



# COVENANT

presbyterian church

*To the Greater Glory of God*

## A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND COMMUNION

Sunday, March 1, 2026

9:30 a.m.

SANCTUARY

*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 and children's programs (ages 6 weeks to fifth grade) are offered in the Education Wing. Infant soothing space with live video of the worship service are available in the Welcome Center and parlor. See an usher for assistance.*

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## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music

*Love Train* . . . . . K. Gamble, L. Huff<sup>1</sup>

People all over the world, join hands  
Start a love train, love train (2x)  
The next stop that we make will be England  
Tell all the folks in Russia, and China, too  
Don't you know that it's time to get on board?  
And let this train keep on riding, riding on through  
People all over the world, join hands  
Start a love train, love train (2x)  
All of you brothers over in Africa  
Tell all the folks in Egypt, and Israel, too  
Please don't miss this train at the station  
'Cause if you do, I'll feel sorry, sorry for you  
People all over the world, join hands  
Start a love train, love train (2x)  
Ride, let it ride, let it ride, let it ride  
People all over the world, join hands  
Start a love train, love train (2x)

Welcome and Call To Worship . . . . . Serenity Taylor

## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

*\*Stand In Your Love*. . . . . J. Baldwin, R. Springer, M. Harris, E. Hulse<sup>2</sup>  
(worship team and congregation)

\*Prayer of Adoration

## PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

*Eagle's Wings*. . . . . R. Morgan<sup>3</sup>

(worship team and congregation)

**Come live in me  
All my life take over  
Come breathe in me  
And I will rise  
On eagle's wings**

Assurance of Grace

Time with Young Disciples

*Following Time with Young Disciples, children are invited to remain in worship with their families or go to Childcare. Children going to Childcare should be accompanied by a parent/guardian to the first floor of the Education Wing.*

Congregational Life and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Minute for Ministry . . . . . Jim Dobbins

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

*Your Arms of Love* . . . . . N. Wilson

If you will and if you can  
Dismiss the facts and the reprimand  
And please hold me in your arms  
Your arms of love  
You know the truth  
And I've been taught the way  
I don't have the right to come and say  
Please hold me in your arms of love  
Your arms of love relieve the pain  
Your arms of love, I need, I need again  
So, if you will, Lord, if you can  
Look past my faults and take hold  
Take, hold my hand  
And please hold me in your arms  
Your arms of love relieve the pain  
Your arms of love I need once again  
I know he will and right now  
I know he can, see, he knows the facts  
And somehow and somehow  
He still understands

**ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Reading

John 8: 1-11. . . . . New Testament, p. 94-95

Sermon

"The Moment of Mercy: Choosing Compassion" . . . . . Bob Henderson  
Sermon Series: *Discern. Decide. Declare.*

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Invitation to The Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.**

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

*You are invited to take communion by intinction. With the ushers' guidance, please come down the center aisle, take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup, and return to your seat by the side aisle. Gluten-free bread is available at the center station. Those wishing to be served in the pew may signal an usher.*

Music at Communion

*How He Loves* . . . . . J. M. McMillan<sup>4</sup>

He is jealous for me,  
love's like a hurricane, I am a tree  
Bending beneath the weight of His wind and mercy  
When all of a sudden  
I am unaware of these afflictions eclipsed by glory  
And I realize just how beautiful You are  
And how great Your affections are for me  
And oh, how He loves us, oh  
Oh, how He loves us  
How He loves us all  
And we are His portion and He is our prize  
Drawn to redemption by the grace in His eyes  
If His grace is an ocean, we're all sinking  
And heaven meets earth like an unforeseen kiss  
And my heart turns violently inside of my chest  
I don't have time to maintain these regrets  
When I think about, the way..  
That He loves us  
Oh, how He loves us  
Oh, how He loves us  
Oh, how He loves

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\*Invitation and Benediction

\*Benediction Response

*\*For I Know* . . . . . R. Muchow<sup>5</sup>

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Notes:

\*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

# THE WORSHIP SERVICE

## Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister

Serenitye Taylor, associate minister, congregational life

Ben Thomas, interim contemporary band leader

Tameka Thomas, interim contemporary worship leader

Ricko Hill, assistant director of contemporary worship and arts

## Sharing the Gifts of Music

Jackson Daisley (electric guitar), Paul Fisher (drums), Katrina Heath (vocals), LaVita Hill (vocals), Ricko Hill (bass guitar), Phil Lyew (saxophone), Ginny Magrath (vocals), Ben Thomas (keys), Tameka Thomas (vocals).

## 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.

Masks are optional in the sanctuary and assistive listening devices are available from the ushers. Audio-induction hearing loops are installed in the sanctuary 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 February 25*)  
*Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:*

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Allie and Coleman Wombwell on the birth of  
their child Brinn Debbe on February 20.

Hannah and Ross McSwain on their birth of their  
child Virginia Grace on February 24.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Cait and Matt Van Hoy, Whit and Davis

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Darrell and Elizabeth Williams and their family on the death of  
his father Harold Williams on February 19.

Sven and Isabel Bader and their family on the death of  
his father Primo Bader on February 18.

Barbara Lewis and her family on the death of  
her brother Art in Jacksonville, FL.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Candace Carter-Johnson

Deloris Davis

Murray Fadial

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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