



To the Greater Glory of God
A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Easter Sunday, April 5, 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

Now the Green Blade Riseth. J.M.C. Crum¹

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.
In the grave they laid him, love whom men had slain,
Thinking that never he would wake again.
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.
Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain.
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.
When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Thy touch can call us back to life again;
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

Call to Worship Luke 24: 1-5

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

**Christ The Lord Is Risen Today*. C. Wesley, S. Arnold, K. Parks²

**Prayer of Adoration* Mary Kate Sykes

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

**Easter Affirmation*

Liturgist: O God, early in the morning when the world was young,

People: you made life in all its beauty and terror; you gave birth to all we know.

All: Thank you God for your creative goodness.

Liturgist: Early in the morning, when the world least expected it,

People: a new born child crying in a manger announced that you had come among us, that you were one of us.

All: Thank you God for coming to be among us, living our lives, knowing our pain and experiencing our joy.

Liturgist: Early in the morning surrounded by self-interested religious leaders, anxious civic officials and silent friends, you accepted the penalty for doing good, for being Immanuel, God-with-us.

People: You shouldered, carried, and suffered the cross while those about you jeered and cheered.

All: And it concerns us dear God with whom would we have stood had we been there on that perilous day.

Liturgist: Early in the morning a voice in a guarded graveyard and footsteps in the dew proclaimed that you had risen from the dead,

People: announcing the startling news that you had come back to claim as your beloved own, those who had forgotten, denied, and destroyed you.

All: Thank you God for such death-defeating extravagant love. On this resurrection day, we dare ask you to pry open our hearts to let such love transform and change us, this and every day. Amen.

*Song of Response (*worship team and congregation*)

How Deep the Father's Love S. Townsend³

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.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

**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

Revelation 19 J. LaValley⁴

Hallelujah, salvation and glory
Honor and power unto the Lord our God
For the Lord our God is mighty
Yes, the Lord our God is omnipotent
The Lord our God, He is wonderful
Come on, everybody sing along
Honor and power unto the Lord our God
For the Lord our God is mighty
Yes, the Lord our God is omnipotent
The Lord our God, He is wonderful
All praises be to the King of kings
And the Lord our God
He is wonderful
Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, He is wonderful
Hallelujah, salvation and glory
Honor and power, He is wonderful
Hallelujah, salvation and glory

ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-27..... New Testament, p. 84-85

Sermon

"Moments that Matter: What Do You See?"..... Bob Henderson
Sermon Series: *Discern. Decide. Declare.*

*Closing Song

In Christ Alone.....K. Getty & S. Townsend⁵

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Invitation and Benediction

*Benediction Response

Reprise of Christ the Lord is Risen Today . . . C. Wesley, S. Arnold, K. Parks⁶

Notes:

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister

Mary Kate Sykes, pastoral resident, education

Grace Lindvall, associate minister, education

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), Phyllis Fulton (vocals), Katrina Heath (vocals), LaVita Hill (vocals), Cheryl Hoover (bass guitar and vocals), Clark Humphries (vocals), Mollie James (vocals), Phil Koonce (electric guitar), Phil Lyew (saxophone), Ginny Magrath (vocals), Ben Thomas (keys), 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 for more information.

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 1*)

Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Chiedza and Matthew Hooker

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Candace Carter-Johnson

Deloris Davis

Murray Fadial

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 Michelle.Williamson@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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