



To the Greater Glory of God
A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Palm Sunday, March 24, 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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11:00 a.m.

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

Rondeau. arr. Arnold Sherman

CHORAL INTROIT

Hosanna to the Son. Jody Lindh¹

Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is the One who comes
in the name of the Lord. Glory Be to God on high.

The people heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.
Riding on a donkey's colt he came, palm branches spread
before him. The disciples didn't understand what was
happening at first, but when Jesus the king was glorified
then they remembered: It had all been written.

~ Angelus Choir, Chorister Choir and Jubilate; AJ Calpo, accompanist ~

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Serenitye Taylor

L: They went out to meet him shouting "Hosanna!"

P: They carried palm branches in their hand and hope in
their hearts.

L: The parade was for a day,

P: But the Hosannas continue. Hosanna in the highest!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 196

All Glory, Laud and Honor ST THEODULPH

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Silent Confession

Litany of Confession

L: The Lenten journey reminds us that we are a broken people,
in need of God's healing.

P: We have fallen short of God's desires for our lives and pray for
forgiveness.

L: Even as we cast our cloaks, with joy, along the road into Jerusalem,

P: we forget those in our midst who have no coat at all.

L: Our hearts would join the very stones of the earth, singing
praises for the Redeemer,

P: but we fear judgment and consequence and remain silent.

L: We promise to uphold others in prayer,

P: yet we lose focus, grow weary, and forget.

L: We come before you, our maker, seeking forgiveness for our
manifold sins,

P: but we betray you as Judas did.

L: We deny you as Peter did,

P: and ask that you have mercy on us, Lord;

L: Create in us a clean heart, Lord,

P: Forgive our failure and sin. Renew us with your abiding grace.

All: 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 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.

ANTHEM

“Lift Up Your Heads” from Messiah G.F. Handel²

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up ye
everlasting doors; and the king of glory shall come in.

Who is this king of glory? The Lord strong
and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Who is this king of glory? The Lord of
Hosts; he is the king of glory.

~ Covenant Choir ~

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1: 16-18 New Testament, p. 33

Mark 11: 1-11 New Testament, p. 44-45

SERMON

“Passion” Bob Henderson

Sermon Series: Grounded & Growing

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 197**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna. ELLACOMBE

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

Ride On King Jesus..... Moses Hogan³

Ride on, King Jesus; Ride on, the conquering king.
No man can a-hinder thee. I was but young when
I begun, but now my race is almost done.
King Jesus rides a milk white horse. The
river of Jordan he did cross.

He’s the king and the Lord of all. Jesus is the first and he’s the
last. Jesus is the Lord of Lords and the Prince of Peace.
~ *Lamar Davis, soloist; Covenant Choir*~

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***RECESSIONAL HYMN 93**

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates.....TRURO

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals..... S. Karg-Elert

Notes:

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister

Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational life and care

Serenitye Taylor, pastoral resident, congregational life and care

Heather Potter, director of traditional music

Kenney Potter, choral conductor

Mark Glaeser, organist

Covenant Choir

Covenant Ringers

Brass Charlotte

Dan Hays, timpani

Emily Reinicker, carillon

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. 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.

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CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (As of March 20)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Sean and Andrew Gibson on the birth of their child,
Caldwell "Wells" Boyles Gibson on March 17.
Hannah and Ross McSwain on the birth of their
child Landon Ross McSwain on March 11.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Debbie Hull

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Natalie and Mike Crockford and their family on the death
of his mother, Betty Crockford on March 15.
Kate and Patrick Martin and their family on the death
of his father, Francis Martin on March 6.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Sybil Campbell

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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