



To the Greater Glory of God
A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Youth Sunday
April 19, 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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Sunday, April 19, 2026

11:00 a.m.

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

Wachet Auf J. S. Bach

~ *Lucy Frost, violin* ~

WELCOME Bob Henderson

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 20

All Things Bright and Beautiful ROYAL OAK

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

CHORAL CALL TO CONFESSION

The Prayer of St. Patrick by W. Schoenfeld¹

Christ be with me; Christ within me.

Christ behind me; Christ before me.

Christ beside me; Christ to win me.

Christ to comfort and restore me.

Christ beneath me; Christ above me.

Christ in quiet; Christ in danger.

Christ in hearts of all that love me.

Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

~ *Youth Singers* ~

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Loving and merciful God, we confess that we do not always love others well. We lose patience, we choose anger over compassion, and we don't always carry kindness in our hearts. We confess that we follow temptation and turn away from your ways. We know what is right, and still, we do not always choose it. We have been self-centered, we have struggled to forgive, and we have fallen short of the love you call us to show. Forgive us, God. Help us to be patient. Help us to be kind. Help us to choose love. Guide us as we grow, and lead us back to you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

CHORAL RESPONSE

Rain Down J. Cortez²

Rain down, rain down, rain down your love on your people.

Rain down, rain down, rain down your love, God of life.

~ Youth Singers ~

***PASSING THE PEACE**

ENCOUNTER GOD’S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

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

Foundation K. Thompson

~ Youth Singers ~

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 90: 1-7, 12 Old Testament, p. 517-518

Romans 12:1-8 New Testament, p. 151

SENIOR REFLECTIONS Campbell Carter, Hailey McNaull, JJ Hazzard

Sermon Series: *Discern. Decide. Declare.*

RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 726**

Will You Come and Follow Me KELVINGROVE

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

Ubi Caritas V. Johnson³

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

Where there is charity and love, God is there.

Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.

The love of Christ has gathered us together.

Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

And from a sincere heart let us love one another.

~ Youth Singers ~

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 80

You Shall Go Out with JoyTHE TREES OF THE FIELD

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals.....S. Karg-Elert

Notes:

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister
Emily Floyd, director of traditional music
Mark Glaeser, organist
Jacquelyn McAbee, director of youth ringers
Jennifer Hamm, director of youth ringers
Peter Moore, sacred music intern
Lorna Graves, carillon

Youth Participating in Worship

Middle School: Avery Watson, Miriam Fox, Avie Lewis.
High School: Lucy Frost, Campbell Carter, Hailey McNaull, JJ Hazzard, Breiten Brown, Virginia Bouknight, Lilly Murchison, Abbey Thomas, Vivian Wilson, Harper Sweeny, Reagan Edwards, Elizabeth Sloan.

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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 April 15)

Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Jake Harvey Grubbs

Elder

October 22, 1950 - April 11, 2026

Rebecca Nisbet Rencher

Charter Member

September 2, 1935 - April 13, 2026

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. - Revelation 14:13

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Rebecca Kelly and her family on the death of her mother Becky Rencher on April 13.

Judy Grubbs, Catherine Grubbs and Jeffrey Grubbs and their family on the death of Judy's husband and Catherine and Jeffrey's father Jake Grubbs on April 11.

Matthew Jernigan, Susie and Jerry Jernigan and their family on the death of Matthew's wife Michelle on April 9.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Candace Carter-Johnson

Deloris Davis

Murray Fadiel

Jim Leathers

Bucky 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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