



# COVENANT

presbyterian church

*To the Greater Glory of God*

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 26, 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

*Friend Of God* . . . . . I. Houghton and M. Gungor<sup>1</sup>

I am a friend of God

I am a friend of God

I am a friend of God

He calls me friend

Who am I that you are mindful of me

That you hear me, when I call

Is it true that you are thinking of me

How you love me, it's amazing (Who am I Lord)

Who am I that you are mindful of me

That you hear me when I call

Is it true that you are thinking of me

How you love me (it's amazing Jesus)

It's amazing (I am a friend of God)

I am a friend of God

I am a friend of God (Ohh)

I am a friend of God

He calls me friend

Welcome and Call to Worship . . . . . Katherine Kerr

## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

*\*Trading My Sorrows* . . . . . D. Evans<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 . . . . . Katherine Kerr

*Imogene Hart Chinery*, child of Mary Clare and Alex Chinery

*Hunter William Eidson*, child of Maggie and Josh Eidson

*Elliot Michael Starr*, child of Laura and Conor Starr

(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 . . . . .Mary Kate Sykes

*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

*Facing A Task Unfinished. . . . .F. Houghton<sup>4</sup>*

Facing a task unfinished  
That drives us to our knees  
A need that undiminished  
Rebukes our slothful ease  
We, who rejoice to know You  
Renew before Thy throne  
The solemn pledge we owe You  
To go and make You known  
We got to all the world  
With Kingdom hope unfurled  
No other name has power to save  
But Jesus Christ, our Lord  
Where other Lords beside You  
Hold their unhindered sway  
Where forces that defied You  
Defy You still today  
With none to heed their crying  
For life and love and light  
Unnumbered souls are dying  
And pass into the night  
We bear the torch that flaming  
Fell from the hands of those

Who gave their lives proclaiming  
That Jesus died and rose  
Ours is the same commission  
The same glad message ours  
Fired by the same ambition  
To Thee we yield our powers  
O Father who sustained them  
O Spirit who inspired  
Saviour, whose love constrained them  
To toil with zeal untired  
From cowardice defend us  
From lethargy awake!  
Forth on Thine errands send us  
To labour for Your sake

## 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*

### \*Song of Response

*Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)* ..... P. Baloché and B. Brown<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:

\*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

# THE WORSHIP SERVICE

## Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister

Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational care

Mary Kate Sykes, pastoral resident, education

Jessica Borgnis, director of contemporary music and worship arts

Ricko Hill, assistant director of contemporary worship and arts

## Sharing the Gifts of Music

Jessica Borgnis (piano and vocals), Jackson Daisley (electric guitar),

Paul Fisher (drums), Katrina Heath (vocals), LaVita Hill (vocals),

Clark Humphries (vocals), Mollie James (vocals), Phil Koonce

(electric guitar), Ethan Ricks (bass guitar).

## Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the Chinery Family

Siblings: Mary Scott and Mac; grandparents: Stan and Catherine

Bracey of Charlotte, N.C., Scott and Caroline Chinery of Cornelius,

N.C.; aunts and uncles: David and Amanda Willis of Charlotte, N.C.;

great aunt and uncle: Bill and Angel Styres of Raleigh, N.C.; cousins:

Frazer, Travis, Asher & Micah Hinman, Betsy, Eli, & Maeve Willis, all of Charlotte, N.C.

Lecia Horne stands as Elder with the Chinery family.

## Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the Eidson Family

Grandparents: Ron and Anne Knight, Jonathan and Anne Hunter

Eidson, all of Charlotte, N.C.; great-grandmother: Amelia Eidson of

Atlanta, G.A.; aunts and uncles: Kathryn and Jake Hughes of New

York, N.Y.; Allie Eidson of Durham, N.C.

Kelli McAlister stands as Elder with the Eidson family.

## Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the Starr Family

Sister: Charlotte; grandparents: Pamela and Michael Simmons of

Baltimore, M.D., Peggy and Randy Starr of Summit, N.J.

Katie Cornwell stands as Elder with the Starr family.

## Flowers in the Sanctuary

Given to the glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of

Imogene Hart Chinery by her parents.

## 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.

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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.

### 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](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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