



To the Greater Glory of God
A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 25, 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

Partita on "St. Anne" P. Manz

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Courtney Shudak

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past ST. ANNE

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

CHORAL CALL TO CONFESSION

Search Me, O God SURSUM CORDA¹

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)

Holy God, you draw near to us even when we push you away, choosing what feels safe over what is faithful, clinging to the familiar and resisting the transforming work of your grace. Forgive us when we grasp what we know and resist the holy risk of trusting what we cannot yet see. Forgive us when fear shapes our choices, when we build walls instead of bridges, and when we try to control what we do not understand. We confess that we often push away not only what frightens us, but also what might change us. Unbind us from fear and open our hands to your grace. Help us to see the abundance of your mercy and the reckless reach of your love. In Christ, 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 DISCIPLESBob Henderson
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

Luke 8: 26-39 New Testament, p. 63-64

SERMON

“A Time to Decide: Face the Demons” Grace Lindvall
Sermon Series: *Discern. Decide. Declare.*

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 792

There Is a Balm in Gilead BALM IN GILEAD

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

Prayer for Humility..... M. Patterson²
Mighty God and gentle Lamb, Lord of all creation,
How we long to know you,
How we strive to serve you,
Help us now to love you even more.
Refrain:
Give us humble hearts to praise you
and listening ears to hear your voice,
willing hands to serve you,
thankful spirits to rejoice.
Lord of all, we adore you,
And we bring this prayer before you:
Create in us humble hearts.
When our thoughts turn proud,
Remind us of the grace you freely give.
When we lose our way, Lord,
Find us, draw us close to you again.
Refrain
~ Covenant Choir ~

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

GO IN GOD’S NAME

***RECESSIONAL HYMN 796**

We Come to You for Healing, LordLAND OF REST

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Plein Jeu à la Couperin G. Young

Notes:

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister
Grace Lindvall, associate minister, education
Courtney Shudak, pastoral resident, mission and outreach
Emily Floyd, director of traditional music
Mark Glaeser, organist
Covenant Choir
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.

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 Lacy King, Communications Manager, at Lacy.King@covenantpresby.org.



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CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (*As of January 21*)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Emily and Kyle Boster, with son Wesley
Charlotte and Richard Hunt

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Candace Carter-Johnson
Deloris Davis
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. 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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