



# COVENANT

presbyterian church

*To the Greater Glory of God*

## A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 12, 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

*Arioso* ..... J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Grace Lindvall

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 245

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* ..... LLANFAIR

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

## PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

CALL TO CONFESSION

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 587 (*choir and congregation*)

*Alleluia!* ..... CELTIC ALLELUIA<sup>1</sup>

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*PASSING THE PEACE

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM ..... Lucy Crain

*Strawn Wilder DeBot*, child of Mollie and Margot DeBot

Baptism Response

*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.**

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

*Come to Me.* ..... D. Forrest<sup>2</sup>

*Refrain:*

*Come to me all you who labor,  
come to me, and I will give you rest.  
Come to me, all who are weary and burdened,  
and you will find rest for your souls.  
Come, my child, learn my heart,  
for I am gentle and lowly.  
See how great my love for you,  
that I have called you my child.*

*Refrain*

*See my love for you,  
that I have called you my child.*

*Refrain*

*~ Peter Moore, tenor ~*

**ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING

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

SERMON

"Met in the Midst of Doubt" ..... Mary Kate Sykes

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 246

*Christ Is Alive!* ..... TRURO

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

*Now Thank We All Our God* ..... S. Karg-Elert

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\*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

# THE WORSHIP SERVICE

## Leading Worship this Morning

Mary Kate Sykes, pastoral resident, education

Grace Lindvall, associate minister, education

Lucy Crain, associate pastor for outreach and missions, First  
Presbyterian Church, Charlotte N.C.

Emily Floyd, director of traditional music

Mark Glaeser, organist

## Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the DeBot Family

Grandparents: Steve and Melissa DeBot of Milwaukee, W.I.,

Kevin Strawn and Mary Nell McPherson of Independence, V.A.;

aunt: Rosie Strawn of Charlotte, N.C.

Mary Nell McPherson stands as Elder with the DeBot family.

## Flowers in the Chapel

Given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of  
Mandy Rencher and Greg Keith yesterday at Covenant.

## 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](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.

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## CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (*As of April 8*)

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

### CONGRATULATIONS TO

Ashley and Bryan Friello on the baptism of their child  
Holland Caroline Friello today at 11:00.

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 Fadial

Jake Grubbs

Jim Leathers

Dottie Stowe

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