



*To the Greater Glory of God*  
A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 11, 2026  
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.

## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

### PRELUDE

*Allegro (from the Fourth Cello Sonata)* ..... A. Vivaldi

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Grace Lindvall

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 409

*God is Here!* ..... ABBOT'S LEIGH

### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

## PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

### CHORAL CALL TO CONFESSION

*Search Me, O God* ..... SURSUM CORDA<sup>1</sup>

Search me, O God; search me and know my heart;  
try me, O God; my mind and spirit try;  
keep me from any path that gives you pain,  
and lead me in the everlasting way.

### SILENT CONFESSION

### CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord of mercy and grace, we ask for blessings but seldom embrace the transformation they require. We need healing but continue to wound others. We seek reconciliation but refuse to administer justice. We desire healthy relationships, but pride, fear, and apathy intercede. Yet we know that with you nothing is impossible, even our redemption. Restore us and transform us, we pray. Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF GRACE

### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (*choir and congregation*)

*God's Mercies Are New Every Day* ..... G. Murphy

Choir: Continuous love that will never fail

All: God's mercies are new ev'ry day.

Choir: With God in my life sin cannot prevail

All: God's mercies are new ev'ry day.

ALL (REFRAIN):

God is faithful, Like the morning sunrise;

God is faithful, God's mercies are new ev'ry day.

God's mercies are new ev'ry day. God's mercies are new ev'ry day.

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

# ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

## TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES ..... Serenitye Taylor

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.

## SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 6:14-20 ..... New Testament, p. 184

## SERMON

"Armed and Ready" ..... Bob Henderson  
Sermon Series: *Discern. Decide. Declare.*

## RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE 69

*I, the Lord of Sea and Sky* ..... HERE I AM

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND CONCERNS

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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 OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Offertory* ..... J. Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings,  
shall I come before Him with yearling calves?  
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with 10,000 rivers of oil?  
Shall I give Him my first born for my transgressions,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?  
He has shown you, O man.  
He has shown you what is good.  
And, what does the Lord require of you, but to do justice,  
and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.

~ Kate Pearson, violin; Covenant Choir ~

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

Constitutional Questions to Those to be Ordained/Installed  
Constitutional Questions to the Congregation  
Prayer of Ordination/Installation  
Charge to the Newly Ordained/Installed

\*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

### \*RECESSATIONAL HYMN 733

*We All Are One in Mission. . . .* ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Danish Amen* ..... Anon. Danish

### \*POSTLUDE

*Aria (from Water Music)* ..... G. F. Handel

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Notes:

# THE WORSHIP SERVICE

## Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister

Grace Lindvall, associate minister, education

Serenitye Taylor, associate minister, congregational life

Emily Floyd, director of traditional music

Mark Glaeser, organist

Covenant Choir

Sherry Ward, carillon

## Members of the Session Class of 2028

Virginia Bouknight (youth elder), Breiten Brown (youth elder), Tom Coley\*, Leigh Ann Hall, Jim Hamilton, Ellen Holloway, Lauren McCormick, Alan Morrow\*, Kim Moseley, Ellen Schubert\*, Derek Thomas\*, and Campbell Tucker\*.

\*Installed only, having previously served as elder.

## 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.

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## **CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (As of January 7)**

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

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO**

Abigail Lynn Broadway on her baptism today at 8:45 a.m.  
Perrin Tribble Andersen on her ordination today at Covenant.  
Seania and Zach Dawkins on the birth of their twins  
Royce Lamar and Micah Reese on December 31.

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Mary Scott Kennedy and Drew Mansfield

### **OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO**

Jai and Chris Folk and their family on the death of her  
father John Cicero Grant on December 30.  
Farah Lisa and Thomas Walker on the death of his  
mother Loretta Voyles Walker on January 4.

### **PRAYERS FOR HEALING**

Candace Carter-Johnson

Deloris Davis

Rebecca DiSandro

Murray Fadial

Dottie Stowe

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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 [Aisha.Council@CovenantPresby.org](mailto:Aisha.Council@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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