



# COVENANT

presbyterian church

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

Sunday, January 28, 2024  
8:45 a.m.

CHAPEL

*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 (ages 6 weeks to Kindergarten) is offered in the Education Wing. See an usher for assistance.*

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## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

*Processional for Organ* ..... M. Shaw

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

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE 4

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name* . GROSSE GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

Silent Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Be patient with us, we pray, O God, as we seek to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God. Forgive our haste to judgment, our instincts for revenge, and our inclinations to harbor grudges. Pardon our silence before injustice and our own timidity to speak out for mercy. Teach us, O God, to love as you have loved us, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

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

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

### COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

### 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.**

<sup>1</sup>\*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*If Ye Love Me* ..... P. Wilby<sup>2</sup>  
If ye love me, keep my commandments and I will pray the  
Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he  
may abide with you forever; e'en the Spirit of Truth. And  
ye know him, for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you;  
I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.  
~ Chapel Choir ~

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 20:1-17..... Old Testament, p. 63-64

SERMON

“Idolatry” .....Serenitye Taylor  
Sermon Series: *Grounded & Growing*

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 63

*The Lord is God*.....AZMON

SENDING

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Recessional in G Major*..... J. Stanley

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Notes:

# THE WORSHIP SERVICE

## Leading Worship this Morning

Serenitye Taylor, pastoral resident, congregational life and care  
Nikki Zimmermann, pastoral resident, mission and outreach  
Heather Potter, director of traditional music  
AJ Calpo, guest conductor  
Mark Glaeser, organist  
Chapel Choir

## 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. We will gladly host meetings in the Welcome Center upon request.

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 January 24*)

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

### CONGRATULATIONS TO

Emily and Jun Yang on the birth of their child,  
Caroline Margaret Yang on Friday, January 19, 2024.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Whitney and Cam Ferguson (Camden and Coleman)  
Chelsey Oldham (Charlie)

### PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Deloris Davis  
Nathan Doty  
Don Moricle

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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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