

"Founded in 1924 in the belief that there is more that binds us together than separates us in the worship of God."

9.23.2018

Chapel 8:30 a.m. C² Service (Community Hall) 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME

Recognizing the wide welcome offered to all through Jesus Christ, Community Church opens its arms to all. We strive to offer Christ's wide welcome to all people, regardless of creed, age, race, or sexual identity. We invite you to join our congregation in worship and in membership, as we allow our lives to be shaped by the loving outreach of Christ. *Please rise in body or spirit. **Bold** text indicates congregational participation. Teachers will lead children grades Pre-K through 5th grade to Sunday school after the Passing of the Peace. Nursery care available during our C^e and Sanctuary worship services. Our services are live-streamed via internet, capturing the chancel & the congregation and may appear on social media.

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Prelude

"Voluntary in A" Op. 7, No. 1 John Stanley

COMMUNITY WORDS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN AND ENTRANCE OF THE CHRIST LIGHT

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Ho - ly, ho - ly, lv! Lord God Al might y! ho Ho - ly, ho - ly, All ho ly! the saints dore Thee, a Ho - ly, ho - ly, Though the hide ho ly! dark ness Thee, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho ly! Lord God Al might - v! Ear ly in the ing shall Thee: morn our song rise to Cast - ing down their round the gold - en crowns a glass V sea; Though the sin - ful - ness Thy eye of glo ry may not see, thy works All shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea: Ho ly, ho ly, ly! mer ci ful and might - y! ho Cher - u bim and - a - phim fall - ing down be fore Thee, ser On - ly Thee Thou art ho ly; there is none be side Ho - ly, ho ly, ho lv! mer ci - ful and migh - ty! -God bless - ed Trin in three sons, i ty! per Who wert, and and ev er more shalt be. art. Per fect in power, in love and pur i ty. -God bless - ed Trin in three ty! per sons, 1

*LITANY

Karl Dietrich

One: We come to worship our God, whose engagement with the world stands as a challenge to us.

- All: Though God shows no favoritism, we are inclined to reserve honor for a few.
- One: Though God serves us with self-giving abandon, we tend to ration our gifts.
- All: Though God has taught us to love our neighbors as ourselves, we are sometimes unwilling to act upon love's demands.
- One: With hearts open to God's healing and leading, let us pray.

Dr. Robert T. Baggott

Jill Truax, organ

Dr. Casey G. Baggott

NICAEA

Mold us, O God, into people after your own heart: generous, humble, and compassionate. Do not let our talk of faithfulness prove to be but idle words. Let our lives speak of our commitment to you through our every act and every deed. Help us to keep working as faith demands, that the fruits of our faith may help to heal our troubled world. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. David W. Johnson

Children grades Pre-K through 5th grade are invited to join us for Sunday School. Parents of visiting children are asked to escort their child to their classroom in order to fill out contact information.

ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

ANTIPHONAL READING

Clergy, Cantor, and Congregation

Antiphon: Congregation may join the cantor in singing the antiphon. Psalm 37:1-10



Cantor and Congregation

One: ¹ Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers, ² for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb. ³ Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security. ⁴ Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Cantor and Congregation

One: ⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act. ⁶ He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday. ⁷Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

Cantor and Congregation

One: ⁸ Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret - it leads only to evil. ⁹ For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land. ¹⁰ Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.

Cantor and Congregation

RESPONSE

One: May God who commanded light to shine out of darkness enlighten our way today.

All: Amen.

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Dr. Robert T. Baggott

One: God's message finds utterance in our midst.

All: We wait and listen for God's word to us today.

Micah 6:6-10

⁶With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?' ⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Response

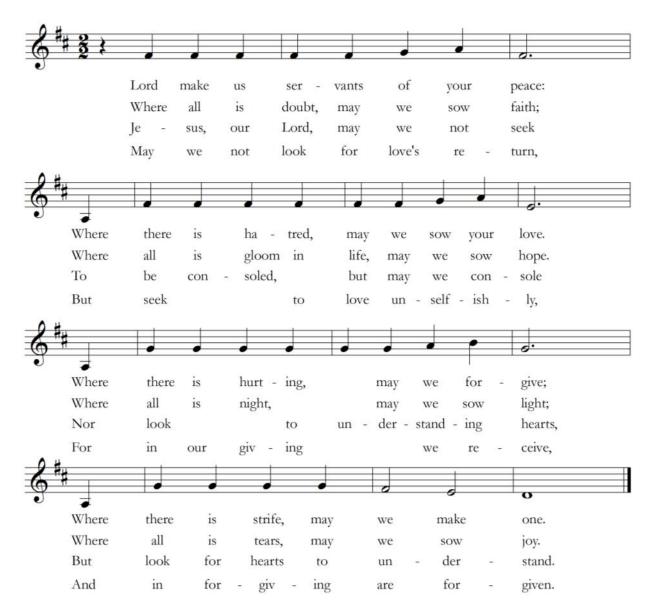
One: Let us live in ways that will please the LORD.

All: God has shown us what is good to do. God asks us to live justly, kindly, and humbly.

*HYMN OF DEVOTION

"Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace" ST.

ST. FRANCIS



THE GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. David W. Johnson

One: Silence in us, O God, any voice but your own.

All: May your Word be proclaimed and received here today.

James 2:1-8, 14-17

¹ My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious LORD Jesus Christ? ² For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³ and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴ have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷ Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? ⁸ You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷ So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

RESPONSE

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

"Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service" arr. Daniel Kallman Chancel Choir

LORD whose love in humble service Bore the weight of human need, Who upon the cross, forsaken, Worked your mercy's perfect deed: We, your servants, bring the worship Not of voice alone, but heart Consecrating to your purpose Ev'ry gift which you impart. Still your children wander homeless; Still the hungry cry for bread. Still the captives long for freedom; Still in grief we mourn our dead. As you, LORD, in deep compassion, Healed the sick and freed the soul By your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole. As we worship, grant us vision, Till your love's revealing Light In its height and depth and greatness Dawns upon our quickened sight, Making known the burdens Your compassion bids us bear, your, compassion, Stiring us to tirelss striving, Your abundant life to share. Your abundant life to share.

SERMON

"Creed or Deed?"

Dr. Casey G. Baggott

So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.~ James 2:17

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UNISON CALL TO OFFERING

You have entrusted each of us with unique gifts to be used in concert for the furthering of your realm, O God. Take the offerings we bring here today. Together may they promote upon this earth all that is required by love. Amen.

OFFERTORY

"Children of the Heavenly Father" arr. Mack Wilberg Chancel Choir

Karl Dietrich

Children of the Heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather; Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given. God his own doth tend and nourish; in his holy courts they flourish. From all evil things he spares them; in his mighty arms he bears them. Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever; Unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth. Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh; his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy. His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

Amen

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CALL TO PRAYER

- One: God be with you.
- All: And with your spirit.
- One: Let us pray. O LORD, show us your mercy.
- All: And grant us your salvation.
- One: O God, make clean our hearts within us.
- All: And take not your Holy Spirit from us.

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

"Come, Maker, Son, and Spirit" Lloyd Larson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

Our Father which 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.

THE SENDING FORTH



POSTLUDE

"Allegro" from Symphony No. 6 Charles Marie-Widor Dr. Robert T. Baggott

Chancel Choir

Andrew Galuska, organ

DEACON: Karl Dietrich

ACOLYTE: Liam Dyer

TODAY WE REMEMBER...

Irene Zacharek, who died on September 15th, 2018. A service will be held in New Jersey. Tom Guy, who died on September 16th, 2018. A service will be held on Tuesday, September 25th, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in the Sancutuary.

THE FLOWERS TODAY ARE DEDICATED TO THE GLORY OF GOD GIVEN...

by Tee Henley and her family, in loving memory of her parents.

Please join us outside Community Hall for refreshments and conversation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

<u>NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH</u>: The sermon, "Pooh and You" will be given by Dr. Robert T. Baggott at the 8:30 a.m. Chapel service, 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary service and E-cast at the 10:00 a.m. C² service in Community Hall. All are welcome.

CALLING ALL GREETERS: A Big Thank You to Joan Ohl and "Charlie," Dori Moore, and The Thompson Family, for welcoming everyone on Sunday! Please help us with greeting our congregation as they enter on Sunday morning. There is nothing more welcoming than a smiling face and a friendly hello. Arrive 30 minutes before the service, stand at your appointed door, and help people feel welcome. Call Lois Forrest at 772-563-9103 to sign up.

WOMEN'S RETREAT: Register now for the local Women's Retreat, "Beyond Thoughts and Prayers" led by Rev. Jan Hoffman. Fliers available in the kiosks and church office. Friday, Nov. 9th, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (snacks available). Saturday, Nov. 10th, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. \$40 registration fee includes continental breakfast and lunch. Scholarships are available for those who need this. All are welcome.

<u>BIBLE STUDY</u>: Come to learn about sacred texts of our faith, and to let them speak to us in ways that challenge, affirm, comfort, and support us. Participants enjoy learning with and from one another as they gather to discuss this week's lectionary scripture. All are welcome.

- Women's Bible Study Starting this Tuesday, September 25th from 5:00-6:00 p.m. The 11:00 a.m. group will now be held on Wednesdays, starting September 26th. Both classes will meet in Community Hall East.
- Men's Bible Study Is held on Tuesdays at 7:00 a.m. (donuts and coffee provided) in Community Hall East. The 11:00 a.m. class will resume in January.

<u>NEW MEMBER CLASS</u>: If you are interested in learning more about our church and want to consider becoming a member, please join us TODAY at 11:05 a.m. in the Garden Room for conversation, coffee, and cookies.

LIFELONG FITNESS CLASSES: Lifelong Fitness classes will resume on October 1st. Classes will be held in Commotion on Mondays and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

PERSONAL COUNSELING: Individual or couples counseling for personal anxiety, depression, or relationships etc., is available at NO cost from Dr. Donald White on Wednesdays. We are fortunate to have this highly qualified professional who is willing to offer his expertise and guidance. Call Suzanne Rice to schedule an appointment at 772-469-2303.

<u>THE SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING</u>: The School of Chrisitian Living returns this fall with new and exciting classes. Please check out the brochures in the kiosks around the church for more information or go online to www. ccovb.org/SCL or call Elaine Matthes at 772-469-2309.

MISSION MINISTRY

COMMUNITY CHURCH MISSION WATCH: HURRICANE FLORENCE: The high winds and torrential rains from Hurricane Florence have been devastating. We encourage all of God's people to support the recovery and clean-up efforts in the Carolinas in the coming days and weeks. As our part in that recovery effort, Community Church has continued our Hurricane Relief Fund so that we are able to show God's love and care for all people following such a destructive storm. If you would like to contribute to this fund, mark your check for "hurricane relief" and drop it in the offering plate, or send it to our church office. We will keep you updated on the ways that it is used.

MUSIC AND FINE ARTS

CHANCEL CHOIR: Join us for rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. No audition required. All voice types and levels of musical experience accepted and encouraged! For more information, please contact Andrew Galuska at (772) 469-2306 or email *andrew.galuska@ccovb.org*.

HOLY CHAOS AND C³: Music and Fine Arts opportunities for children and youth continue after church in Commotion. Families are invited to gather for coffee, child friendly snacks, games, and fellowship after the 10 a.m. services. A musical opportunity (singing, chimes, or drama) will be offered around 11:30 a.m. for those interested in sharing their musical talents in worship. Please join us for a time of fellowship as we begin to rebuild our children's music program. We hope to see you there!

<u>COMMUNITY RINGERS</u>: Handbell rehearsals begin Tuesday, October 2^{nd} at 5:00 p.m. with an open house. All interested in ringing may attend to see what a rehearsal is like and try out a bell or two. On Sunday, October 30^{th} we will have an informational table set up where you can try out a bell or a chime and meet some of our ringers. For any questions contact Rachel Carter at *rachel.carter@ccovb.org*.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY

<u>NURSERY CARE</u>: Today we offer nursery care (infants-3 year olds) during the C² and Sanctuary worship services. Parents are asked to bring their children to the 2nd floor of our Education Building prior to service. Infants-23 months meet in Rm. 221, and toddlers (2-3 year olds) meet in Rm. 222.

<u>MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH</u>: Our Youth Group (6-8 grade) meets every Wednesday from 5:00-7:00 p.m. You are encouraged to bring friends. Pizza and snacks will be available for purchase.

PANDEMONIUM: (Formerly the Middle School Youth Sunday Night Event) All youth (6-8 grade) are invited to meet Doug Johnson, Ministry Associate for Emerging Generations, for a fun-filled "Board Game Night" in Commotion, today, Sunday, September 23rd, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Bring your favorite board game to play with your friends. The cost is \$5.00 per person and includes dinner.

SAVE THE DATES! Our high school youth will host four Kid's Night Out events throughout the year to raise funds for their summer mission trip! This will be an opportunity for the Pre-K through 5th grade kids to enjoy a night out and their parents will do the same. Cost will be \$25.00 per child (\$15.00 each additional child) and will include dinner, games, crafts, and a movie. Each event will have a different theme. The dates are:

- Friday, October 19th
- Saturday, December 1st
- Friday, February 15th
- Friday, April 26th

More details to follow.

