

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading worship this morning

Joan Watson, associate minister
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
Janet Delery, Pat Springs, usher team leaders

Leading other services

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

Cover Image

Messianic Hope is located on the east nave of the Sanctuary in the first window from the narthex entrance. Derived from Genesis 3:15, the golden tri-radiant nimbus ascribes the identity of a heel crushing the serpent's head to that of Christ, although some traditions ascribe this identity to Mary based on the late 4th Century translation by Jerome called the Vulgate. The Hebrew is said to be ambiguous. A red vesica frames the medallion reminding us that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, our Savior. Several small symbols can be made out surrounding the nimbus, counterclockwise from the upper left: the Octagon of Creation; the star of David with overlapping symbols for fire and water; a Greek cross, symbol of divine power; a circle of eternity filled almost to the edge suggesting the self-limitation of God; and the heraldic fountain of salvation. 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.

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 (today) in the Fellowship Hall Library at 12 p.m.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (AS OF OCTOBER 25)

Welcome New Members

We welcome Deb Gray and Nathan Walsh into our church family.

Baptism Today at Covenant (9:30 Sanctuary)

Grace Reynolds Raborn, daughter of Katie and Joey Raborn

Birth

Congratulations to Caroline and Greg Knight on the birth of their son, Thomas Waller Knight, on October 22.

Weddings

Congratulations to Kirby Robbins and Brian Yates, who celebrated the occasion of their marriage yesterday at Covenant; and to

Liz Stewart and Bill Buie, who celebrated the occasion of their marriage on October 21, in Monroe, NC.

In Need of Healing Prayer

Lamont Hudson
Frank Mansfield
Lillian Neal
Bob Taylor
Barbara White



To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 28, 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

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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 *Amazing Grace*

***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 641**

When in Our Music God Is Glorified..... ENGELBERG

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Silent Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, in Christ we have been given life abundant,
a high calling to live full of love, purpose and joy;
and yet we settle for so little.

Forgive our inclination to seek salvation from other gods,
even those of our own making,
those that fail us time and time again.

Forgive our inclination to slip into hopeless resignation
to things as they seem, when, with you,
all things are still possible.

Grant us, instead, the freedom of forgiveness
and the fulfilled promise of changed hearts.

May then we live well through Christ our Lord
in whose name we make this our prayer. 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 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

Local Outreach Allen & Claire Brown

OFFERING & OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal..... A. Parker

Hark, I hear the harps eternal
Ringing on the farther shore,
As I near those swollen waters
With their deep and solemn roar.

Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Hallelujah, praise the lamb!
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Glory to the great I am!

And my soul, tho' stain'd with sorrow,
Fading as the light of day,
Passes swiftly o'er those waters,
To the city far away.

Souls have cross'd before me, saintly,
To that land of perfect rest;
And I hear them singing faintly
In the mansions of the blest.

~ Chapel Choir ~

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 1:9b-20 New Testament, p. 188

SERMON

"The Notes of Amazing Grace" Joan Watson

Sermon Series: XL In This Grace

* You are invited to rise in body or spirit

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT 643**

Now Thank We All Our God..... NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

SENDING

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Now Thank We All Our God..... S.K. Elert

