



# COVENANT

presbyterian church

*To the Greater Glory of God*

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 12, 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

*(Your Love Keeps Lifting Me) Higher and Higher* . . . G. Jackson, C. Smith, R. Miner<sup>1</sup>

Your love lifted me higher  
Than I've ever been lifted before  
So keep it up, quench my desire  
And I'll be at your side forever more  
You know your love (your love keeps lifting me)  
Keeps on lifting (love keeps lifting me)  
Higher (lifting me)  
Higher and higher (higher and higher, higher)  
I said your love (your love keeps lifting me)  
Keeps on lifting (love keeps lifting me)  
Higher (lifting me)  
Higher and higher (higher and higher higher)  
Now once, I was downhearted  
Disappointment was my closest friend  
But then you came and then it departed  
And you know it never showed its face again  
I'm so glad You finally found me  
Yes, that's one in a million  
And now with your loving arms around me  
I can stand up and face the world

Welcome and Call to Worship . . . . . Courtney Shudak

## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

\**Firm Foundation (He Won't)*. . . . . A. Davis, C. Moore, C. Carnes<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 . . . . . Serenity Taylor  
*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

*Come Jesus Come . . . B. Fowler, H. Bentley, S. McWhirter, T. McWhirter<sup>4</sup>*  
Sometimes I fall to my knees and pray  
Come, Jesus, come  
Let today be the day  
Sometimes I feel like I’m gonna break  
But I’m holding on  
To a hope that won’t fade  
Come, Jesus, come  
We’ve been waiting so long  
For the day You return  
To heal every hurt and right every wrong  
We need You right now  
Come and turn this around  
Deep down I know this world isn’t home  
Come, Jesus, come  
There’ll be no war  
And there’ll be no chains  
When Jesus comes  
Let today be the day  
He’ll come for the weak  
And the strong just the same  
And all will believe in the power of His name  
Your past will be washed by rivers of grace

**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

\*Song of Response

*Mighty To Save* . . . . . B. Fielding, R. Morgan<sup>5</sup>  
(worship team and congregation)

\*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

# GO IN GOD'S NAME

\*Invitation and Benediction

\*Benediction Response

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

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Notes:

# THE WORSHIP SERVICE

## Leading Worship this Morning

Mary Kate Sykes, pastoral resident, education  
Courtney Shudak, pastoral resident, mission and outreach  
Serenitye Taylor, associate minister, congregational life  
Jessica Borgnis, director of contemporary music and worship arts  
Ben Thomas, interim contemporary band leader  
Tameka Thomas, interim contemporary worship leader

## Sharing the Gifts of Music

Jessica Borgnis (vocals and piano, Jackson Daisley (electric guitar), Cheryl Hoover (bass guitar and vocals), Phil Koonce (electric guitar), Phil Lyew (saxophone), Katrina Heath (vocals), Ben Thomas (drums), Tameka Thomas (vocals).

## 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 April 8)

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

### CONGRATULATIONS TO

Mollie and Margot DeBot on the baptism of their child

Strawn Wilder DeBot today at 8:45.

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 Fadiel

Jake Grubbs

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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