



*To the Greater Glory of God*  
A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 10, 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.*

# A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 10, 2024

11:00 a.m.

*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

*Choral Dorian* . . . . . J. Alain  
~ J.L. Manning, Maryville College student ~

*In Meeting We Are Blessed.* . . . . . T. Robertson<sup>1</sup>  
We are met together and in meeting we are blessed.  
Peace in coming and in going, peace in labor and in rest.  
~ Maryville College Concert Choir; Stacey Wilner, conductor;  
Amber Nejme-Hatmaker, djembe ~

## CHORAL INTROIT

*Cantate Domino* . . . . . H.L. Hassler  
O sing unto the Lord, sing God a new song;  
all the earth bless God's holy name.  
Declare God's glory in every nation,  
show forth God's salvation from day to day,  
Declare to all people God's marvelous glory.  
~ Maryville College Chamber Ensemble ~

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE 667

*When Morning Gilds the Skies* . . . . . LAUDES DOMINI

## \*PRAYER OF ADORATION. . . . . Katherine Kerr

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

Silent Confession  
Corporate Prayer of Confession  
Gracious God, we have tried to love as you love, and we have failed. We confess that we find forgiveness hard, reconciliation risky, and honesty complex.  
Forgive us, we pray, for our many failures. Enable us to trust that you love us, always, and forever. And let that trust turn us around, turn us aright, and strengthen us as we follow in the footsteps of our Lord. Amen.

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*Congregational Response (*choir and congregation*)  
*Have Mercy, God* . . . . . DETROIT  
Create in me a faithful heart,  
a spirit right and new.  
Sustain me with your saving love  
and keep me close to you.  
\*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

**\*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**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 4:1-11 . . . . . New Testament, p. 3

**SERMON**

“Solitude” . . . . . Bob Henderson  
Sermon Series: *Try It, You (might) Like It:*  
*Ancient Practices for a Modern World*

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE**

*O Savior, in This Quiet Place.* . . . . . AMAZING GRACE<sup>2</sup>  
**O Savior, in this quiet place, where anyone may kneel,**  
**I also come to ask for grace, believing you can heal.**  
**Of all my prayers, may this be chief: till faith is fully grown,**  
**Lord, disbelieve my unbelief, and claim me as your own.**

**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**OFFERING AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*In Remembrance* . . . . . J. Ames<sup>3</sup>  
*Lux aeterna, luceat eis, domine. Light eternal shine on us, Lord.*  
*Turn to me and be gracious, for my heart is in distress.*  
*Oh God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?*  
*My tears linger at night, but joy comes in the morning light.*

**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

*Pilgrim's Hymn*. . . . . S. Paulus<sup>4</sup>  
Even before we call on your name, to ask you, O God,  
when we seek for the words to glorify you,  
you hear our prayer; unceasing love,  
O unceasing love surpassing all we know.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit.  
Even with darkness sealing us in, we breathe your name,  
and through all the days that follow so fast,  
we trust in you; endless your grace,  
O endless your grace, beyond all mortal dream.  
Both now and forever, and unto ages and ages. Amen.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**\*CLOSING HYMN 516**

*For the Bread Which You Have Broken*. . . . . KINGDOM

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*Benediction and Amen* . . . . . P. Lutkin<sup>5</sup>  
The Lord bless you and keep you:  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto  
you.  
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you,  
and give you peace. Amen

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Overture* . . . . . G. F. Handel

---

*Notes:*

# THE WORSHIP SERVICE

## Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister

Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational life and care

Nikki Zimmermann, pastoral resident, mission and outreach

Heather Potter, director of traditional music

Mark Glaeser, organist

Ben Unger, carillon

## Guest Musicians

We welcome the Maryville College Concert Choir and their Chamber Ensemble, Off-Kilter, under the direction of Stacey Wilner. We're thankful for their gift of music and leadership in today's service.

## Flowers in the Sanctuary

Given with trust in God in honor of bereaved parents and in loving memory of all of the children who rest eternally with God.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:Rosie.Strawn@covenantpresby.org).



Giving a financial gift makes Covenant's programs and ministries possible. You are invited to give generously at [www.covenantpresby.org/ways-to-give](http://www.covenantpresby.org/ways-to-give) or by scanning the QR code to give online or by texting a dollar amount to 704-312-7616. We're grateful for your support.

**CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (As of March 6)**  
*Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:*

**NEW MEMBERS**

Tilden and Alex Arnold (Rowen)

Marshall Courtney

Corey Garagiola

Ashley Girth

Laura Haynes

Marshall Sykes

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

Charles C. (Chad) Edwards III

July 22, 1974 - March 6, 2024

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

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING**

Sybil Campbell

Deloris Davis

Nathan Doty

...

Stay up to date by visiting [covenantpresby.org/congregational-notes](https://covenantpresby.org/congregational-notes)

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](mailto: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](mailto:Katherine.Kerr@CovenantPresby.org). A pastor remains on call for emergency situations (death, sudden hospitalizations, etc.). Please call 704-333-9071.

All choral texts are reprinted under ONE LICENSE (#A-730583)

1 © 2016 Hinshaw Music Company

2 © 1974 Hope Publishing

3 © 2005 Walton Music

4 © 1997 Paulus Publications

5 © 1999 CPDL

This service is being streamed live and recorded for online viewing at [CovenantPresby.org/live](https://CovenantPresby.org/live).

If you would not like to keep this bulletin, please recycle it in the bins located in the narthex.



1000 E. Morehead Street | Charlotte, NC 28204 | 704-333-9071  
[www.CovenantPresby.org](https://www.CovenantPresby.org)