



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND COMMUNION

Sunday, May 3, 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

Preludio "Sine Nomine" H. Howells

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Courtney Shudak

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise ST. DENIO

*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)

Gracious God, we confess that we have not always lived according to your call, often emphasizing polished appearances while neglecting to acknowledge or address the difficult realities of our lives. We are not perfect, and while we know you don't ask us to be, we admit that too often we have allowed our faith to be a badge we wear rather than a life we live. Forgive us for the ways we have withheld compassion, advanced our own interests, and bent your word to suit our needs. Renew us by your Spirit that we may live authentic lives in reflection of your grace and glory, in Christ's holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 587 (*choir and congregation*)

Alleluia! CELTIC ALLELUIA¹

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PASSING THE PEACE

ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Mary Kate Sykes

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 28:18-20 New Testament, p. 32

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 Old Testament, p. 157

SERMON

“Show and Tell”.....Katherine Kerr

Sermon Series: *The (Great?) Commission in a Pluralistic World*

RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 450

Be Thou My Vision SLANE

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Set Me as a Seal R. Clausen²

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death.

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death.

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it.

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death.

~ *Covenant Choir* ~

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

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

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

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. Hamm³

Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of love. Come to the table of love.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of love.

Come to the table of hope. Come to the table of hope.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of hope.

~ Avery Strickland & Alex Strickland, soloists ~

A Gaelic Offering. C. McMichael

*~ Flute Choir: Becky Duncan, Betsy Lytle, Janice Mangum,
Emily Schauer ~*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***RECESSIONAL HYMN 516**

For the Bread Which You Have Broken KINGDOM

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

The Lord Bless You and Keep You P. Lutkin

***POSTLUDE**

Prelude and Fugue in E Minor, BWV 533 J. S. Bach



THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational care
Courtney Shudak, pastoral resident, mission and outreach
Mary Kate Sykes, pastoral resident, education
Emily Floyd, director of traditional music
David Fisk, guest organist
Peter Moore, sacred music intern
Covenant Choir
Ben Unger, carillon

Flowers in the Sanctuary

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jake Grubbs by his 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 April 29)

Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Holly and Brandon Nicolau

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Brooks Shelley and Billy Maddalon and their family on the death of Brooks' mother Ruby Helen Taylor Shelley on April 29.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Candace Carter-Johnson

Deloris Davis

Murray Fadiel

Jim Leathers

Bucky Renner

Carolyn Renner

Carolyn Renner

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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