

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Jen Christianson, pastoral resident
Bob Henderson, senior minister
Jason Graffis, director of contemporary worship and arts
John Hairr, usher team leader

Sharing the Gifts of Music

Andy Ball (acoustic guitar, vocals), Amber Brown (vocals), Cheryl Hoover (bass), Justin Wherry (drums)

Leading Other Services

Robert Dicks, assistant director of traditional music and organist
Jessica Patchett, associate minister
Joan Watson, associate minister
Emily Reinicker, carillonneur

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the Ramsey Family

Great-grandmother: Barbara Ramsey of Pittsburgh, PA; grandparents: Mark and Allyn Ramsey of Lewisville, NC, Paul and Kathy Pierannunzi of Charlotte; great aunt and uncle: David and Diane Fohr of Charlotte; aunt and uncle: Matthew and Stephanie Lundstrom and cousin, Aubrey Lundstrom, of Concord, NC; family friends: John and Diana Sturdevant of Concord. Diane Powell stands as Elder with the Ramsey family.

Cover Image

Tongues of Fire is located in the chapel apse on the east side. In fulfillment of the risen Lord's promise of a baptism by fire to receive God's power, the Holy Spirit, symbolized as a dove with tri-radiant nimbus, descends spreading rays of light to fill the disciples and Mary, the mother of Jesus, as tongues of fire dance on their heads, each person nimbed to indicate holiness. The medallion frame may symbolize the chancel and apse of the newly formed Church, a diamond overlaying the frame to convey the courage of those in the room in Jerusalem that day. Reference: Acts 1, 2. Photo © 2012 JonSilla.com. Used with permission.

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).

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.

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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.

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 yourself and sharing a warm greeting, you express the hospitality of our congregation. Please share a smile and welcoming word with those around you.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (AS OF MAY 17)

In Memoriam

Seddon "Rusty" Goode Jr.
January 7, 1932 – May 14, 2018

Roy Howard Joslin
October 6, 1951 – May 12, 2018

Mary Nisbet Purvis – Charter Member
July 26, 1932 – May 9, 2018

The congregation extends its sincere sympathy and love to Genie White and her family on the death of her sister, Mary Purvis, on May 9; and to

Patricia Joslin and her family on the death of her husband,
Roy Joslin, on May 12; and to

David Pitser and Alice Richey and their families in the death of his stepfather,
Jacob "Jake" Charles Barnhardt Jr., on May 12; and to

Martha and David Isaacs and their family in the death of her stepmother,
Donna Spencer McClary, on May 3; and to

The family of Rusty Goode who died on May 14, 2018;
and rejoices with them all in the assurance of the resurrection.

Welcome New Members

Please join us in welcoming Katie and Barrett Brown into our church family

Additional Baptism Today at Covenant (11:00 Sanctuary)

Sydney Bryanne Del Sordo, Nicholas Liam Del Sordo, Emma Jean "Jeanie" Del Sordo

Birth

Meg and Jace Hunter (and big sister Evelyn) who celebrated the birth of their daughter, Nora June Hunter, on May 7

In Need of Healing Prayer

Neta Caldwell, Lou Crites, Lamont Hudson, Rick Lawson
Mary Jane Ramsey, Bob Taylor, Barry Thackston
Laura Weaver (cards only), Barbara White



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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 20, 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.

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Sunday, May 20, 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 My Soul M. Mumford¹

How fickle my heart and how woozy my eyes
I struggle to find any truth in your lies
And now my heart stumbles on things I don't know
My weakness I feel I must finally show

Lend me your hand and we'll conquer them all
But lend me your heart and I'll just let you fall
Lend me your eyes I can change what you see
But your soul you must keep, totally free

Har har, har har, har har, har har

Awake my soul, awake my soul

In these bodies we will live, in these bodies we will die
Where you invest your love, you invest your life
In these bodies we will live, in these bodies we will die
Where you invest your love, you invest your life

Awake my soul, awake my soul

Awake my soul

For you were made to meet your maker

Raging Fire . . T. Clark, D. Fuhrmann, P. Phillips, G. Wattenberg²

We are dead to rights born and raised
We are thick and thin 'til our last day
So hold me close and I'll surrender to your heart
You know how to give and how to take
You see every hope I locked away
So hold me close and I'll surrender to your heart

Before the flame goes out tonight
Yeah, we'll live until we die

So come out, come out, come out
Won't you turn my soul, into a raging fire?
Come out, come out, come out

Til we lose control, into a raging fire, into a raging fire
Come out, come out, come out
Won't you turn my soul
Into a raging fire?

* You are invited to rise in body or spirit

You know time will give and time will take
All the memories made will wash away
Even though we've changed, I'm still here with you
If you listen close, you'll hear the sound
Of all the ghosts that bring us do-own
Hold on to what makes you feel
Don't let go, it's what makes you real

If the flame goes out tonight
Yeah, we'll live until we die
Let the world leave us behind,
Let your heart be next to mine
Before the flame goes out tonight
We can live until we die

Welcome & Announcements

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

**The Power of Your Love* G. Bullock³

**Holy Spirit* K. Getty, S. Townend⁴

*Prayer of Adoration

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

Call to Confession

Lord I Need You . . . D. Carson, M. Maher, C. Nockels, and J. Reeves⁵

(prayer response)

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Sacrament of Baptism

Andrew Finn Ramsey, son of Natalie and Ryan Ramsey

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.

Sanctuary R. Scruggs, J.W. Thompson⁶

(sung first by the worship team, then by all)

Lord prepare me
To be a sanctuary
Pure and holy
Tried and true
With thanksgiving
I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You

Offering

Up Above My Head R. Giddens⁷

Up above my head, I hear music in the air
Up above my head, I hear music in the air
Up above my head, I hear music in the air
I really do believe, I really do believe there's a Heaven somewhere
Up above my head, I hear singin' in the air
Up above my head, I hear singin' in the air
Up above my head, I hear singin' in the air
I really do believe, I really do believe there's a Heaven somewhere
Up above my head, I hear shoutin' in the air
Up above my head, I hear shoutin' in the air
Up above my head, I hear shoutin' in the air
I really do believe, I really do believe there's a Heaven somewhere
All in my home, I hear music in the air
All in my home, I hear music in the air
Up above my head, I hear music in the air
I really do believe, I really do believe there's a Heaven somewhere

GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture Readings

Acts 1:6-9; 2:1-18 New Testament, p. 110

Sermon

"Peter, the Promise, and a Spirit of Power" Jen Christianson

Sermon Series: Gone Fishin' – A Study of Simon Peter

**Across The Lands* K. Getty, S. Townend⁸

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Invitation and Benediction

**For I Know* R. Muchow⁹