



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 22, 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

Prelude on "Kingsfold" J. Biery

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Serenity Taylor

*HYMN OF PRAISE 13

The Mighty God with Power Speaks KINGSFOLD

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

CALL TO CONFESSION Psalm 31:1-5

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, you sent Jesus Christ to show us the way to life. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. Misled by pride, we rely on ourselves. Seduced by temporal satisfactions, we become less than you call us to be, failing in love, neglecting justice, and ignoring your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Restore our spirits and set us on the path of righteousness, 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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness T. Trenney²

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!
Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow;
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

~ Lauren Russell, soprano ~

ENCOUNTER GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 22:39–46 New Testament, p. 82

SERMON

“The Moment of Surrender: Choosing God’s Will” Courtney Shudak
Sermon Series: *Discern. Decide. Declare.*

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 216

Beneath the Cross of Jesus ST. CHRISTOPHER

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Prelude to Te Deum M. A. Charpentier

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Courtney Shudak, pastoral resident, mission and outreach
Serenitye Taylor, associate minister, congregational life
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.



Giving a financial gift makes Covenant's programs and ministries possible. You are invited to give generously at covenantpresby.org/ways-to-give or by scanning the QR code to give online or by texting a dollar amount to 704-312-7616. We're grateful for your support.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (As of March 18)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Mary Neal and Ryan Bailey on the baptism of their child Sloan Ray Bailey today at 9:30 a.m.

Mary Kate and Marshall Sykes on the baptism of their child Robert Marshall Sykes Jr. today at 9:30 a.m.

Maggie and Michael Temple on the birth of their son Knox Whitley Temple on March 13.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Elvis Makia and Maryline Siewe and their family on the death of Elvis' mother Lucy Makia.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Candace Carter-Johnson

Deloris Davis

Murray Fadiel

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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