



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God
A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 10, 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.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Ave Verum Corpus" W. A. Mozart

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Mary Kate Sykes

*HYMN OF PRAISE 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies LAUDES DOMINI

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Silent Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we have tried to love as you love, and we have failed. We confess that we find forgiveness hard, reconciliation risky, and honesty complex.

Forgive us, we pray, for our many failures. Enable us to trust that you love us, always, and forever. And let that trust turn us around, turn us aright, and strengthen us as we follow in the footsteps of our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Congregational Response (choir and congregation)*

Have Mercy, God DETROIT

Create in me a faithful heart,

a spirit right and new.

Sustain me with your saving love

and keep me close to you.

*PASSING THE PEACE

COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Choral Dorien J. Alain

~ J.L. Manning, Maryville College student ~

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:1-11 New Testament, p. 3

SERMON

“Solitude” Serenitye Taylor
Sermon Series: *Try It, You (might) Like It:*
Ancient Practices for a Modern World

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

HYMN OF PREPARATION

For the Bread Which You Have Broken KINGDOM

1 For the bread which you have broken, for the
2 By these pledg - es that you love us, by your
wine which you have poured, for the words which you have
gift of peace re - stored, by your call to realms a -
spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
bove us, con - se - crate our lives, O Lord:

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you;
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts;
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise...

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

SENDING

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 306

Blest Be the Tie That Binds DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

OvertureG. F. Handel

Notes:

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Mary Kate Sykes, pastoral resident, education

Serenitye Taylor, pastoral resident, congregational life and care

Heather Potter, director of traditional music

Mark Glaeser, organist

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.

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 March 6)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

NEW MEMBERS
Tilden and Alex Arnold (Rowen)
Marshall Courtney
Corey Garagiola
Ashley Girth
Laura Haynes
Marshall Sykes

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Charles C. (Chad) Edwards III
July 22, 1974 - March 6, 2024

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. - Revelation 14:13

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Sybil Campbell
Deloris Davis
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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