



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 26, 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

Suite Gothique L. Boellmann

I. Introduction II. Allegro

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Katherine Kerr

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 1

Holy, Holy, Holy NICAEA

*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)

Across the barriers that divide race from race, reconcile us, O Christ, by your love. Across the barriers that divide rich from poor, reconcile us, O Christ, by your love. Across the barriers that divide nations and communities, reconcile us, O Christ, by your love. Across the barriers that divide your church, reconcile us, O Christ, by your love. Across the barriers that divide young and old, reconcile us, O Christ, by your love. Confront us, O Christ, with the hidden prejudices and fears that deny and betray our prayers. Enable us to see the causes of strife. Teach us to grow in unity with all your people. For your love's sake and in love's name, 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

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

Matthew 28:16-20 New Testament, p. 32

SERMON

“Go. Make. Baptize.” Bob Henderson
Sermon Series: *The (Great?) Commission in Pluralistic World*

RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 15, verses 1-4

All Creatures of Our God and KingLASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

Like A River In My Soul T. Osiek¹
I’ve got peace like a river, like a river in my soul.
I’ve got peace like a river, soothing river, calmly flow.
When the world closes in, feel the stillness within.
I’ve got peace like a river in my soul.
I’ve got love like an ocean, like an ocean in my soul.
I’ve got love like an ocean, endless ocean, deep, and full.
When you’re lost and alone, let the waves bring you home.
I’ve got love like an ocean in my soul.
I’ve got joy like a fountain, like a fountain in my soul.
I’ve got joy like a fountain, like a fountain in my soul.
When your hope nearly dies, just remember, once again you shall rise!
I’ve got joy like a fountain, love like an ocean,
peace like a river, in my soul.
~ Covenant Choir ~

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*CLOSING HYMN 321 verses 1,2,5

The Church's One FoundationAURELIA

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Toccata (from Symphony No. 5) C. M. Widor

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

Katie Cornwell, carillon

Flowers in the Sanctuary

Given to the glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of Imogene Hart Chinery by her parents.

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 April 22)

Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Heather and Marty Burch on the birth of their child
Shepherd Andrew Burch on April 18.

Mary Clare and Alex Chinery on the baptism of their
child Imogene Hart Chinery today at 9:30.

Maggie and Josh Eidson on the baptism of their
child Hunter William Eidson today at 9:30.

Laura and Conor Starr on the baptism of their
child Elliot Michael Starr today at 9:30.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Carlin Taylor (Eliana)

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Stephanie and Evan Kluttz and their family on the
death of his mother Doris Kluttz on April 18.

Sarah and John Lipsey and their family on the death
of his father Tim Lipsey on April 20.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Bucky Renner

Jim Leathers

Candace Carter-Johnson

Murray Fadial

Deloris Davis

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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