



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 14, 2024

11:00 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 rooms with live video of the worship service are available in the balcony and parlor. See an usher for assistance.

PRELUDE

Ciacona J. Pachelbel

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Mary Kate Sykes

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 755

Alleluia! Laud and Blessing WEISSE FLAGGEN

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Silent Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

ONE: We come before thee painfully aware of our inadequacies and shortcomings.

ALL: We realize that we stand surrounded with the mountains of love and we deliberately dwell in the valley of hate.

ONE: For these sins O God forgive. Break the spell of that which blinds our minds.

ALL: Purify our hearts that we may see thee. O God in these turbulent days when fear and doubt are mounting high give us broad visions, penetrating eyes, and power of endurance.

ONE: Give us the intelligence to know your will. Give us the courage to do your will. Give us the devotion to love your will.

ALL: Help us to work with renewed vigor for a warless world. In the name and spirit of Jesus we pray. Amen.

from *Endurance Prayer* by Martin Luther King, Jr.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Congregational Response 587 (*choir and congregation*)

Alleluia! CELTIC ALLELUIA¹

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PASSING THE PEACE

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 6:8.....Old Testament, p. 816

SERMON

“Humbly, Kindly, Justly”Bob Henderson and Mitri Raheb
Sermon Series: *Grounded & Growing*

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 100**

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout .STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM

OffertoryJ. Ness Beck²
With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself
before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt
offering, shall I come before him with yearling calves?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten
thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give God my firstborn for my
transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
God has shown you, O man; God has shown you what is
good. And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice
and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.
~ Covenant Choir ~

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts;

People: We lift them to the Lord

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise...

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.

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 rice crackers are available at
the center station. Those wishing to be served in the pew may signal an usher.*

Music at Communion

If Ye Love Me Philip Wilby³

If ye love me, keep my commandments and I will pray the
Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he
may abide with you forever; e'en the Spirit of Truth. And
ye know him, for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you;
I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

***RECESSIONAL HYMN 307**

God of Grace and God of Glory CWM RHONDDA

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

God of Grace P. Manz

Notes:

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister

Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational life and care

Mary Kate Sykes, pastoral resident, education

Heather Potter, director of traditional music

Kenney Potter, choral conductor

Mark Glaeser, organist

Covenant Choir

Katie Cornwell, carillon

Today we welcome Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb, widely published Palestinian theologian, founder and President of Dar al-Kalima University. DAK is the first and only university in Palestine focused on arts and cultural heritage. To further promote peace and harmony in the region, multi-lingual Raheb co-founded Bright Stars of Bethlehem.

For thirty years Rev. Raheb served as the pastor of Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem. He continues the indefatigable fight against occupation and violence, working toward peaceful coexistence and equality for all in the Middle East. Mitri lives in Bethlehem, Palestine with his wife Najwa Khoury. They have two daughters.

Flowers in the Sanctuary

Given to the glory of God and in memory of DeWitt Walker King, IV 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.

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 Rosie Strawn, Communications Manager, at Rosie.Strawn@covenantpresby.org.



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CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (As of January 10)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
Christina Laube

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Thomas Marshall Holland
Elder
December 27, 1919 - January 5, 2024

Cynthia Haldenby Tyson
Elder
July 2, 1937 - January 6, 2024

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. - Revelation 14:13

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Deloris Davis
Nathan Doty
Don Moricle

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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