



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 7, 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

Allegretto George Frederic Handel

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Serenitye Taylor

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 246

Christ Is Alive! TRURO

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Silent Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

O Risen Christ, we are reluctant to trust the good news of Easter and confess that we do not always believe you are alive among us. By your grace, root our hearts in faith, and help us not to return to fearful and unbelieving ways. Instead, through your resilient grace, grant us courage to embrace death's defeat and life everlasting. Through Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON 553

*Congregational Response (*choir and congregation*)

Christ Has Died; Christ is Risen LAND OF REST¹

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 Mary Kate Sykes

Elise Sherrill Mullikin, daughter of Mary Fletcher and Seth Mullikin

Baptism Response (choir and congregation) 482

Baptized in Water BUNESSAN²

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.

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

ANTHEM

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia! MFURAHINI, HALELUYA³

Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.

For our redeemer burst from the tomb,
even from death, dispelling its gloom.

Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.

Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.

Our sins forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

For three long days the grave did its worst
until its strength by God was dispersed.

He who gives life did death undergo,
and in its conquest his might did show.

The angel said to them, "Do not fear.

You look for Jesus who is not here.

See for yourselves the tomb is all bare.

Only the graveclothes are lying there.

'Go spread the news: He's not in the grave.

He has arisen, this world to save.

Jesus' redeeming labors are done.

Even the battle with sin is won."

Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be.

Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly king.

~ *Covenant Choir* ~

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20: 19-31New Testament, p. 108-109

SERMON

"Doubt"Bob Henderson

Sermon Series: *Grounded & Growing*

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 691

Lord, When I Came Into This LifeLAND OF REST

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

Song of the Wanderer D. Forrest⁴

The barren land around me lies, my flame is burning low;
Cold and pale the winter skies, and I am far from home.
With my light that burns so dim, am I visible to Him?
Does He hear creatures here below?

He wakes the lark and bids her fly to greet the coming spring,
Wakes our hearts and bids us rise then gives our spirits wing.

He speaks, He hears us when we pray,
He speaks and winter melts away,
Hears when we come to pray,
turns our night-time into day-Our Light, our Life, our King.

Glorious joy of summer sun, the gentle healing rain,
Banishing our tears and sighs, with beauty for our pain.
Earth and sky, lay glory by- Christ, the Lord, is drawing nigh!
All creation, bow to Him from whom all blessings flow!

Blows the wind, and soon will come the autumn of the year.

With its golden light of love still shining ever clear.
From the rising of the sun, to the place where day is done,
Peace on earth has now begun to cast away our fear.

God from whom all blessings flow,
praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 817

We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight DUNLAP'S CREEK

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Allegro Moderato George Frederic Handel

Notes:

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister
Mary Kate Sykes, pastoral resident, education
Serenitye Taylor, pastoral resident, congregational life and care
Heather Potter, director of traditional music
Kenney Potter, choral conductor
Mark Glaeser, organist
Covenant Choir
Lorna Graves, carillon

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the Mullikin Family

grandparents: Frank and Betsy King of Raleigh, NC, Brenda Mullikin of Pendleton, SC and Jim and Betty Mullikin of Liberty, SC; great aunts and uncle: Martha Mullikin of Pendleton, SC, and Sallie and Joe Moody of Charlotte, NC; aunts and uncles: Sallie and Andrew Bosserman of Charlotte, NC, Whit and Ashley Ross of Charleston, SC, Graham Mullikin and fiancée Suzanne Green of Greenville, SC, cousins: Piper Ross of Charleston, SC and James Bosserman of Charlotte, NC; godmother: Katie Little of Raleigh, NC
Grace Williams stands as Elder with the Mullikin family.

Flowers in the Sanctuary

Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dick and Justin Stowe by Dottie and Ashley Stowe.

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 April 7*)

Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Anna Mistretta and Jason Fishel on the birth of their son Wiley Alexander Fishel on March 23, 2024.
Ashley Girth and Dylan Welchman on the occasion of their marriage on April 6, 2024 in Lenoir, NC.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Laetitia Dowd

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Randy and Louise Ripple and their family on the death of her mother Mary Ida Beaver on April 3, 2024.

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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