



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 26, 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

Suite Gothique..... L. Boellmann

I. Introduction II. Allegro

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

*HYMN OF PRAISE 1

Holy, Holy, Holy..... NICAEA

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Across the barriers that divide race from race, reconcile us, O Christ, by your love. Across the barriers that divide rich from poor, reconcile us, O Christ, by your love. Across the barriers that divide nations and communities, reconcile us, O Christ, by your love. Across the barriers that divide your church, reconcile us, O Christ, by your love. Across the barriers that divide young and old, reconcile us, O Christ, by your love. Confront us, O Christ, with the hidden prejudices and fears that deny and betray our prayers. Enable us to see the causes of strife. Teach us to grow in unity with all your people. For your love's sake and in love's name, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 587 (*choir and congregation*)

Alleluia! CELTIC ALLELUIA¹

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*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

Like A River In My Soul T. Osiek²
 I've got peace like a river, like a river in my soul.
 I've got peace like a river, soothing river, calmly flow.
 When the world closes in, feel the stillness within.
 I've got peace like a river in my soul.
 I've got love like an ocean, like an ocean in my soul.
 I've got love like an ocean, endless ocean, deep, and full.
 When you're lost and alone, let the waves bring you home.
 I've got love like an ocean in my soul.
 I've got joy like a fountain, like a fountain in my soul.
 I've got joy like a fountain, like a fountain in my soul.
 When your hope nearly dies, just remember, once again you shall rise!
 I've got joy like a fountain, love like an ocean,
 peace like a river, in my soul.
 ~ Chapel Choir ~

ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 28:16-20 New Testament, p. 32

SERMON

"Go. Make. Baptize." Bob Henderson
 Sermon Series: *The (Great?) Commission in Pluralistic World*

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 321 verses 1,2,5

The Church's One Foundation AURELIA

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Tocatta (from Symphony No. 5) C. M. Widor

Notes:

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister
Grace Lindvall, associate minister, education
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 April 22*)

Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Heather and Marty Burch on the birth of their child
Shepherd Andrew Burch on April 18.

Mary Clare and Alex Chinery on the baptism of their
child Imogene Hart Chinery today at 9:30.

Maggie and Josh Eidson on the baptism of their
child Hunter William Eidson today at 9:30.

Laura and Conor Starr on the baptism of their
child Elliot Michael Starr today at 9:30.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Carlin Taylor (Eliana)

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Stephanie and Evan Kluttz and their family on the
death of his mother Doris Kluttz on April 18.

Sarah and John Lipsey and their family on the death
of his father Tim Lipsey on April 20.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Bucky Renner

Jim Leathers

Candace Carter-Johnson

Murray Fadial

Deloris Davis

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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