



# COVENANT

presbyterian church

*To the Greater Glory of God*

## A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND COMMUNION

Sunday, April 14, 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 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.*

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## PRELUDE

*Gabriel's Oboe* . . . . . E. Morricone

**WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP** . . . . . Nikki Zimmermann

## \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 687

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* . . . . . ST ANNE

## \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

Silent Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we are mindful that perfect love casts out fear yet we struggle to love as you do. Forgive us when fears overcome our best intentions. Forgive us for the times we hold on to fear of those we do not understand, fear of change, or fear of things that challenge us. Though we often stumble on our path to love, we ask that your grace would pick us up and continue to push us toward your perfect love which casts out fear. Help our faith to eclipse our fear so that we may live in harmony with our neighbors and in the joy of your kingdom. In Christ we pray, Amen.**

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*Congregational Response 587 (*choir and congregation*)

*Alleluia!* . . . . . CELTIC ALLELUIA<sup>1</sup>

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## \*PASSING THE PEACE

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** . . . . . Nikki Zimmermann

*Collins May Mecke*, daughter of Melanie and John Mecke

Baptism Response (choir and congregation) 482

*Baptized in Water* . . . . . BUNESSAN<sup>2</sup>

**Baptized in water, sealed by the spirit,  
Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;  
Heirs of salvation, trusting the promise,  
Faithfully now God's praises we sing.**

**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.*

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

Isaiah 41: 10 ..... Old Testament, p. 629

Matthew 14: 22-33..... New Testament, p. 15

## **SERMON**

“Fear” ..... Grace Lindvall  
Sermon Series: *Grounded & Growing*

## **\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 819**

*Be Still, My Soul*..... FINLANDIA

## **CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND CONCERNS**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## **OFFERING AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*Joy in the Morning* ..... N. Sleeth<sup>3</sup>

There'll be joy in the morning on that day, for the daylight will dawn  
when the darkness is gone, there'll be joy in the morning on that day.

There'll be peace and contentment evermore, every heart, every voice  
will together rejoice. There'll be peace and contentment evermore.

And the glory of the Lord will shine upon us and the glory of the  
Lord will bring the truth divine.

There'll be love and forgiveness everywhere, and the way of the Lord  
will that day be restored. There'll be love and forgiveness everywhere.

~ *Covenant Choir and Covenant Ringers*~

## **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

*“Largo” from Sonata in C Minor . . . . . G. F. Handel*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*RECESSIONAL HYMN 498**

*Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken . . . . . BEACH SPRING*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Voluntary. . . . . J. Stanley*

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*Notes:*

# THE WORSHIP SERVICE

## Leading Worship this Morning

Grace Lindvall, associate minister, education  
Mary Kate Sykes, pastoral resident, education  
Nikki Zimmermann, pastoral resident, mission and outreach  
Heather Potter, director of traditional music  
Kenney Potter, choral conductor  
Mark Glaeser, organist  
Teil Buck, oboe  
Covenant Choir  
Carolyn Lohr, carillon

## Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the Mecke Family

grandparents: John Coor, Linda Coor and Jonathan Kashouty; uncle: Spencer Coor, all of Richmond, VA. grandparents: Cathy and John Mecke of Irvington, VA.  
Katie Cornwell stands as elder with the Mecke family.

## Flowers in the Sanctuary

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Margaret "Molly" Eileen Thimons.

## 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).



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**CONGREGATIONAL NOTES** (*As of April 10*)  
*Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:*

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Carter and Mark Comer on the birth of their son  
Miles Andrew Comer on March 31, 2024.

Jacqueline and Mark O. McAlister on the birth of their  
daughter Allison Grace McAlister on April 2, 2024.

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Jackie and Jones Pharr and their family on the death of  
her father Harold Dean Toney on April 7, 2024.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Sybil Campbell

Nathan Doty

Joe Fountain

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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](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.

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