



# COVENANT

presbyterian church

*To the Greater Glory of God*

## A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 22, 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 spaces 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

Joy ..... C. Moore, D. Bashta, J. Jay et al.<sup>1</sup>

I've got a river  
That's flowing inside  
It's full of life  
It's ever growing  
I've got a fire  
It's always lit  
It won't go out  
It's always burning  
You've given me joy  
It's unspeakable joy  
Undeniable  
Unexplainable  
I've got the joy of the Lord  
Down in my heart  
Deep down in soul  
Uncontainable  
It's untamable  
I've got the joy of the Lord  
I've got joy on the inside  
Feels like fire can't keep it in  
I keep praising in the midnight  
The joy of the Lord is my strength

Welcome and Call to Worship ..... Grace Lindvall

## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

\*Joy ..... C. Moore, D. Bashta, J. Jay et al.<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

Sacrament of Baptism . . . . . Grace Lindvall

*Sloan Ray Bailey, child of Mary Neal and Ryan Bailey*

*Robert Marshall Sykes Jr., child of Mary Kate and Marshall Sykes*

*Children of the Heavenly Father. . . . . Public Domain*  
*(worship team and congregation)*

**Children of the Heavenly Father  
Safely in God's bosom gather  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven  
Such a refuge e'r was given  
Neither life nor death shall ever  
From the Lord his children sever  
Unto them God's grace to showeth  
And their sorrows all God knoweth  
How wide how long how high how deep  
How endless is God's love for me  
How wide how long how high how deep  
How endless is God's love for me**

Time with Young Disciples . . . . . Katherine Kerr

*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 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

*Rise Up . . . . . L. Cain, E. Hulse, N. Schwartz, T. Matz, M. Jonson<sup>4</sup>*

In the dark and all alone, growing comfortable  
Are you too scared to move, and walk out of this tomb  
Buried underneath the lies that you believed  
Safe and sound, stuck in the ground  
Too lost to be found, you're just asleep  
And it's time to leave  
Come on and rise up  
Take a breath, you're alive now  
Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling us  
Out from the grave like Lazarus  
You're brand new  
The power of death couldn't hold you  
Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling us  
Out from the grave like Lazarus  
Rise up, rise up, (Oh, ohhh), rise up  
Out from the grave like Lazarus  
When He said your name, the thing that filled your veins  
Was more than blood

It's the kind of love that washes sin away  
 Now the door is open wide, and the stones been rolled aside  
 The old is gone, the Light has come, so come on and  
 Rise up  
 Take a breath, you're alive now  
 Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling us  
 Out from the grave like Lazarus  
 You're brand new  
 The power of death couldn't hold you  
 Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling us  
 Out from the grave like Lazarus  
 Rise up, (like Lazarus)  
 Rise up, (Whoa-oh) rise up  
 Out from the grave like Lazarus  
 He's calling us to walk out of the dark  
 He's given us new resurrected hearts

## ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

### Scripture Reading

Luke 22:39–46 . . . . . New Testament, p. 82

### Sermon

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

### \*Song of Response

*Gratitude.* . . . . . B. Hastings, B. Lake, D. Bowe<sup>5</sup>  
 (*worship team and congregation*)

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

### \*Invitation and Benediction

### \*Benediction Response

*\*For I Know* . . . . . R. Muchow<sup>6</sup>

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Notes:

<sup>5</sup>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

Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational care

Jessica Borgnis, director of contemporary music and worship arts

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

Jessica Borgnis (vocals), Jackson Daisley (electric guitar), Paul Fisher (drums), Katrina Heath (vocals), Phyllis Fulton (vocals), LaVita Hill (vocals), Ricko Hill (bass guitar), Phil Koonce (electric guitar), Ginny Magrath (vocals), Jessica Moss (vocals), Ben Thomas (keys), Tameka Thomas (vocals).

## Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the Bailey Family

Grandparents: Brad and LeAnne Stipp of Charlotte, N.C.; Gilly and Terri Bailey of Columbia, S.C.; aunts and uncles: Bradley and Christina Stipp, Spencer and Maddie Stipp, all of Charlotte, N.C.; Mitchell Stipp of Charleston, S.C.; Will and Jennifer Bailey of Greenville, S.C.; Austin and Emily Bailey of Columbia, S.C.; cousins: Blake Stipp, Laurel Stipp, Dean Stipp, Darcie Stipp, all of Charlotte, N.C.; Mary Claire Bailey of Greenville, S.C.; June Bailey and Sims Bailey of Columbia, S.C.

Jordan Schriefer stands as Elder with the Bailey family.

## Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the Sykes Family

Grandparents: Lib and Mark McAlister, Anne and Ed Sykes, all of Charlotte, N.C.; aunts and uncles: Eddie and Elizabeth Sykes of Richmond, V.A.; Rob McAlister of Chattanooga, T.N.; cousins: Teddy, John, and Jimmy Sykes of Richmond, V.A.

Kim Spivey stands as Elder with the Sykes family.

## 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.

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.



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## CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (As of March 18)

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

### CONGRATULATIONS TO

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

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Tammye Layer

### 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](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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