



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND COMMUNION

Sunday, May 3, 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.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music

Come on up to the House T. Waits & K. Brennan¹

Well, the moon is broken and the sky is cracked
Come on up to the house
The only things that you can see is all that you lack
Come on up to the house
All your crying don't do no good. Come on up to the house
Come down off the cross, we can use the wood
You gotta come on up to the house
Come on up to the house, come on up to the house
The world is not my home, I'm just a-passing through
You got to come on up to the house
There's no light in the tunnel, no irons in the fire
Come on up to the house
And you're singing lead soprano in a junkman's choir
You got to come on up to the house
Does life seem nasty, brutish and short? Come on up to the house
The seas are stormy and you can't find no port
Got to come on up to the house, yeah
There's nothing in the world that you can do
You gotta come on up to the house
And you been whipped by the forces that are inside you
Gotta come on up to the house
Well, you're high on top of your mountain of woe
Gotta come on up to the house
Well, you know you should surrender, but you can't let it go
You gotta come on up to the house, yeah

Welcome and Call to Worship Courtney Shudak

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

**Praise.* S. Furtick, B. Lake, C. Moore, C. Brown, C. Carnes, P. Barrett²
(worship team and congregation)

**Prayer of Adoration*

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eagle's Wings. R. Morgan³

(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 Grace Lindvall
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

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Teach Me To Obey S. Hill, A. Calhoun, R. Valderrama⁴
You have always been a faithful Father
Love has drawn me in as Your child
So I'm trusting You with all of my desires
All of my desires
I'm bowing to Your sovereignty
I'm trusting You are guiding me
And when my failing flesh is tempting me to stray
Oh teach me, teach me to obey
You will not forget a single promise
All Your plans are meant for my good
And I will lay my life completely in Your hands
Completely in Your hands
I'm bowing to Your sovereignty
I'm trusting You are guiding me
And when my failing flesh is tempting me to stray
Oh teach me, teach me to obey, oohh
Place in me a heart that sees all You have is good for me
Even when each step is by faith
When my time of testing comes
Not my will but Yours be done
Even when it calls for me to give myself away

ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:18-20 New Testament, p. 32
Deuteronomy 6:4-9 Old Testament, p. 157

Sermon

"Show and Tell" Katherine Kerr
Sermon Series: *The (Great?) Commission in a Pluralistic World*

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

Communion. B. Ligertwood, S. Ligertwood, and J. Ingram⁵

This is communion, Your body broken
The cup we're drinking is bittersweet
The gift of friendship, truest salvation
Borne of Your suffering on Calvary
We remember the sacrifice of love
We remember the blood poured out for us
We remember the only Son of God upon the cross
From stained to spotless, from wrath to favor
Through You our Savior, the work complete
In full repentance, led by Your kindness
Partake of presence as we receive
We remember the sacrifice of love
We remember the blood poured out for us
We remember the only Son of God upon the cross
We remember the price You had to pay
We remember the wounds that made a way
We remember the Lamb, for all was slain upon the cross
How can it be?
There is a table for all who would come
For all who would come
Taste now and see
There is a table for all who would come
For all who would come
Take of the bread, receive the cup (there is a table)
For His mercy is enough (for all who would come)
For the many and the one (for all who would come)
This is communion (taste now and see)
Take it as often as you will (there is a table)
For His blood has power still (for all who would come)
By His wounds we shall be healed (for all who would come)
This is communion
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GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Invitation and Benediction

*Benediction Response

**For I Know* R. Muchow⁶

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational care

Courtney Shudak, pastoral resident, mission and outreach

Grace Lindvall, associate minister, 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), Ariana Hindman

(vocals), Phil Koonce (electric guitar), Bill Saunders (mandolin),

Brett Shudak (bass guitar), Dennis Spring (fiddle).

Flowers in the Sanctuary

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jake Grubbs by his 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 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.



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CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (As of April 29)

Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Holly and Brandon Nicolau

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Brooks Shelley and Billy Maddalon and their family on the death of Brooks' mother Ruby Helen Taylor Shelley on April 29.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Candace Carter-Johnson

Deloris Davis

Murray Fadiel

Jim Leathers

Bucky Renner

Carolyn Renner

Carolyn Renner

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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