



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND COMMUNION

Sunday, March 1, 2026

8:45 a.m.

CHAPEL

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 (ages 6 weeks to Kindergarten) is offered in the Education Wing. See an usher for assistance.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Ciacona D. Buxtehude

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Katherine Kerr

*HYMN OF PRAISE 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty LOBE DEN HERREN

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, you call us to be a forgiving people, and so we would be—but for the damage we do with our talk; the hurt we cause our friends; the insults we heap on strangers and even our neighbors. We've grown numb to evil and suspicious of goodness. For all we have done and all we have left undone, merciful God, we pray for pardon, and we seek to walk more firmly in your way. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 587 (*choir and congregation*)

Alleluia! CELTIC ALLELUIA¹

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PASSING THE PEACE

COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY Jim Dobbins

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Love E. Hagenberg²

O love, O love, O love that will not let me go,

O love, I rest my weary soul in thee.

I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thy ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O joy, O joy, O joy that seeks me through the pain,
 O joy, I cannot close my heart to thee;
 I trace the rainbow through the rain,
 and feel the promise is not vain.
 That morn shall tearless be.
 O love, O love, O love that will not let me go.
 O love, I rest my weary soul in thee.
 I give thee back the life I owe,
 and in thy ocean depths its flow
 shall richer, fuller be.
 That morn shall tearless be.
 O love, that will not let me go.
 ~ Chapel Choir ~

ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 8: 1-11..... New Testament, p. 94-95

SERMON

“The Moment of Mercy: Choosing Compassion”.....Courtney Shudak
 Sermon Series: *Discern. Decide. Declare.*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

HYMN OF PREPARATION 300

We Are One in the Spirit. . . THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)
 Fm Cm Fm



1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;

(Am) (Em)
 B^bm Fm



we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,

(Am) (Em)
 B^bm Fm



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:

Refrain (C) (Em)
 D^b Fm



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em)(Am/E) (Em)
 B^bm Fm B^bm Cm Fm B^bm/F Fm



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

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

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 306

Blest Be the Tie That BindsDENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Choral SongS. Wesley

Notes:

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Courtney Shudak, pastoral resident, mission and outreach
Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational care
Emily Floyd, director of traditional music
Mark Glaeser, organist
Chapel Choir

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. We will gladly host meetings in the Welcome Center upon request.

Assistive listening devices are available from the ushers. Audio-induction hearing loops are installed in the chapel 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 February 25*)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Allie and Coleman Wombwell on the birth of
their child Brinn Debbe on February 20.

Hannah and Ross McSwain on their birth of their
child Virginia Grace on February 24.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Cait and Matt Van Hoy, Whit and Davis

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Darrell and Elizabeth Williams and their family on the death of
his father Harold Williams on February 19.

Sven and Isabel Bader and their family on the death of
his father Primo Bader on February 18.

Barbara Lewis and her family on the death of
her brother Art in Jacksonville, FL.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Candace Carter-Johnson

Deloris Davis

Murray Fadial

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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