

## THE WORSHIP SERVICE

### Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister  
Jessica Patchett, associate minister  
Jason Graffis, director of contemporary worship and arts  
John Hairr usher team leader

### Sharing the Gifts of Music

Gerard Benson (bass), Sandra Boozer (mandolin), Paul Fisher (drums),  
Cheryl Hoover (bass, vocals), Pam Jepsen (vocals), Phil Koonce  
(electric guitar), Jolene Powell (vocals), Bill Saunders (trumpet)

### Audio and Visuals

Joel St. Onge (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  
Katie Cornwell, carillonneur  
Julia Watkins, pastoral resident

### Cover Image

*The Promise of the Holy Spirit* is located in the Chapel on the east apse. Radiant light descends from the dove as a symbol of the Holy Spirit, our Advocate. The dove wears a nimbus to indicate holiness and is contained within a trinitarian symbol. The entire medallion is framed within the shape of a dove, the wings and head of which include additional trinitarian symbols. In tradition, the fleur-de-lis symbol includes a band joining the members of the Trinity together by the humanity of Mary, the Virgin Mother of God through whom God's entrance into the world was made known. But the peace of Christ is not that peace given as the world gives. Reference: John 14: 25-31. Photo © 2012 JonSilla.com.

### 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 will be offered on the First Floor during 11 a.m. services; elementary-aged children may go to the Kindergarten room (EW120).

## 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 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.

## CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (AS OF DECEMBER 13)

### Death in the Church

The congregation extends its sincere sympathy and love to Chad and Dana Dawson and their family on the death of her father, Allan Bruce Cox, on December 6, and rejoices with them in the assurance of the resurrection.

### In Need of Healing Prayer

Judy Gaffney  
Edna Hamilton  
Lamont Hudson  
Frank Mansfield  
Mary Nell McPherson  
Lillian Neal  
Helen Neubauer  
Bob Taylor  
Barbara White

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
Sunday, December 16, 2018  
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.

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 16, 2018 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

*Awake O Sleeper* . . . . . I. Ndolo<sup>1</sup>

In the darkest times of life  
When our lights refuse to shine  
You are there You are there

When our hearts become like stone  
When we live without hope  
You are there You are there

Don't let your hearts be troubled  
Don't let your hearts be troubled

Awake O sleeper  
Arise from slumber  
Christ is calling your name

In the midst of life's decay  
When our lives become like graves  
Rescue us, rescue us

Awake (O) arise (sleeper) and follow the light  
Awake (O) arise (sleeper) and follow the light  
Awake arise and follow the light  
Awake, arise  
Christ is calling your name

*Nothing More* . . . . . The Alternate Routes<sup>2</sup>

To be humble, to be kind,  
It is a giving of the peace in your mind,  
To a stranger to a friend,  
To give in such a way that has no end,

*(Chorus)*

*We are love, we are one,  
We are how we treat each other when the day is done.  
We are peace, we are war,  
We are how we treat each other, and nothing more.*

To be bold, to be brave,  
It is a thinking that the heart can still be saved,  
And the darkness can come quick,  
The danger 's in the anger and the hanging on to it.  
And tell me what it is that you see?  
A world that's full of endless possibilities,  
And heroes don't look like they used to.  
They look like you do.

We are how we treat each other

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle . . . . . John and Ruth Wyatt

## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

*\*Canticle Of The Turning* . . . . . R. Cooney<sup>3</sup>

*\*Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus* . . . . . R.H. Prichard, C. Wesley

*\*Prayer of Adoration*

## PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

Call to Confession

*Come, Come, Emmanuel* . . . . . J.J. Chepponis<sup>4</sup>

*(prayer response)*

Come, come, Emmanuel

Come, Emmanuel

Come, come, Emmanuel

Come, Emmanuel

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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.**

*Eagle's Wings* . . . . . R. Morgan<sup>5</sup>

Come live in me  
All my life take over  
Come breathe in me  
And I will rise  
On eagle's wings

Minute for Ministry

Stewardship Update . . . . . Lecia and Steve Shockley

Offering

*Born That We May Have Life* . . . . . E. Cash, M. Maher, C. Tomlin<sup>6</sup>

No reputation, no stately bearing  
No palace bed for royalty  
But a star in the heavens  
A sign full of wonder  
Announcing the coming of the King of kings

<sup>6</sup>You are invited to rise in body or spirit

Rejoice O world  
Your Savior has come  
Through the love of a virgin's womb  
Son of God, Son of man  
You were born that we may have life  
A throne in a manger, a cross in a cradle  
The hidden revealing, this glorious plan  
Of the Child who would suffer  
The Child who would conquer  
The sin of ev'ry woman, the sin of ev'ry man  
Born that we may have life  
You were born that we may have life  
You were born that we may have life

## GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture Reading

John 14:15-21 . . . . . New Testament, p. 103

Sermon

"Ever-Elusive Peace" . . . . . Bob Henderson

Sermon Series: What Are You Waiting For?

*\*Build Your Kingdom Here* . . . . . Rend Collective Experiment<sup>7</sup>

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

*\*Invitation and Benediction*

*\*Jesus O What A Wonderful Child* . . . . . K. Bible, T. Fetteke<sup>8</sup>