



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 17, 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

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded arr. M. Magatagan
~ Campbell Carter, violin; Virginia Bouknight, cello~

CHORAL INTROIT

This is the Day Gerald Smith¹
This is the day that the Lord has made. I will rejoice and
be glad in it. Enter God's gates with thanksgiving. Into
his courts with praise. I will rejoice and be glad in it.
Come on, everybody, let's rejoice. This is the day that
the Lord has made: rejoice! Hallelujah! rejoice!
~ Youth Singers ~

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Bob Henderson

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 386

Come, Worship God O QUANTA QUALIA

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Silent Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have neglected your call to love our neighbor, and failed to forgive as you forgive us. We hold grudges and harbor resentment, we seek our own way and condemn the actions of others. Give us strength to acknowledge our sin and turn to you with open hearts to receive the mercy you so freely offer. Strengthened by your grace, help us to extend forgiveness to others, in the name of Jesus Christ 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.

*PASSING THE PEACE

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Mary Kate Sykes
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.

ANTHEM

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Gilbert Martin²
When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
death of Christ my God. All the vain things that
charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.
See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and
love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow
meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too
small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.
~ Covenant Choir ~

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:12-15 New Testament, p. 190

SERMON

“Forgiveness” Katherine Kerr
Sermon Series: *Try It, You (might) Like It:*
Ancient Practices for a Modern World

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 444**

Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive DETROIT

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from “The Confession of 1967”

We believe that God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which we are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables us to receive forgiveness as we forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as we make peace among ourselves. We believe that in spite of our sin, the Holy Spirit gives us power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and to proclaim the good news of reconciliation to all.

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

*In Remembrance*B. Red, arr. Nora Kile³
~ *Doug Bacon, Matthew Clark, Becky Duncan,*
Betsy Lytle, and Emily Schauer, flutes ~

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***RECESSIONAL HYMN 547**

*Go, My Children, With My Blessing*AR HYD Y NOS

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

*Go, My Children, With My Blessing*arr. David Cherwien

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

Ben Unger, carillon

WELCOME TO COVENANT

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 March 13*)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO
Lyndly and Liam O'Hara on the baptism of their child
Rhodes Alexander O'Hara today at 8:45 a.m.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
Colton and Beth Ash (Fitz)
Clay Sowers and Maddie Christ

SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO
Stephanie and Colin Thimons and their family on the death of
Colin's mother, Margaret Eileen Thimons on March 13.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING
Sybil Campbell
Deloris Davis
Nathan Doty

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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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