

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 306

Blest Be the Tie that Binds 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 BEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

March J. Carter



TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading worship this morning

- Bob Henderson, senior minister
- Jen Christianson, pastoral resident
- Rob Dicks, assistant director of traditional music
- Kay Tawney, projections
- Hank Stallings, Keith Perry, usher team leaders

The Flowers in the Chapel

Given to the glory of God and in memory of Dwight Boyer by his family

Leading other services

- Quinton Busch, interim choir director
- Jessica Patchett, associate minister
- Anna Rainey Dickson, pastoral associate
- Emily Reinicker, carillonneur
- Ardy Skidmore, seminary intern
 - Ardy is entering her last year at Union Presbyterian Seminary.
 - She is an Elder at Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church and chair of that church's Youth Christian Education Team
- Joan Watson, associate minister
- Rev. Will Willimon
 - William Henry Willimon is an American theologian and bishop in the United Methodist Church, who served the North Alabama Conference. He is currently Professor of the Practice of Christian Ministry at Duke Divinity School

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 SEPT. 7)

In Memoriam

Dwight Boyer
May 12, 1936 – September 4, 2017

The congregation extends its sincere sympathy and love to LaDonna Boyer on the death of her husband, Caroline and Bryan Hosseini, Jon Williams, and Dwight Boyer Jr. on the death of their father/step father, and to Sami and Cyrus Hosseini on the death of their grandfather;

and to Emily Reinicker and her family on the death of her stepmother, Marilyn Charles Godbold of Florence, S.C. on September 3, and rejoices with them all in the assurance of the resurrection.

In Need of Healing Prayer

- Neta Caldwell
- Cohen and Heath Godwin
- Roy Joslin
- Helen King
- Brett Patterson
- Bob Taylor

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To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 10, 2017

8:45 a.m.

CHAPEL

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, September 10, 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

Prelude in G BWV 541 J.S. Bach

*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 401

Here In This Place GATHER US IN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Silent Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Liturgist: Gracious God, your thoughts are not our thoughts, nor are your ways our ways. And yet we long to live in your way. So God of life, grant us your forgiveness

People: for our careless thoughts, for our thoughtless deeds, for our empty speech and the words with which we wounded.

Liturgist: O God of life, grant us your forgiveness

People: for our false desires, for our hateful actions, for our wastefulness and for all we left untended.

Liturgist: O loving Christ, hanged on a tree yet risen in the morning, scatter the sin from our souls as the mist from the hills; begin what we do, inform what we say, redeem who we are.

People: In you we place our hope, our great hope, our living hope, this day and evermore. Amen.

Ralph Vaughan Williams was one of the great English symphonists and choral composers. Born at the end of the 19th century, his music was strongly influenced by English folk song. A critic who praised one of Vaughan Williams orchestral works wrote, "throughout its course one is never sure whether one is listening to something very old or very new." "O How Amiable" begins as an English folk song might, with simple melodies that give way to a grander texture and triumphant conclusion.

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.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O How Amiable R. Vaughan Williams

O how amiable are thy dwellings,
thou Lord of hosts!

My soul hath a desire and longing
to enter in to the courts of the Lord:

My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her and the swallow a nest
where she may lay her young:

Even thy altars O Lord of hosts, my king and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house:

They will be always praising thee.

The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us:
prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.

O prosper thou our handy work,
o prosper thou our handy work.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.

~ Chapel Choir ~

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:42-47 New Testament, p. 112

SERMON

Sharing Memorable Meals..... Bob Henderson
Sermon Series: Call to Health

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!"

*Hymn of Preparation 529

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether UNION SEMINARY



1 Draw us in the Spir-it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
ments of you, that by car - ing, help-ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia! Here we touch your gar - ment's hem.
lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

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

* You are invited to rise in body or spirit