



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 21, 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 is offered in the Education Wing for children 6 weeks to four years old. Infant soothing rooms with live video of the worship service are available in the balcony and parlor. See an usher for assistance.

PRELUDE

Prelude. W. Harris

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Serenitye Taylor

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 619

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven. LAUDA ANIMA

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Silent Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Gracious and Loving God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to serve as your witnesses in a hurting and broken world. Yet we acknowledge that we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.
Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit.
We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Congregational Response (*choir and congregation*)

God's Mercies Are New Every Day. G. Murphy

Choir: Continuous love that will never fail

All: God's mercies are new ev'ry day.

Choir: With God in my life sin cannot prevail

All: God's mercies are new ev'ry day.

ALL (REFRAIN):

God is faithful, Like the morning sunrise;

God is faithful, God's mercies are new ev'ry day.

*PASSING THE PEACE

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Nikki Zimmermann

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

Jonah 4:11 Old Testament, p. 812
Matthew 5:7New Testament, p. 4

SERMON

“Mercy” Bob Henderson
Sermon Series: *Grounded & Growing*

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 444**

Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive DETROIT

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND CONCERNS

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.

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Highland Renaissance Academy.Erin Coles, principal

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Kyrie Eleison” from *Requiem* Maurice Durufle¹
Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.
~ *Covenant Choir* ~

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***RECESSIONAL HYMN 436**

God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us.O QUANTA QUALIA

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty. P. Manz

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister
Serenitye Taylor, pastoral resident, congregational life and care
Nikki Zimmermann, pastoral resident, mission and outreach
Heather Potter, director of traditional music
Kenney Potter, choral conductor
Mark Glaeser, organist
Covenant Choir
Lorna Graves, carillon

WELCOME TO COVENANT

Guests, please stop by the Connection Table as you exit for a small gift.

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



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CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (*As of January 17*)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO
Liz and Kirk Ward on the baptism of their child Katherine
Cole Ward on January 21, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

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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