

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading worship this morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister
Julia Watkins, pastoral resident
Heather Potter, director of traditional music
Chase Loomer, guest organist
Kenney Potter, choral conductor

Leading other services

Ian Clark, pastoral resident
Jason Graffis, director of contemporary worship and arts
Grady Moseley, interim minister of congregational life, pastoral care
Jessica Patchett, associate minister
Carolyn Lohr, carillonneur

Cover Image

The Light of the Lord Shines Forth from Jerusalem is located in the Sanctuary on the east nave adjacent the transept. Divine light from the hand of God extended in protection illuminates the figure of Zion presented as the typology of Mary, the mother of Jesus and the Church. Instruction and the Word of the Lord go forth from the figure Zion to good King Hezekiah as he prays in sackcloth in the temple over a letter threatening defeat from the Rabshakeh of Assyrian King Sennacherib. The angel of the Lord struck down the Assyrian Army and Sennacherib fled as Jerusalem was exalted. Symbols of the Star of Jacob, messianic hope, divine power, and courage complete the background in a medallion framed by the symbols for the apse and chancel of the church. Reference Isa. 2:3; 37:14-20; 36-37. Photo © 2009 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 JANUARY 3)

Baptism Today at Covenant (11 a.m. Sanctuary)

Logan Vincent Matinata, son of Courtney and Matt Matinata

Births

Congratulations to Lauren and Thomas McCormick on the birth of their twin sons, John McDavid “Mack” and Walker Yates McCormick, on December 25.

Wedding

Congratulations to Mary Clare Sugg Bracey and Scott Alexander Chinery, who celebrated the occasion of their marriage yesterday in the Sanctuary.

In Need of Healing Prayer

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

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To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND COMMUNION

Sunday, January 6, 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, January 6, 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

Romance from Symphony 4 L. Vierne

*DOXOLOGY LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE 22

God of the Sparrow ROEDER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Silent Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart, mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend who we are, and who we shall be,
so that we may delight in your ways and walk in your will,
to the glory of your name. 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

OFFERING & OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision arr. A. Parker

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
nought be all else to me, save that thou art.

Thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;

I ever with thee and thou with me,

Lord, thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;

raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise.

Thou mine inheritance, now and always;

Thou and thou only first in my heart,

High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,

may I reach heaven's joy. O bright heaven's Sun!

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall.

Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

~ Chapel Singers ~

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 56 Old Testament, p. 495

SERMON

"Anxious?" Bob Henderson

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 503

Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation O QUANTA QUALIA



1 Lord, we have come at your own in - vi - ta - tion,
2 Here, at your ta - ble, con - firm our in - ten - tion;
3 When, at your ta - ble, each time of re - turn - ing,



cho - sen by you, to be count - ed your friends;
give it your seal of for - give - ness and grace;
vows are re - newed and our cour - age re - stored,
yours is the strength that sus - tains ded - i - ca - tion;
teach us to serve with - out pride or pre - ten - sion,
may we in - creas - ing - ly glo - ry in learn - ing
ours, a com - mit - ment we know nev - er ends.
Lord, in your king - dom, what - ev - er our place.
all that it means to ac - cept you as Lord.

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.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

SENDING

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Allegro maestoso e Vivace from Sonata 4 F. Mendelssohn



*You are invited to rise in body or spirit