

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Joan Watson, associate minister; 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, vocals), Pam Jepsen (vocals), Joe Latimer
(tenor sax), Phil Koonce (electric guitar), Ginny Magrath (vocals),
Justin Wherry (drums)

Audio and Visuals

Cleveland Elam (video), Ricko Hill (audio), Joel St. Onge (visuals)

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; Julia Watkins, pastoral resident
Emily Reinicker, carillonneur

The Flowers in the Sanctuary

Given to the glory of God and in celebration and gratitude for Joan
Watson's 15 years of ministry at Covenant and 44 years of faithful service
to the larger Church.

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the Raborn Family

Grandparents: Michael and Teri Raborn of Jonesboro, AR, William
and Kathy Pressly of Charlotte; great, great-aunt: Betty Dale Archer of
Charlotte; great-aunts and uncles: Elizabeth Pressly, George and Rebecca
Pressly, Steve and Sarah Engel, and Woodie and Linda Gough, all of
Charlotte and surrounding areas; aunts and uncles: Brian and Lindsay
Robinson of New York, NY, Jordan and Ashley Bunch of Atlanta, Paul
and Kelly Stahls of New Orleans, and William Pressly of New York, NY;
cousins: Chip and Carla Leaf, Eric and Katie Leaf, Jay and Tucker Stine,
Ryan and Sarah Boles, Zach and Hannah Leitner, all of Charlotte area;
Elizabeth Bunch, John and Amanda Pressly of Atlanta, Virginia, Foster, and
Charles Stahls of New Orleans, Taylor and Anna Leaf of Petaluma, CA;
second-cousins: Oliver Leaf, Sally and Davis Stine and Teegan Boles, all
of Charlotte area; Merrick Leaf of Petuluma. Additional family and friends
celebrate via live-stream from near and far. Carla Leaf stands as Elder.

Cover Image

Messianic Hope is located on the east nave of the Sanctuary in the first
window from the narthex entrance. Derived from Genesis 3:15, the
golden tri-radiant nimbus ascribes the identity of a heel crushing the
serpent's head to that of Christ, although some traditions ascribe this
identity to Mary based on the late 4th Century translation by Jerome
called the Vulgate. The Hebrew is said to be ambiguous. A red vesica
frames the medallion reminding us that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of
God, our Savior. Several small symbols can be made out surrounding
the nimbus, including the Octagon of Creation and a Greek cross,
symbol of divine power. Photo: © 2009 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 (today) 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 25)

Welcome New Members

We welcome Deb Gray and Nathan Walsh into our church family.

Birth

Congratulations to Caroline and Greg Knight on the birth of their son,
Thomas Waller Knight, on October 22.

Weddings

Congratulations to Kirby Robbins and Brian Yates, who celebrated the
occasion of their marriage yesterday at Covenant; and to
Liz Stewart and Bill Buie, who celebrated the occasion of their marriage
on October 21, in Monroe, NC.

In Need of Healing Prayer

Lamont Hudson
Frank Mansfield
Lillian Neal
Bob Taylor
Barbara White

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| 1. 2000 Golden Grey Ltd., Universal - MCA Publishing | 4. 1981, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications Inc. agent |
| 2. 2002 ALMO Music Corp and One Big Love Music | 5. 2010 Red Tie Music |
| 3. 2011 Eddie Kirkland Music and Songs At North Point | 6. 2013 Black River Entertainment, LLC. |
| | 7. 1998 Integrity's Hosanna! Music |
| | 8. 1996 Rick Muchow (Encouraging Music) |

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Sunday, October 28, 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, October 28, 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

Everyday D. Matthews, G. Ballard¹

Pick me up, love! (pick me up, love)
Hey, how long, how long, how long (everyday)
Everyday, ah

Pick me up, love, from the bottom
Up to the top, love, everyday
Pay no mind to taunts or advances
I take my chances on everyday
Left to right
Up and down, love
I push up love, love everyday
Jump in the mud, oh
Get your hands dirty with
Love it up on everyday

All you need is; all you want is
All you need is love; all you need is
What you want is; all you need is love.
Everyday, everyday. Oh, everyday...

Pick me up, love, from the bottom
Up onto the top, love, everyday
Pay no mind to taunts or advances
I'm gonna take my chances on everyday
Left to right
Up and up and inside out right
Good love fight for everyday
Jump in the mud, mud
Get your hands filthy, love
Give it up, love. Everyday

What you've got – lay it down on me

Rain P. Griffin²

It's hard to listen to a hard, hard heart
Beating close to mine
Pounding up against the stone and steel
Walls that I won't climb
Sometimes a hurt is so deep deep deep
You think that you're gonna drown
Sometimes all I can do is weep, weep, weep
With all this rain falling down

Strange how hard it rains now
Rows and rows of big dark clouds

But I'm holding on underneath this shroud
Rain

It's hard to know when to give up the fight
Some things you want will
Just never be right
It's never rained like it has tonight before
Now I don't wanna beg you baby
For something maybe you could never give
I'm not looking for the rest of your life
I just want another chance to live

Welcome & Announcements

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

*All Creatures Of Our God And King

*Here & Now E. Kirkland³

*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

Sacrament of Baptism

Grace Reynolds Raborn, daughter of Katie and Joey Raborn

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.

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

Local Outreach Allen & Claire Brown

Offering

I Forgive You K. Pickler⁶

I've been carrying around this pain
I've been dragging it like a chain
A million tons of steel
This hurt is drowning me inside
It's like an ocean deep and wide
And you're an anchor pulling me down
Pulling me down
And I've cursed your name
I've tried to numb the pain
There's no whiskey, there's no pills
To change the way it feels
And I've prayed and prayed
For it to go away
There's only one thing
left for me to do
I forgive you
I learned I had to set it free
Hating you was only hurting me
Like poison
I had to let go of the dream
That our past could ever be
Anything but what it was
Any different that it was

GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture Reading

Colossians 1:9b-20 New Testament, p. 188

Sermon

"The Notes of Amazing Grace" Joan Watson

Sermon Series: XL In This Grace

*Be Unto Your Name L. DeShazo, G. Sadler⁷

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Invitation and Benediction

*For I Know R. Muchow⁸

Immediately following the service,
a congregational meeting will be held here in the Sanctuary
to vote on the dissolution of Joan Watson's call
to Covenant as Associate Pastor.

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit