

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister
Julia Watkins, pastoral resident
Jason Graffis, director of contemporary worship and arts
Sally Graves, usher team leader

Sharing the Gifts of Music

Amber Brown (vocals), Cheryl Hoover (bass, vocals), Phil Koonce (electric guitar), Joe Latimer (tenor sax), Justin Wherry (drums)

Audio and Visuals

Cleveland Elam (video), Dave Balas (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
Joan Watson, associate minister
Sherry Ward, carillonneur

Cover Image

Light from Light, True God from True God is located in the north apse of Morrison Chapel. In response to the Pharisee, Nicodemus, Jesus emphasized renewal and regeneration, death and rebirth, in healing the broken spirit. Nicodemus comes to Jesus, the one who is light, under cover of darkness. Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection enable us to participate now in the sacraments of baptism and communion and to live through the grace of the Spirit in the presence of God and in recognition of our participation in desire and violence and victimization. We can experience in that light God's presence and activity animating everyday life and be healed, just as Moses lifted a poisonous serpent on a pole so that those who had become victims of their own desires could look upon it and live. Reference: Lev. 19:17; Jn 8:12, 13:34-35; Gal 6:2; The Nicene Creed, V.2. Photo © 2010 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 OCTOBER 11)

Birth

Congratulations to Sara and Trey Hoover on the birth of their son, William David "Will" Hoover IV, on September 16.

Wedding

Congratulations to Mollie Gehrt and Brad Wickard who celebrated the occasion of their marriage yesterday at Covenant.

Death

The congregation extends its sincere sympathy and love to Imogene Kinney and her family on the death of her daughter, Marion Kinney Blankenship, of Matthews, NC on September 24, and rejoices with them in the assurance of the resurrection.

In Need of Healing Prayer

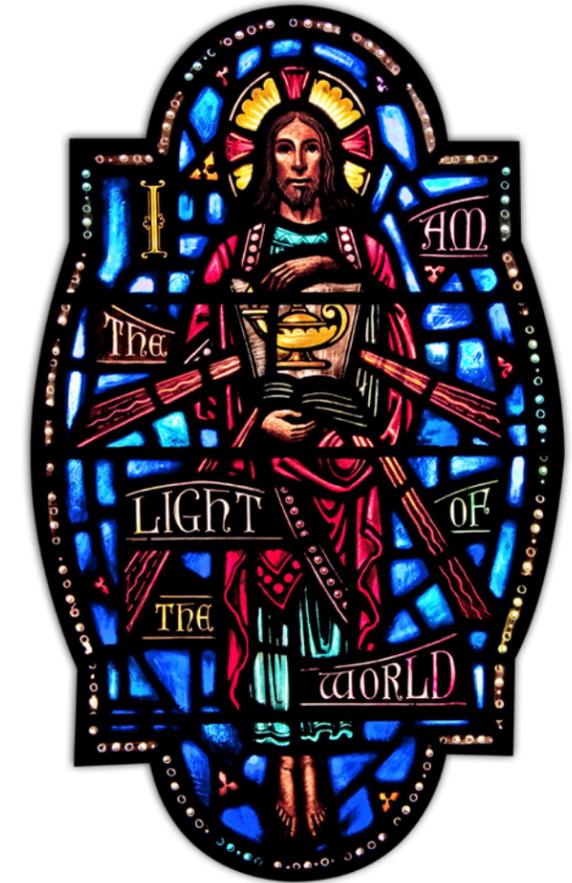
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| 3. 2003 spiritandsong.com and Thankyou Music | 7. 1996 Daybreak Music, Ltd. and Song Solutions Daybreak |
| 4. 1981, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications Inc. agent | 8. 1996 Rick Muchow (Encouraging Music) |

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Sunday, October 14, 2018
9:30 a.m.

SANCTUARY



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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, October 14, 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

Redeemed B. Cowart, M. Weaver¹

Seems like all I could see was the struggle
Haunted by ghosts that lived in my past
Bound up in shackles of all my failures
Wond'ring how long is this gonna last
Then You look at this pris'ner and say to me
Son stop fighting a fight that's already been won
I am redeemed You set me free
So I'll shake off these heavy chains
And wipe away ev'ry stain
Now ('Cause) I'm not who I used to be
(I am redeemed)

All my life I have been called unworthy
Named by the voice of my shame and regret
But when I hear You whisper child lift up your head
I remember O God You're not done with me yet
Because I don't have to be the old man inside of me
'Cause his day is long dead and gone
Because I've got a new name a new life
I'm not the same and a hope that will carry me home
O God I'm not who I used to be
Jesus I'm not who I used to be
I am redeemed. Thank God redeemed

Closer To Fine E. Saliers²

I'm trying to tell you something about my life
Maybe give me insight between black and white
The best thing you've ever done for me
Is to help me take my life less seriously,
it's only life after all
Well darkness has a hunger that's insatiable
And lightness has a call that's hard to hear
I wrap my fear around me like a blanket
I sailed my ship of safety till I sank it,
I'm crawling on your shore
I went to the doctor, I went to the mountains
I looked to the children, I drank from the fountain
There's more than one answer to these questions
Pointing me in crooked line
The less I seek my source for some definitive
The closer I am to fine. The closer I am to fine

I went to see the doctor of philosophy
With a poster of Rasputin and a beard down to his knee
He never did marry or see a B-grade movie
He graded my performance, he said he could see through me
I spent four years prostrate to the higher mind, got my paper
And I was free

I stopped by the bar at 3 a.m.
To seek solace in a bottle or possibly a friend
I woke up with a headache like my head against a board
Twice as cloudy as I'd been the night before
I went in seeking clarity

I went to the doctor, I went to the mountains
I looked to the children, I drank from the fountain
We went to the doctor, we went to the mountains
We looked to the children, We drank from the fountain
We go to the Bible, we go through the workout
We read up on revival and we stand up for the lookout
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Welcome & Announcements

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

**Your Grace Is Enough* M. Maher³

**Holy Holy Holy* J.B. Dykes, R. Heber

**Prayer of Adoration*

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

Call to Confession

Jesus, Remember Me J. Berthier⁴

(prayer response)

Jesus, remember me

When you come into your kingdom

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.**

Be Thou My Vision M.E. Byrne, A. Lancaster⁵

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

Minute for Ministry

"A Time To Build Up" Lecia and Steve Shockley

Offering

Love Wins C. Underwood, D. Garcia, B. James⁶

A stray bullet and a momma cries
Her baby won't be coming home tonight
Sirens screaming down the avenue
Just another story on the evening news,
oh woah
Politics and prejudice
How'd it ever come to this
When everybody's gotta pick a side
It don't matter if you're wrong or right,
no, and so it goes

But I hold onto hope and I won't let go cause

I, I believe you and me are sisters and brothers
And I, I believe we're made to be here for each other
And we'll never fall if we walk hand in hand
Put a world that seems broken together again
Yeah I, I believe in the end love wins

Sometimes it takes a lot of faith
To keep believing there will come a day
When the tears and the sadness, the pain and the hate
The struggle, this madness, will all fade away, yeah

Love is power, love is a smile
Love reaches out, love is the remedy
Love is the answer, love's an open door
Love is the only thing worth fighting for, yeah
Love will, love can, love still, love wins
Love will, love can, love still, love wins

GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture Reading

John 3:1-10 New Testament, p. 88

Sermon

"Ask & Listen" Bob Henderson

**Days Of Elijah* R. Mark⁷

GO IN GOD'S NAME

**Invitation and Benediction*

**For I Know* R. Muchow⁸

* You are invited to rise in body or spirit