



# COVENANT

presbyterian church

*To the Greater Glory of God*

## A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Palm Sunday, March 29, 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.*

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## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

*Trumpet Tune Giocoso* . . . . . M. Glaeser

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Serenitye Taylor

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 196

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor* . . . . . ST THEODULPH

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

## PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**God of grace and love, you show us a new way of life—one defined by presence rather than plenty, shaped by grace rather than striving, and marked by peace instead of power. Yet even as we cry “Hosanna” on Sunday, by Monday we are drawn back to control and comfort. We confess that we turn a blind eye to our neighbors’ pain and quietly contribute to the suffering of your world. Forgive us, O God, and turn our hearts again toward your way of life. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 658

*God Is So Good* . . . . . GOD IS SO GOOD<sup>1</sup>

**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

*Hosanna in the Highest*. . . . . C. Courtney<sup>2</sup>  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
~ Chapel Choir ~

**ENCOUNTER GOD’S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:28-41. . . . . New Testament, p. 78

SERMON

“The Moment of Courage: Choosing the Way of Peace” . . . . . Grace Lindvall  
Sermon Series: *Discern. Decide. Declare.*

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 269

*Lead On, O King Eternal!* . . . . . LANCASHIRE

**GO IN GOD’S NAME**

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Lead On, O King Eternal.* . . . . .arr. R. Hudson & D. Cherwien

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*Notes:*

\*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

# THE WORSHIP SERVICE

## Leading Worship this Morning

Grace Lindvall, associate minister, education

Serenitye Taylor, associate minister, congregational life

Emily Floyd, director of traditional music

Mark Glaeser, organist

Chapel Choir

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:Lacy.King@covenantpresby.org).



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## CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (*As of March 25*)

*Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:*

### CONGRATULATIONS TO

Maggie and Rich Richards on the baptism of their child

Margaret Evans Richards today at 11:00 a.m.

Ashlee and Michael Anderson on the birth of their  
child Cameron John Anderson on March 9.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Sally and Larry Nichols (Bennett and Sloane)

Ashley and Michael Preston (Thomas and Benton)

### OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Pat Summers and her family on the death of her brother

Lee Fox in Beaverton, Oregon on March 21.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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