



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND COMMUNION

Sunday, March 1, 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 space with live video of the worship service are available in the Welcome Center and parlor. See an usher for assistance.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Ciacona D. Buxtehude

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Serenitye Taylor

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty LOBE DEN HERREN

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

CHORAL CALL TO CONFESSION

Come, Bring Your Burdens to God. South African, arr. W. Sigobi¹
Come, bring your burdens to God;
come, bring your burdens to God;
come, bring your burdens to God;
for Jesus will never say no.

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, you call us to be a forgiving people, and so we would be—but for the damage we do with our talk; the hurt we cause our friends; the insults we heap on strangers and even our neighbors. We've grown numb to evil and suspicious of goodness. For all we have done and all we have left undone, merciful God, we pray for pardon, and we seek to walk more firmly in your way. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (*choir and congregation*)

God's Mercies Are New Every Day G. Murphy
Choir: Continuous love that will never fail
All: God's mercies are new ev'ry day.
Choir: With God in my life sin cannot prevail
All: God's mercies are new ev'ry day.
ALL (REFRAIN):
God is faithful, Like the morning sunrise;
God is faithful, God's mercies are new ev'ry day.
God's mercies are new ev'ry day. God's mercies are new ev'ry day.

*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

John 8: 1-11. New Testament, p. 94-95

SERMON

"The Moment of Mercy: Choosing Compassion". Bob Henderson
Sermon Series: *Discern. Decide. Declare.*

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 300

We Are One in the Spirit. THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY. Jim Dobbins

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Love. E. Hagenberg²

O love, O love, O love that will not let me go,
O love, I rest my weary soul in thee.
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thy ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O joy, O joy, O joy that seeks me through the pain,
O joy, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain.
That morn shall tearless be.

O love, O love, O love that will not let me go.
O love, I rest my weary soul in thee.
I give thee back the life I owe,
and in thy ocean depths its flow
shall richer, fuller be.
That morn shall tearless be.

O love, that will not let me go.

~ *Covenant Choir* ~

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (responsive)

Liturgist: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Liturgist: Lift up your hearts;

People: We lift them to the Lord

Liturgist: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise...

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

You are invited to take communion by intinction. With the ushers' guidance, please come down the center aisle, take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup, and return to your seat by the side aisle. Gluten-free bread is available at the center station. Those wishing to be served in the pew may signal an usher.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Come to the Table of Grace. B. Hamm

~ Eliana Taylor & Libby Benoit, soloists ~

Oh Lord, Have Mercy R. Carter

~ Soloists: Laurel Johnson, soprano; Peter Moore, tenor

Covenant Choir ~

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 766

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound MCKEE

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Amen. J. Hairston

*POSTLUDE

Choral Song. S. Wesley

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister
Serenity Taylor, associate minister, congregational life
Courtney Shudak, pastoral resident, mission and outreach
Emily Floyd, director of traditional worship
Mark Glaeser, organist
Covenant Choir
Sherry Ward, 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 for more information.

Masks are optional in the sanctuary and assistive listening devices 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.



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CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (*As of February 25*)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Allie and Coleman Wombwell on the birth of
their child Brinn Debbe on February 20.

Hannah and Ross McSwain on their birth of their
child Virginia Grace on February 24.

Welcome New Members

Cait and Matt Van Hoy, Whit and Davis

Our Sympathy And Love To

Darrell and Elizabeth Williams and their family on the death of
his father Harold Williams on February 19.

Sven and Isabel Bader and their family on the death of
his father Primo Bader on February 18.

Barbara Lewis and her family on the death of
her brother Art in Jacksonville, FL.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Candace Carter-Johnson

Deloris Davis

Murray Fadiel

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. 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. A pastor remains on call for emergency situations (death, sudden hospitalizations, etc.). Please call 704-333-9071.

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