

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading worship this morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister
Joan Watson, associate minister
John Richardson, director of traditional music and principal organist
Rob Dicks, assistant director of traditional music
Natasha Johnson, projections
Hank Stallings, Keith Perry, usher team leaders

Leading other services

Jen Christianson, pastoral resident
Daniel Heath, contemporary worship leader
Grady Moseley, parish associate
Jessica Patchett, associate minister
Ben Unger, carillonneur

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.

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 MARCH 9)

Birth

Julianna and Taylor French (and big sister Huntley)
on the birth of their daughter, Margaret Elizabeth French, on February 27

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

Presley June Mills, daughter of Alison and Adam Mills
Smith Whitney Young, son of Sarah and Brent Young

In Need of Healing Prayer

Neta Caldwell
Susan Hickok
Carlyle Hill
Roy Joslin
Katherine Lawson
Arthur Morehead
Amy Sullivan
Bob Taylor



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To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 12, 2017

8:45 a.m.

CHAPEL

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A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday, March 12, 2017

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

*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 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty LOBE DEN HERREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Silent Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, you promise us a life full of blessing,
but we do not always believe.**

**You incite us to hope,
but we fall back in fear.**

**You urge us to give freely,
but we cling to what we have.**

**You call us to watch at all times for you,
but we grow lazy and self-absorbed.**

**Forgive us. Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts,
and keep us alert to the wonders
you work in the world every day.**

For the sake of Jesus we pray. Amen.

The processional hymn this morning is one of the best from the German Reformed tradition. Joachim Neander's hymn has found its way into many English hymnals since its original German publication. Catherine Winkworth's translation, which our hymnal uses, takes liberties with the German text but preserves its festive meter. The tune, "Lobe den Herren," was used for this hymn when it was first published in 1680. Its triumphant opening gesture and efficient form have made it and its text a lasting contribution to the world of hymns.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Sung Response 581 (*choir and congregation*)

Glory Be To The Father GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.**

**As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end.**

Amen. Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Please greet those nearest you with the peace of Christ

COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace E. Thiman

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace,
whose mind is stayed on Thee,
because he trusteth in Thee.

Trust ye in the Lord forever,
for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace,
whose mind is stayed on Thee.

~ Caitlin Whalan, Soprano ~

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 37:23-28 Old Testament, p. 33

SERMON

Joseph's Journey: 13 Years a Slave Bob Henderson

Sermon Series: Journeys In The Wilderness

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 815

Give to the Winds thy Fears FESTAL SONG

SENDING

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Lobe den Herren W. Wold



* You are invited to rise in body or spirit