



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 12, 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

Arioso J. S. Bach
~ Paul Miller, violin ~

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Katherine Kerr

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 245

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today LLANFAIR

*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)

Merciful God, you enter our lives offering peace. Yet we still hide in fear from the faithful lives you've called us to live, and we still harbor doubt. Too often we confess our belief, while simultaneously demanding proof of your presence. We grow entombed by grief rather than allowing ourselves to be encouraged by the tomb you left empty.

Forgive us for our failure to believe and for our propensity toward doubt. Renew our faith, strengthen our trust, and allow us to live lives that are strengthened by the good news of the resurrection. 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..... Serenity Taylor

Holland Caroline Friello, child Ashley and Bryan Friello

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 Serenity Taylor

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

John 20: 19-31 New Testament, p. 108-109

SERMON

“Met in the Midst of Doubt”..... Mary Kate Sykes

RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 250

In the Bulb There Is a Flower PROMISE

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

What Wondrous Love D. Edmonds¹

What wondrous love is this, O my soul.
What wondrous love caused the Lord of bliss, to bear
the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul.
What wondrous love, what wondrous love,
O my soul, what wondrous love!

~ Covenant Choir ~

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

¹*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***RECESSIONAL HYMN 246**

Christ Is Alive!TRURO

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Danish Amen Anon. Danish

***POSTLUDE**

Now Thank We All Our GodS. Karg-Elert

Notes:

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Mary Kate Sykes, pastoral resident, education
Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational care
Serenitye Taylor, associate minister, congregational life
Emily Floyd, director of traditional music
Mark Glaeser, organist
Covenant Choir
Lorna Graves, carillon

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the Friello Family

Great-grandmother: Margaret Garland of Charlotte, N.C.;
grandparents: Chuck and Judy Friello of Charlotte, N.C., Courts and
Debbie Holland of Charlotte, N.C.
Morgan Hallen stands as Elder with the Friello 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 8)*

Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Mollie and Margot DeBot on the baptism of their child

Strawn Wilder DeBot today at 8:45.

Cristina and Drew Wozniak on the birth of
their child Charlotte Rose Wozniak.

Mandy Rencher and Greg Keith on the occasion
of their marriage on April 11.

Emily Westbrook and Will Schriefer on the occasion of
their marriage on April 11 in New Bern, NC.

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Brian and Tricia Rudisill and their family on the death
of his father Gerald A. Rudisill Jr. on April 2.

Nick and Linsey Zalecki and their family on the death
of his mother Michelle Zalecki on April 6.

Nancy Mallicote and Ben Mallicote and their family on the death of
Nancy's husband and Ben's father Keener Mallicote on April 9.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Candace Carter-Johnson

Deloris Davis

Murray Fadiel

Jake Grubbs

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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