

## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

### Leading worship this morning

Julia Watkins, pastoral resident  
Joan Watson, associate minister  
Heather Potter, director of traditional music  
Robert Dicks, associate director of traditional music & organist  
Kenney Potter, choral conductor  
North Carolina Baroque Orchestra

Bringing new life to old music, the NCBO was formed by sisters and musical collaborators, Frances Blaker and Barbara Blaker Krumdieck, for the purpose of providing opportunities for regional musicians and vocalists to explore baroque performance with experienced professionals.

Kay Tawney, visuals  
Gloria Dalton, Marsha Hanna, usher team leaders

### Leading other services

Jason Graffis, director of contemporary worship and arts  
Jessica Patchett, associate minister  
Burton Mackey, carillonneur

### Cover Image

*Bach at the Organ* is located on the lower east apse of Morrison Chapel. The medallion frame recalls the apse and chancel, where church organs are usually located. J.S. Bach lived in central Germany from 1685 to 1750, during the height of the pre-Classical and post-Renaissance Baroque period. The term "baroque" – from the Portuguese for "misshapen pearl" – was originally critical of heavily ornamented music. Bach holds his right hand in an attitude of blessing. Divine light from the Holy Spirit illuminates his head and heart to inspire him – in organ design and construction as well as the prolific creation of devotional church music. A red vesica separates Bach's vision from ordinary reality. Small barbed Greek crosses suggest that he was a "fisher of people" whose music renewed the faithful. Dr. Albert Schweitzer called Bach "the Fifth Evangelist." Photo © 2012 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 in the Fellowship Hall Library at 12 p.m.

## CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (AS OF SEPTEMBER 27)

### Welcome New Members

We welcome Wanda Barnes and Caroline and Greg Knight into our church family.

### Baptism Today at Covenant (11:00 Sanctuary)

Gaines Pender Utz, son of Allie and Bradley Utz

### Wedding

Congratulations to Lisa De Luke and Justin Marshall who celebrated the occasion of their marriage yesterday at Covenant.

### Deaths in the Church

The congregation extends its sincere sympathy and love to David and Lexi Frost and their family on the death of her mother, Michale Karnes Connelly, on September 22; and to

Ruth Huey and her family on the death of her mother, Marilyn "Joy" Huey, on September 22; and rejoices with them in the assurance of the resurrection.

### In Need of Healing Prayer

Logan Howe, Lamont Hudson,  
Frank Mansfield, Lillian Neal,  
Theo Robinson, Bob Taylor,  
Barbara White



*To the Greater Glory of God*

# A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

## Sunday, September 30, 2018

### 8:45 a.m.

### CHAPEL

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## A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday, September 30, 2018

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

*Fantasia in G Major* . . . . . 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 679

*Let the Whole Creation Cry* . . . . . SALZBURG

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Silent Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, You make us capable of reflecting your image – creative, generous, loving, and kind.

You invite us to turn our eyes to you

and wonder at the goodness you have instilled in us and our world.

But we confess that we fill our lives with influences that provoke us in far less healthy ways.

We delight in outrage, find amusement in violence, and enjoy the escape cynicism provides.

Renew our sight, O God, that we might see clearly what yields beauty, healing, and joy.

Give us the courage to resist embracing poor substitutes for that which can truly lead to abundant life. 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.**

#### OFFERING & OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Cantata BWV 111, Entsetze dich, mein Herze, nicht. . . . . J.S. Bach*

Do not recoil my heart,

God is your comfort and confidence

and the life of your soul. Indeed,

what God's wise counsel has considered,

the power of the world and humanity

cannot possibly resist.

~ Ryan Harrison, bass ~

### THE WORD

#### SCRIPTURE READING

II Timothy 4.1-2, 9-17 . . . . . New Testament, p. 201

#### SERMON

"Let God Deal with Alexander" . . . . . Julia Watkins

Sermon Series: When It Matters Most...

#### ANTHEM

*Noch eins, Herr, will ich bitten dich* . . . . . J.S. Bach

One more thing, Lord, I ask of you,  
you will not deny it to me:

when the evil spirits tempt me, let me not despair.

Help, guide, and protect me, God my Lord,

to the honor of your name.

Whoever desires this, it will be granted to him;

therefore let me joyfully say: Amen!

~ Chapel Choir ~

\* You are invited to rise in body or spirit

#### \*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 816

*If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee* . . . . . WER NUR DEN

### SENDING

#### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

#### \*POSTLUDE

*Fantasia in F Major* . . . . . J. Krebs

