



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 15, 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

*Partita on "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" J. Behnke
I. Theme II. Cantabile III. Fantasia*

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Courtney Shudak

*HYMN OF PRAISE 394

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation WESTMINSTER ABBEY

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty God, you created us for life together, but we have turned from your will. We have not loved as you commanded. We have broken the promises we have made to you and to one another. We have taken much and given little. Forgive our disobedience, O God, and strengthen us in love, so that we may serve you as a faithful people and live together in your joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 658

God Is So Good. GOD IS SO GOOD¹
**God is so good; God is so good;
God is so good; God's so good to me.
God loves me so; God loves me so;
God loves me so; God's so good to me.**

*PASSING THE PEACE

COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

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

Steal Away.....H. Burleigh²

Refrain:

Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus!

Steal away, steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here!

My Lord, calls me; He calls me by the thunder;

The trumpet sounds within a my soul; I ain't got long to stay here.

Refrain

Green trees are bending, poor sinner stands a trembling;

The trumpet sounds within a my soul, I ain't got long to stay here.

Refrain

~ Jordan Taylor, tenor ~

ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10: 35-45..... New Testament, p. 44

SERMON

"The Moment of Service: Choosing Humility".....Serenitye Taylor

Sermon Series: *Discern. Decide. Declare.*

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the LightHOUSTON

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Trumpet Allemande A. Holborne

Notes:

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Serenity Taylor, associate minister, congregational life

Courtney Shudak, pastoral resident, mission and outreach

Emily Floyd, director of traditional music

Mark Glaeser, organist

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 March 11)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO
Mary Nell McPherson and Kevin Strawn and their family on
the death of her mother Lucy McPherson on March 11.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Candace Carter-Johnson
Deloris Davis
Murray Fadial
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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