



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 21, 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

Baroque Suite for Organ Gordon Young

1. *Marche Petite*
2. *Aria*
3. *Allegro Maestoso*

CHORAL INTROIT

Louez le Seigneur Traditional Cameroon, arr. Johnson¹

Praise the Lord! Praise God's holy name: Alleluia!

~ *Covenant Choir* ~

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Mary Kate Sykes

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 37

Let All Things Now Living. THE ASH GROVE

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Silent Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you created us to live in relationship with you, to love and serve one another, and to care for all your creatures. Yet in the hardness of our hearts, in our stubborn ways, we dismiss your commandments and seek to go our separate ways. Lord, have mercy on us. Redeem, restore, and re-create us as we follow the way of Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Congregational Response 553 (*choir and congregation*)

Christ Has Died; Christ is Risen LAND OF REST²

Christ has died; Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

Christ has died; Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

*PASSING THE PEACE

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Bob Henderson

John Steven Christy, son of Liza and Tom Christy

¹You are invited to rise in body or spirit

Baptism Response (*choir and congregation*) 482

Baptized in WaterBUNESSAN³

**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 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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 2: 21-22..... New Testament, p. 34

SERMON

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

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

Lord Of All Hopefulness SLANE

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
be there at our waking and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**
**Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all grace,
your strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
be there at our labors and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**
**Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
be there at our homing and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**
**Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

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.**

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Camp Buddies..... Katie Cornwell

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Give Me Jesus M. Hogan⁴

I heard my mother say, "Give me Jesus, you may
have all this world, give me Jesus."

Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus.
Oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus.

~ *Jordan Taylor, tenor; Covenant Choir* ~

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***RECESSIONAL HYMN 673**

Jesus, Light of JoyLAUDA ANIMA

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Gavotte Samuel Wesley

Notes:

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister

Mary Kate Sykes, pastoral resident, education

Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational life and care

Heather Potter, director of traditional music

Kenney Potter, choral conductor

Mark Glaeser, organist

Covenant Choir

Ben Unger, carillon

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the Christy Family

brother: Sam Christy (in memoriam); great-grandfather: Steve

Christy of Concord, NC; grandparents: Nancy (in memoriam)

and Will Quinn of Greenville SC, Kay and Chris Christy of

Concord NC; great-aunts and uncles: Ann and Trip Adams

of Greensboro NC, Mari Ann Allen of Charlotte NC, Larry

Doyle of Kannapolis NC; aunts and uncles: Christina and James

Hester of Greensboro NC; cousins: Jenny and Howie Ledford

of Greensboro NC, Ida Jane, Blake, and Houston Allen of Mt.

Pleasant NC, Abby and Will Allen of Charlotte NC, Landon and

Eli Hester of Greensboro NC.

Morgan Hallen stands as elder with the Christy family.

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.

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 April 17*)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Emily and Griffin Happel on the baptism of their daughters
Ruth Nicole Happel and Eloise Mae Happel on
April 21, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
Rachel Besnoff and Michael Bender on the baptism
of their daughter Matilda Gavigan Bender on
April 21, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Elvis Makia and Maryline Siewe

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Lisa and Bryant Mende and their family on the death of
her mother Magdalene Herring on April 13, 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. 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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