



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 28, 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

Processional for Organ M. Shaw

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Serenitye Taylor

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 4

Holy God, We Praise Your Name . GROSSE GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Silent Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Be patient with us, we pray, O God, as we seek to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God. Forgive our haste to judgment, our instincts for revenge, and our inclinations to harbor grudges. Pardon our silence before injustice and our own timidity to speak out for mercy. Teach us, O God, to love as you have loved us, we pray 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'ryday.

*PASSING THE PEACE

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLESGrace 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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 20:1-6 Old Testament, p. 15

Matthew 6:25-34New Testament, p. 6

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

SERMON

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

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 63**

The Lord is God. AZMON

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.

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult. Sondra Tucker¹
Jesus calls us o’er the tumult of our life’s wild restless sea. Day by day
his sweet voice soundeth, saying, “Christian, follow me.”
As of old the apostles heard it by the Galilean lake, turned from home
and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus’ sake.
Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world’s golden store, from
each idol that would keep us, saying, “Christian, love me more.”
In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still he
calls in cares and pleasures, “Christian, love me more than these.”
Jesus calls us! By thy mercies, Savior, may we hear your call. Give our
hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.
~ Emily Schauer, flute; Covenant Choir ~

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***RECESSIONAL HYMN 394**

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation. WESTMINSTER ABBEY

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Recessional in G Major. J. Stanley

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister
Grace Lindvall, associate minister, education
Serenitye Taylor, pastoral resident, congregational life and care
Heather Potter, director of traditional music
AJ Calpo, guest conductor
Mark Glaeser, organist
Covenant Choir
Carolyn Lohr, carillon

Flowers in the Sanctuary

Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of James J. White by his family.

WELCOME TO COVENANT

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

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 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 24*)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Emily and Jun Yang on the birth of their child,
Caroline Margaret Yang on Friday, January 19, 2024.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Whitney and Cam Ferguson (Camden and Coleman)
Chelsey Oldham (Charlie)

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Deloris Davis
Nathan Doty
Don Moricle

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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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