

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Grady Moseley, interim minister of congregational life, pastoral care
Bob Henderson, senior minister
Jason Graffis, director of contemporary worship and arts
Terry and Lecia Horne, usher team leaders

Sharing the Gifts of Music

Gerard Benson (bass), LaVita Hill (vocals), Pam Jepsen (vocals), Ginny Magrath (vocals), Win Smith (electric guitar), Ron Sledzieski (drums)

Audio and Visuals

Ricko Hill (video), Walton St. Onge (visuals), Dave Welchman (audio)

Leading Other Services

Ian Clark, pastoral resident
Robert Dicks, assistant director of traditional music & organist
Heather Potter, director of traditional music
Kenney Potter, choral conductor
Emily Reinicker, carillonneur
Julia Watkins, pastoral resident

The Flowers in the Sanctuary

Given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Emily Danuta Brzozowicz and Brett Allen Jackson, yesterday at Covenant.

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the Green Family

Grandparents: Lucy and Frank Hart of Columbia, S.C., Cheri and Dick Green of Vienna, OH.; aunts and uncles: Jenni (godmother) and JP Stahler of Plano, TX., Rebecca (godmother) and Bill Warren of Columbia, and Treva and Casey Williams of Charlotte; cousins: Jay Stahler of Plano, Frank and Mary Bond Warren of Columbia and Wallace Williams of Charlotte; godfather: Steven Kadiev and his wife Christa Kadiev of Charlotte. Will Summerville stands as Elder with the Green family.

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the Ripple and Visco Families

Grandparents: Louise and Randy Ripple of Charlotte; Lisa and Italo Visco of Boston, MA; great-aunts and -uncles: Susan and Stuart Clifford of Savannah, GA; Liz and John Corderman of Fredericksburg, VA; aunt Grace Clifford of Atlanta. Participating via the internet: aunt, Martha Ripple; uncle, Tom Kuklinski, and cousin Lee of Washington, D.C." Randy Ripple stands as Elder with his grandson.

Cover Image

Job, Where is Thy Hope? is located in the Sanctuary on the east nave in the second window from the narthex entrance. Job, his holiness indicated by a rose nimbus, sits among ashes to scrape loathsome sores from his head to his toe with a broken piece of pottery. His closest family attacks his faith in God. Three friends, Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar, surround him in silence. Job curses the day he was born and his friends begin to dispute his righteousness because of his misery, their conclusions colored by the tyranny of the normal, our propensity to find fault. The image is framed by two offset squares forming an octagon. The square is an Augustinian geometrical symbol for Christ. The octagon is midway between the square of the incarnate God and the circle of Eternity, used throughout Covenant's sanctuary for renewal in Christ. Reference: Job 2:11-13; Tobit 2-3. Photo © 2011 JonSilla.com.

WELCOME TO COVENANT

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.

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 in each building for details.

Covenant expects and gladly welcomes many first-time and repeat visitors. By introducing ourselves and sharing a warm greeting, we express the hospitality of our congregation. Please share a smile and welcoming word with those around you.

Note to Parents: During the school year, Sunday School is offered in the Education Wing for preschool and elementary-aged children at 9:30 a.m. Child care is offered on the First Floor during 11 a.m. services; elementary-aged children may go to the Kindergarten room (EW120).

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (AS OF APRIL 25)

New Members

We welcome Nicole Brantley, Wendy Joyner, and Mollie Wickard into our church family.

Additional Baptism Today at Covenant (11:00 Sanctuary)

Nora Kate Allen, daughter of Carrie and Chris Allen

Deaths in the Church Family

The congregation extends its sincere sympathy and love to Kelly Zellars and Henry Trexler on the death of her mother, Peggy M. Reid, on March 31, and to Anita and Gale Pendergraph on the death of his sister, Doris Baird, on April 16, and rejoices with them all in the assurance of the resurrection.

In Need of Healing Prayer

Judy Gaffney, Lamont Hudson, Frank Mansfield, Lillian Neal, Helen Neubauer, Susan Richards, Gale Pendergraph, Polly Smith, Bob Taylor, Robert M. Taylor, Barbara White

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Sunday, April 28, 2019
9:30 a.m.

SANCTUARY

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.

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Sunday, April 28, 2019

9:30 a.m.

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. Infant soothing rooms with live video of the worship service are available in the balcony and parlor. See an usher for assistance.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Living Years M. Rutherford, B.A. Robertson¹

Every generation blames the one before
And all of their frustrations come beating on your door
I know that I'm a prisoner to all my Father held so dear
I know that I'm a hostage to all his hopes and fears
I just wish I could have told him in the living years
Crumpled bits of paper filled with imperfect thought
Stilted conversations; I'm afraid that's all we've got
You say you just don't see it. He says it's perfect sense
You just can't get agreement in this present tense
We all talk a different language, talking in defense
Say it loud, say it clear. You can listen as well as you hear
It's too late when we die, to admit we don't see eye to eye
So we open up a quarrel between the present and the past
We only sacrifice the future. It's the bitterness that lasts
So don't yield to the fortunes, you sometimes see as fate
It may have a new perspective on a different date
And if you don't give up, and don't give in
You may just be O.K.
I wasn't there that morning when my Father passed away
I didn't get to tell him all the things I had to say
I think I caught his spirit later that same year
I'm sure I heard his echo in my baby's new born tears
I just wish I could have told him in the living years

She Used To Be Mine S. Bareilles²

It's not simple to say
That most days, I don't recognize me
That these shoes, and this apron
That place, and its patrons
Have taken more than I gave them
It's not easy to know
I'm not anything like I used to be, although it's true
I was never attention's sweet center
But I still remember that girl
She's imperfect, but she tries
She is good, but she lies
She is hard on herself
She is broken and won't ask for help
She is messy, but she's kind
She is lonely most of the time
She is all of this mixed up and baked in a beautiful pie
She is gone, but she used to be mine

And it's not what I asked for
Sometimes life just slips in through a back door
And carves out a person, and makes you believe it's all true
And now I've got you

You're not what I asked for
If I'm honest, I know I would give it all back
For a chance to start over, and rewrite an ending or two
For that girl that I knew

Who was reckless just enough. Who gets hurt
But who learns how to toughen up when she's bruised
And gets used by a man who can't love
And then she'll get stuck
And be scared of the life that's inside her
Getting stronger each day 'til it finally reminds her
To fight just a little, to bring back the fire in her eyes
That's been gone, but used to be mine. Oh, used to be mine

Welcome & Announcements

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

**Lord Most High* D. Harris, G. Sadler³

**All Creatures Of Our God And King (Lasst Uns Erfreuen)* W.H. Draper, et al

Children of The Covenant

Song of Welcome

Blest Be the Tie That Binds (seated, verses 1-2) DENNIS

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

**Before our Maker's throne
we pour our ardent prayers.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.**

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

Call to Confession

Take My Life S. Underwood⁴

(prayer response, sung by all)

**So take our hearts and form them. Take our minds transform them
Take our wills conform them. To Yours to Yours oh Lord**

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Sacrament of Baptism

Madeleine "Maddie" Olivia Green, daughter of Jordan and Mike Green

James Randal Ripple, son of Mary Ripple and Gray Visco

I Was There to Hear Your Borneing Cry

A Time with Young Disciples

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.

Lord, Listen To Your Children K. Medema⁵

(first time worship team, then congregation joins)

**Lord listen to Your children praying
Lord send Your Spirit in this place
Lord listen to Your children praying
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace**

Offering

Summer's End J. Prine⁶

Summer's end's around the bend just flying
The swimming suits are on the line just drying
I'll meet you there per our conversation
I hope I didn't ruin your whole vacation
Well you never know how far from home you're feeling
Until you watch the shadows cross the ceiling
Well I don't know but I can see it snowing
In your car the windows are wide open
Come on home, come on home
No you don't have to be alone
Just come on home.

Valentines break hearts and minds at random
That ol' Easter egg ain't got a leg to stand on
Well I can see that you can't win for trying
And New Year's Eve is bound to leave you crying
The moon and stars hang out in bars just talking
I still love that picture of us walking
Just like that ol' house we thought was haunted
Summer's end came faster than we wanted
Come on home, come on home
No you don't have to be alone
Come on home

GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Sermon

"Along For The Ride" (Job 2:11-13) Grady Moseley

**Forever* C. Tomlin⁷

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Invitation and Benediction

**For I Know* R. Muchow⁸

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit