

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Jessica Patchett, associate minister
Julia Watkins, pastoral resident
Jason Graffis, director of contemporary worship and arts
Kate Carter, usher team leader

Sharing the Gifts of Music

Amber Brown (vocals), Cheryl Hoover (bass & vocals), Pam Jefsen (vocals), Phil Koonce (electric guitar), Justin Wherry (drums)

Audio and Visuals

Joel St. Once (video), Walton St. Onge (visuals),
Dave Welchman (audio)

Leading Other Services

Heather Potter, director of traditional music
Robert Dicks, assistant director of traditional music & organist
Kenney Potter, choral conductor
Joan Watson, associate minister
Burton Mackey, carillonneur

The Flowers in the Sanctuary

Given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Lisa De Luke and Justin Marshall yesterday at Covenant.

Cover Image

Bach at the Organ is located on the lower east apse of Morrison Chapel. The medallion frame recalls the apse and chancel, where church organs are usually located. J.S. Bach lived in central Germany from 1685 to 1750, during the height of the pre-Classical and post-Renaissance Baroque period. The term "baroque" – from the Portuguese for "misshapen pearl" – was originally critical of heavily ornamented music. Bach holds his right hand in an attitude of blessing. Divine light from the Holy Spirit illuminates his head and heart to inspire him – in organ design and construction as well as the prolific creation of devotional church music. A red vesica separates Bach's vision from ordinary reality. Small barbed Greek crosses suggest that he was a "fisher of people" whose music renewed the faithful. Dr. Albert Schweitzer called Bach "the Fifth Evangelist." Photo © 2012 JonSilla.com.

Covenant Kids Summer Sunday School (May 27 through Sept 2.)

Elementary students will attend 9:30 a.m. worship and register with a shepherd in the narthex. Following the Time With Young Disciples, students leave for a lesson in EW207. Parents pick up children from class. Preschool – Kindergarten children may be brought by parents to first floor at any time during worship. Check in at electronic monitor or classroom door (age as of Aug. 31, 2017). Music and story time are provided in the center hall at both worship hours. (Please note: parents, not siblings, are responsible for dropping off and picking up children from child care and Sunday School).

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.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (AS OF SEPTEMBER 27)

Welcome New Members

We welcome Wanda Barnes and Caroline and Greg Knight into our church family.

Baptism Today at Covenant (11:00 Sanctuary)

Gaines Pender Utz, son of Allie and Bradley Utz

Deaths in the Church

The congregation extends its sincere sympathy and love to David and Lexi Frost and their family on the death of her mother, Michale Karnes Connelly, on September 22; and to

Ruth Huey and her family on the death of her mother, Marilyn "Joy" Huey, on September 22; and rejoices with them in the assurance of the resurrection.

In Need of Healing Prayer

Logan Howe, Lamont Hudson,
Frank Mansfield, Lillian Neal,
Theo Robinson, Bob Taylor,
Barbara White

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| 1. 1993 Songs of Universal Inc and Buzzard Rock Music | 5. 2010 Red Tie Music |
| 2. 2015 Southeastern Records | 6. 2016 MuthaJones Music, EMI Blackwood Music and EMI Music Publishing |
| 3. 2012 Gettymusic, Parakeet Boots Music, and Thankyou Music | 7. 2005 Thankyou Music |
| 4. 1981, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications Inc. agent | 8. 1996 Rick Muchow (Encouraging Music) |

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Sunday, September 30, 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, September 30, 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

Soulshine W. Haynes¹

When you can't find the light
That guides you through a cloudy day
When the stars ain't shining bright
You feel like you've lost your way
When the candle light of home
Burns so very far away
Well, you got to let your soul shine
Just like my daddy used to say

He used to say soulshine
It's better than sunshine
It's better than moonshine
Sure is better than rain
Hey now people, don't mind
We all get this way sometime

Got to let your soul shine, shine till the break of day

I grew up thinking that I had it made
Gonna make it on my own
Life can take the strongest man
Make him feel so alone

Now sometimes I feel a cold wind
Blowing through my aching bones

I think back to what my daddy said
He said, "Boy, there is darkness before the dawn"

Sometimes a man can feel this emptiness
Like a woman has robbed him of his very soul
A woman too, God knows, she can feel like this
And when your world seems cold
You got to let your spirit take control

If It Takes A Lifetime J. Isbell²

I've been working here, Monday, it'll be a year
And I can't recall a day when I didn't wanna disappear
But I keep on showing up, hell-bent on growing up
If it takes a lifetime

I'm learning how to be alone, fall asleep with the TV on
And I fight the urge to live inside my telephone
I keep my spirits high, find happiness by and by
If it takes a lifetime

I got too far from my raising, I forgot where I come from
And the line between right and wrong was so fine

Well I thought the highway loved me
But she beat me like a drum
My day will come, if it takes a lifetime

I don't keep liquor here, never cared for wine or beer
And working for the county keeps me running clear
The nights are dry as dust, but I'm letting my eyes adjust
If it takes a lifetime

Man is the product of all the people that he ever loved
And it don't make a difference how it ended up
If I loved you once my friend, oh, I can do it all again
If it takes a lifetime

We got too far from my raising and we fought 'til we went numb
You were running up a mountain in your own mind
And I thought that I was running to but I was running from
Oh, our day will come, if it takes a lifetime
our day will come, if it takes a lifetime

Welcome & Announcements

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

**Love Divine All Loves Excelling R.H. Prichard, C. Wesley*

**Oh How Good It Is K. & K. Getty, R. Holmes, S. Townend³*

**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.**

⁴ You are invited to rise in body or spirit

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.**

Offering

Carry On N. Jones⁶

And after all's been said and done
Who said it best, were you the one?
Let's just forget, leave it behind
And carry on

If you should find the time to speak
Then speak to me, I'd never keep
You from your final destiny
So carry on

Into the quiet I am bound
What you have lost, I've never found
I lost my nerve, yet peace surrounds
So carry on

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GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture Reading

II Timothy 4.1-2, 9-17 New Testament, p. 201

Sermon

"Let God Deal With Alexander" Jessica Patchett

Sermon Series: When It Matters Most...

**Speak O Lord K. Getty, S. Townend⁷*

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Invitation and Benediction

**For I Know R. Muchow⁸*