



# COVENANT

presbyterian church

*To the Greater Glory of God*

## A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 15, 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

*Partita on "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" . . . . . J. Behnke*

*I. Theme II. Cantabile III. Fantasia*

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

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 394

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation . . . . . WESTMINSTER ABBEY*

### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

## PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

### CHORAL CALL TO CONFESSION

*Come, Bring Your Burdens to God. . . . . South African, arr. W. Sigobi<sup>1</sup>*

*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)

**Almighty God, you created us for life together, but we have turned from your will. We have not loved as you commanded. We have broken the promises we have made to you and to one another.**

**We have taken much and given little. Forgive our disobedience,**

**O God, and strengthen us in love, so that we may serve you as a**

**faithful people and live together in your joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

## ANTHEM

*The Heavens Declare the Glory of God* . . . . . J. Brighton<sup>2</sup>  
 The heavens declare the glory of God.  
 The skies proclaim the work of God's hands.  
 Day after day they shine forth with praise,  
 declaring the glory, the glory of God.  
 Sun and moon and stars of light,  
 speak of God's wonder each day and night.  
 Shining so brightly for all to see,  
 filling the heavens they gladly sing,  
 "Glory to God, glory to God, blessed Creator and King!"  
 The heavens declare the glory of God.  
 The skies proclaim the work of God's hands.  
 Day after day they shine forth with praise,  
 declaring the glory, the glory of God.  
 Declaring the glory, the glory of God.  
 ~ Chorister Choir & Jubilate ~

**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

Mark 10: 35-45 . . . . . New Testament, p. 44

## SERMON

"The Moment of Service: Choosing Humility" . . . . . Bob Henderson  
 Sermon Series: *Discern. Decide. Declare.*

## RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE 377

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* . . . . . HOUSTON

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH . . . . . Phil. 2:3-11

**Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

\*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

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.

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Come, Ye Disconsolate* . . . . . T. Johnson<sup>3</sup>  
Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish.  
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.  
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;  
Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot heal.  
Joy of the desolate, light of the straying,  
Hope when all others die, fadeless and pure!  
Here speaks the comforter, tenderly saying,  
"Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot cure."  
Here see the Bread of Life, see waters flowing  
forth from the throne of God, pure from above.  
Come to the feast of love; come, ever knowing  
earth has no sorrow, earth has no sorrow,  
earth has no sorrow, but heaven can remove.  
~ Covenant Choir ~

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GO IN GOD’S NAME

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN 462

*I Love to Tell the Story* . . . . . HANKEY

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Danish Amen* . . . . . Anon. Danish

\*POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Allemande* . . . . . A. Holborne

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Notes:

# THE WORSHIP SERVICE

## Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister  
Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational care  
Courtney Shudak, pastoral resident, mission and outreach  
Emily Floyd, director of traditional music  
Mark Glaeser, organist  
Covenant Choir  
Emily Reinicker, carillon

## WELCOME TO COVENANT

We are happy that you are worshipping 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 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](mailto:Lacy.King@covenantpresby.org).



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## CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (As of March 11)

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

### OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Mary Nell McPherson and Kevin Strawn and their family on  
the death of her mother Lucy McPherson on March 11.

### PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Candace Carter-Johnson

Deloris Davis

Murray Fadiel

Jim Leathers

Dottie Stowe

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