



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Palm Sunday, March 29, 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

Grand Choeur Dialogue E. Gigout
~ Mark Glaeser, organ; Brian Winegardner, trumpet; Stacey Mills,
trumpet; Richard Goldfaden, French horn; Brent Ballard, trombone;
Keith Johnson, bass trombone; Dan Hays, timpani ~

Fanfare and Exhaltation D. Edwards
~ Covenant Ringers ~

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Bob Henderson

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 196

All Glory Laud, and Honor ST. THEODULPH

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

CHORAL CALL TO CONFESSION

Kyrie Eleison Russian Orthodox Chant
Kyrie eleison....Lord have mercy.
Christe eleison....Christ have mercy.
Kyrie eleison.....Lord have mercy.

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of grace and love, you show us a new way of life—one defined by presence rather than plenty, shaped by grace rather than striving, and marked by peace instead of power. Yet even as we cry “Hosanna” on Sunday, by Monday we are drawn back to control and comfort. We confess that we turn a blind eye to our neighbors’ pain and quietly contribute to the suffering of your world. Forgive us, O God, and turn our hearts again toward your way of life. Through Jesus Christ we pray. 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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM.....Bob Henderson

Margaret Evans Richards, child of Maggie and Rich Richards

Baptism Response (*choir and congregation*)

Children of the Heavenly Father..... Swedish Folk Tune

**Children of the heavenly Father, safely in God's bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.**

**Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;
Unto them God's grace he showeth and their sorrows all God knoweth.**

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:28-41..... New Testament, p. 78

SERMON

"The Moment of Courage: Choosing the Way of Peace" Grace Lindvall
Sermon Series: *Discern. Decide. Declare.*

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 269

Lead On, O King Eternal! LANCASHIRE

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

Hosanna in the Highest..... C. Courtney¹

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

~ *Covenant Choir; Brass Charlotte; Dan Hays, timpani; Jordan Taylor,
percussion* ~

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 366 (Verses 1,3, and 4)

Love Divine, All Loves ExcellingHYFRYDOL

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Lead On, O King Eternal..... arr. R. Hudson & D. Cherwien

Notes:

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister
Grace Lindvall, associate minister, education
Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational care
Emily Floyd, director of traditional music
Mark Glaeser, organist
Emily Schauer, director of Covenant Ringers
Covenant Choir
Katie Cornwell, carillon

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the Richards Family

Grandparents: Meg and Bill Fryling of Charlotte, N.C.; Mary Lib and Jim Richards of Davidson, N.C.; aunts and uncles: James Fryling of Charlotte, N.C.; Kelsey and Jip Richards of Chapel Hill, N.C.
Kim Moseley stands as Elder with the Richards family.

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 March 25*)

Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Ashlee and Michael Anderson on the birth of their
child Cameron John Anderson on March 9.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Sally and Larry Nichols (Bennett and Sloane)
Ashley and Michael Preston (Thomas and Benton)

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Pat Summers and her family on the death of her brother
Lee Fox in Beaverton, Oregon on March 21.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Candace Carter-Johnson

Deloris Davis

Murray Fadiel

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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