



# COVENANT

presbyterian church

*To the Greater Glory of God*

## A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 10, 2026

11:00 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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*Welcome to Covenant; we are glad you are here. Children are always welcome in worship. Childcare and children's programs (ages 6 weeks to fifth grade) are offered in the Education Wing. Infant soothing spaces with live video of the worship service are available in the Welcome Center and parlor. See an usher for assistance.*

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## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

### PRELUDE

*Variations on HYFRYDOL* ..... B. Price

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Katherine Kerr

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 63

*The Lord Is God* ..... AZMON

### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

## PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

### CHORAL CALL TO CONFESSION

*Kyrie Eleison* ..... Russian Orthodox Chant  
Kyrie eleison....Lord have mercy.

### SILENT CONFESSION

### CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Merciful God, we come to you acknowledging the ways we have grieved your Spirit. Knowingly and unknowingly, we have acted without first seeking you. We have ignored and discounted the ways you show up in our lives, and we continue to be distracted by worldly desires and earthly gains. Have mercy on us, Lord. Restore to us an awareness of your Spirit. Remind us that the pleasures we are tempted by can never fully restore us. Slow us down. Help us to notice the signs of your grace and your power at work. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF GRACE

### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 587 (choir and congregation)

*Alleluia!* ..... CELTIC ALLELUIA<sup>1</sup>

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

## ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES ..... Courtney Shudak

*Following Time with Young Disciples, children are invited to remain in worship with their families or go to Childcare. Children going to Childcare should be accompanied by a parent/guardian to the first floor of the Education Wing.*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Isaiah 7:13-14 . . . . . Old Testament, p. 598

Matthew 28:18-20 . . . . . New Testament, p. 32

**SERMON**

“I Am With You” . . . . .Serenitye Taylor  
Sermon Series: *The (Great) Commission in a Pluralistic World*

**RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 817**

*We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* . . . . . DUNLAP’S CREEK

**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (unison)**

**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.**

**MINUTE FOR MINISTRY**

Freedom School Partners . . . . .Nikki Keith

**OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*Surrexit Christus.* . . . . . G. Pergolesi<sup>2</sup>  
Surrexit Christus, alleluia.  
*Christ is risen, alleluia.*  
Surrexit Christus sepulcro. Alleluia!  
*Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!*  
Surrexit Christus vere. Alleluia!  
*This day is Christ arisen. Alleluia!*  
~ Covenant Choir ~

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**GO IN GOD’S NAME**

**\*CLOSING HYMN 298**

*Lord, You Give the Great Commission.* . . . . . ABBOT’S LEIGH

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You* . . . . .P. Lutkin

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Festive March in E Flat* . . . . .G.F. Handel

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# THE WORSHIP SERVICE

## Leading Worship this Morning

Serenitye Taylor, associate minister, congregational life

Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational care

Courtney Shudak, pastoral resident, mission and outreach

Emily Floyd, director of traditional music

Lee Northcutt, guest organist

Covenant Choir

Emily Reinicker, carillon

## WELCOME TO COVENANT

We are happy that you are worshiping with us today. Please fill out one of the Worship Response Cards in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate when finished. All are welcome for fellowship and refreshments in the Circle where today's preaching minister will be glad to greet you.

Interested in joining Covenant? We welcome new members every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor, located downstairs in the Sanctuary building. Feel free to contact our office at 704-333-9071 or email [Lora.Borrelli@covenantpresby.org](mailto:Lora.Borrelli@covenantpresby.org) for more information.

Masks are optional in the sanctuary and assistive listening are available from the ushers. Audio-induction hearing loops are installed in the sanctuary for use with hearing aids.



Each Sunday, we offer educational 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 in each building for details.

Are you signed up to receive our weekly emails? If not, please contact Lacy King, Communications Manager, at [Lacy.King@covenantpresby.org](mailto:Lacy.King@covenantpresby.org).



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## CONGREGATIONAL NOTES *(As of May 6)*

*Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:*

### CONGRATULATIONS TO

Mary and Jon Sutton on the baptism of their child

Mark Francis Sutton today at 9:30 a.m.

Jessica and Joseph Jacobs on the birth of their  
child Henry Jacobs on April 27.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Lauren and John D'Ambrosio (Maggie May)

Beth Mask and Michael Warden

### OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Susan and Kevin McCarter and their family on the death  
of Kevin's father Harold Dean McCarter on May 3.

### PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Candace Carter-Johnson

Helen Cathey

Deloris Davis

Murray Fadiel

Jim Leathers

Carolyn Renner

Bucky Renner

Dottie Stowe

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We rely on members of the congregation, friends and relatives to keep us informed of hospitalizations, births and deaths. Please call the church office at 704-333-9071 or email [Aisha.Council@CovenantPresby.org](mailto:Aisha.Council@CovenantPresby.org). Prayer requests may be submitted on your Worship Response Card, on the website at Connect and Grow > Congregational Care, or to [Katherine.Kerr@CovenantPresby.org](mailto:Katherine.Kerr@CovenantPresby.org). A pastor remains on call for emergency situations (death, sudden hospitalizations, etc.). Please call 704-333-9071.

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