



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 22, 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.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Allegro (from "Sinfonia No. 1") A. Vivaldi
~ Mark Glaeser, organ ~

Here I Am, Lord. arr. B. Ingram
~ Grace Notes Bell Choir ~

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Serenity Taylor

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 13

The Mighty God with Power Speaks KINGSFOLD

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

CALL TO CONFESSION Psalm 31:1-5

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, you sent Jesus Christ to show us the way to life. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. Misled by pride, we rely on ourselves. Seduced by temporal satisfactions, we become less than you call us to be, failing in love, neglecting justice, and ignoring your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Restore our spirits and set us on the path of righteousness, 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

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Katherine Kerr

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.

ANTHEM

Followers of the Lamb arr. P. Dietterich¹

O brethren ain't you happy, O brethren ain't you happy,

O brethren ain't you happy, ye followers of the Lamb.

Sing on, dance on, followers of Emmanuel,

sing on, dance on, ye followers of the Lamb.

O sisters ain't you happy, O sisters ain't you happy,

O sisters ain't you happy, ye followers of the Lamb.

Sing on, dance on, followers of Emmanuel,

sing on, dance on, ye followers of the Lamb.

O, I'm glad I am a Christian, I'm glad I am a Christian,

I'm glad I am a Christian, ye followers of the Lamb.

Sing on, dance on, followers of Emmanuel,

sing on, dance on, ye followers of the Lamb.

O, I mean to be obedient, I mean to be obedient,

I mean to be obedient, ye followers of the Lamb.

Sing on, dance on, followers of Emmanuel,

sing on, dance on, ye followers of the Lamb.

~ *Covenant Choir; soloist: Laurel Johnson, soprano* ~

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 22:39-46 New Testament, p. 82

SERMON

"The Moment of Surrender: Choosing God's Will" Bob Henderson

Sermon Series: *Discern. Decide. Declare.*

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 209 (Verses 1, 2, 5)

My Song Is Love Unknown LOVE UNKNOWN

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

¹You are invited to rise in body or spirit

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Toccataarr. M. Helman
~ *Youth Ringers, Grace Notes, Covenant Ringers* ~

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GO IN GOD’S NAME

***RECESSIONAL HYMN 216**

Beneath the Cross of Jesus ST. CHRISTOPHER

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Danish Amen Anon. Danish

***POSTLUDE**

Prelude to Te Deum M. A. Charpentier

Notes:

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister
Serenitye Taylor, associate minister, congregational life
Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational care
Emily Floyd, director of traditional music
Mark Glaeser, organist
Peter Moore, sacred music intern
Emily Schauer, director of Covenant Ringers & Grace Notes
Jacquelyn McAbee, director of Youth Ringers
Covenant Choir
Ben Unger, 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 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 March 18)*

Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Mary Neal and Ryan Bailey on the baptism of their child Sloan Ray Bailey today at 9:30 a.m.

Mary Kate and Marshall Sykes on the baptism of their child Robert Marshall Sykes Jr. today at 9:30 a.m.

Maggie and Michael Temple on the birth of their son Knox Whitley Temple on March 13.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Elvis Makia and Maryline Siewe and their family on the death of Elvis' mother Lucy Makia.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Candace Carter-Johnson

Deloris Davis

Murray Fadial

Jim Leathers

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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