

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

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister
Jessica Patchett, associate minister
Terry and Lecia Horne, usher team leaders

Singing

Phyllis Fulton, LaVita Hill, Jessica Hindman, Susan Richey
Voices of Eden Gospel Choir: The Voices of Eden Gospel Choir was founded at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in 2005. The group's founder and leader, Zacch Estrada-Petersen, has created an atmosphere where members of the campus community are free to interact, worship the Lord and share their gifts through music.

Instrumentalists

Gerard Benson (bass), Tim Gordon (saxophone),
Phil Koonce (acoustic guitar), Zach Leitner (electric guitar),
Ben Thomas (keys), Justin Wherry (percussion)

Sound and Visuals

Jacob Crain (video), Ricko Hill (audio), Nisa Kibona (visuals)

Leading Other Services

Quinton Busch, interim choir director
Rob Dicks, assistant director of traditional music & organist
Anna Rainey Dickson, pastoral associate
Burton Mackey, carillonneur
Ardy Skidmore, seminary intern
Joan Watson, associate minister

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the Comer Family

Great grandmother: Ola Comer of Atlanta; grandparents: Jamie and Matt Pate of Perry, Ga., Julie and Barry Comer of Atlanta; great-aunts and -uncles: Kenny and Laura Comer of Ft. Meyers, Fla., Gerald and Rhonda Boyd of Augusta, Ga.; aunts and uncles: Mary Kathryn Comer of Atlanta, Hayley and Hank Clay of Nashville, Tenn.; cousin: Caroline Clay of Nashville, Tenn. Kate Carter stands as Elder with the Comer family.

Flowers in the Sanctuary

Given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the congregation, clergy, and staff of Covenant for their gracious hospitality and diligence in making possible the observance of the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation of the North and South Carolina Synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) at Covenant yesterday, September 23

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).

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (AS OF SEPT. 21)

In Memoriam

Jean Casterton Bulette Boggs
Elder

April 27, 1923 – September 12, 2017

A memorial service will be held Tuesday, October 10, 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall

Tricia Lloyd Johnson

June 30, 1961 – September 19, 2017

The congregation extends its sincere sympathy and love to the families of Jean Boggs and Tricia Johnson and rejoices with them all in the assurance of the resurrection

In Need of Healing Prayer

Neta Caldwell, Cohen and Heath Godwin, Roy Joslin, Helen King
Rick Lawson, Brett Patterson, Bob Taylor

Additional Baptism Today at Covenant (11:00 Sanctuary)

Olivia Paige McConnell, daughter of Lauren and Will McConnell

Wedding

Congratulations to Kaitlin and Michael Coletta who celebrated the occasion of their marriage in the Covenant Sanctuary on September 16

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Sunday, September 24, 2017

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.

~ Audio-induction hearing loops are installed for use with hearing aids. ~

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 24, 2017 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

Love Can Build a Bridge. J. Barlow, N. Judd, P. Overstreet¹

I'd gladly walk across the desert
With no shoes upon my feet
To share with you the last bite
Of bread I had to eat
I would swim out to save you
In your sea of broken dreams
When all your hopes are sinkin'
Let me show you what love means

(chorus)

*Love can build a bridge. Between your heart and mine
Love can build a bridge
Don't you think it's time?. Don't you think it's time?*

I would whisper love so loudly,
every heart could understand
Love and only love can join the tribes of man
I would give my heart's desire so that you might see
The first step is to realize
that it all begins with you and me.

(chorus)

When we stand together, it's our finest hour
We can do anything, anything
We're believing in the power

(chorus, 2 times)

Song of Glory

Son of God, everlasting one
You have poured your grace on me
Love falls down. Filling up my life
And my heart sings out your praise

(chorus)

*Let the seas resound. Let the oceans roar
With a song of glory for you Lord
Let it fill the sky. Saturate my life
With a song of glory for you Lord*

Mercy streams
Flowing through my soul
And your deep calls to my deep
Endless light of a thousand dreams
You have come and rescued me

(chorus)

Let the sound of your strong melody
Break the chains as it rises in me
As the Heavens sing out in the chorus of love
I will lift up my voice cry out
From my soul I will send up a shout
Let the words of my life be the song that you hear

(chorus)

Welcome & Announcements

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

**Trading My Sorrows*. D. Evans²

**Mighty To Save*. R. Morgan, B. Fielding³

**Prayer of Adoration*

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

Call to Confession

All Who Are Thirsty. B. Brown, G. Robertson⁴
(Solo) All who are thirsty, and all who are weak, come to
the fountain, dip your heart in the stream of life. Let the
pain and the sorrow be washed away in the waves of his
mercy, as deep cries out to deep, we sing:
(Refrain) **Come, Lord Jesus, come.** (sing four times)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Sacrament of Baptism

Emily Kate Comer, daughter of Megan and Mike Comer
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.**

* You are invited to rise in body or spirit

Listen God Is Calling. Kenyan tune⁵

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

Musical notation for the hymn 'Listen God Is Calling'. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: 'Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,'. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: 'of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.'

Offering

You've Been So Faithful. E. James⁶

As I look back over my life
I can see how Your love has guided me
Even though I've done wrong. You never left me alone
But You forgave me. And You kept on blessing
This I recall to my mind. Therefore I have hope
It's because of Your mercy that we are not consumed
Because thy compassions fail not,
They are new every morning
Great is Thy faithfulness. Great is Thy faithfulness
You've been, Lord You've been so faithful
(Even though sometimes I didn't do what You wanted me to do)
You've been, Lord You've been so faithful
(Even though sometimes I didn't say what You wanted me to say)
I can never repay You Lord for what You done for me
How You loosed my shackles and you set me free.
How You made a way out of no way
Turned my darkness into day
You've been my joy in the time of sorrow
Hope for my tomorrow
Peace in the time of storm. Strength when I'm weak and worn
You've been, Lord You've been so faithful
(Even though sometimes I didn't do what You wanted me to do)
You've been, Lord You've been so faithful
(Even though sometimes I didn't say what You wanted me to say)
You've been

GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture Reading

Luke 5:17-26 New Testament, p. 59

Sermon

Stretching Time. Bob Henderson
Sermon Series: Call to Health

**Lean On Me*. B. Withers⁷

GO IN GOD'S NAME

**Invitation and Benediction*

**How Can I Keep From Singing*. Arr. E. Cassidy⁸