediates relationships between God and human beings through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. Beloved, we are clothed in the presence and activity of Christ in the world today. Reference Col. 3:12-15; Mt 24:21-46; Ep 5:1-2. Photo © 2011 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 JANUARY 31)

Welcome New Members

Please welcome Kimberly Diedrich
Thomas Langa and Blaire Jenkins
Ginny and Stewart Sloan, and daughters, Elizabeth and Eleanor,
into our church family.

Death in the Church

The congregation extends its sincere sympathy and love to the family of Barbara Ann and John Zizzi on the death of her father, Jim Wilson, on January 29, and rejoices with them in the assurance of the resurrection.

In Need of Healing Prayer

Judy Gaffney
Lamont Hudson
Frank Mansfield
Lillian Neal
Joe Pool
Bob Taylor
Barbara White



To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND COMMUNION

Sunday, February 3, 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, February 3, 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 "Holy Manna" R. Dicks

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

God of compassion,
in Jesus Christ you did not disdain the company of sinners
but welcomed them with love. Look upon us in mercy, we pray.
Our sins are more than we can bear; our pasts hold us back;
our misdeeds seem beyond correcting.
Forgive the wrongs we cannot undo;
free us from the past we cannot change;
heal what we can no longer fix.
Grace our lives with your love
and turn the tears of our past into the joys of new life with you.
Through Christ, the Lord of all, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Sung Response 394 (*choir and congregation*)

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!

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Please greet those nearest you with the peace of Christ

COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

OFFERING & OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace J. Lindh

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,
let there be faith; where there is despair, let me sow hope; where there is
darkness, let there be light;
where there is sadness, let there be 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
and in pardoning we are pardoned.
It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.

~ Chapel Choir ~

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Colossians 3:12-15. New Testament, p. 190

SERMON

"For Better or Worse" Bob Henderson

Sermon Series: The Four Sides of Forgiveness

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

We celebrate communion by the long practiced means of intinction, which is the administration of the sacrament by dipping bread into the cup. (Gluten free crackers are also available). As we join together in communion, let us remember the invitation of the psalmist to "taste and see the goodness of God!"

Invitation to the Lord's Table

*Hymn of Preparation 509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly HOLY MANNA



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts;

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 306

Blest Be the Tie That Binds (verses 1 and 3). DENNIS

**Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.**

SENDING

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Hymn to Joy A. Carter

