



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 17, 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

Come, Worship God arr. Cherwien & Haan

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Serenity Taylor

*HYMN OF PRAISE 386

Come, Worship God O QUANTA QUALIA

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Silent Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have neglected your call to love our neighbor, and failed to forgive as you forgive us. We hold grudges and harbor resentment, we seek our own way and condemn the actions of others. Give us strength to acknowledge our sin and turn to you with open hearts to receive the mercy you so freely offer. Strengthened by your grace, help us to extend forgiveness to others, in the name of Jesus Christ 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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Serenity Taylor

Rhodes Alexander O'Hara, child of Lyndly and Liam O'Hara

Baptism Response 482 (*choir and congregation*)

Baptized in Water BUNESSAN¹
**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.**

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.**

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM

God is God African American Spiritual, arr. Jacqueline Hairston²
God is God! God don’t never change. God is God
and he always will be God. I’m a-telling you.
He made the sun to shine by day, the moon to shine by night;
gave me love and he calm my fears, and drove away my fright.
He fixed my feet for running, and set me heart aflame; sealed
my hopes in the Holy Lamb and gave me my good name.
~ Ra’Saun Elliott, baritone ~

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:12-15 New Testament, p. 190

SERMON

“Forgiveness” Katherine Kerr
Sermon Series: *Try It, You (might) Like It:*
Ancient Practices for a Modern World

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 547

Go, My Children, With My Blessing AR HYD Y NOS

SENDING

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Go, My Children, With My Blessing arr. David Cherwien

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Serenitye Taylor, pastoral resident, congregational life and care

Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational life and care

Heather Potter, director of traditional music

Mark Glaeser, organist

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the O'Hara Family

grandparents: Pam and Burney Jarvis of Charlotte; Anita and Martin

O'Hara of Charleston, SC; aunts and uncles: Darcy O'Hara, Grant

Jarvis and Trinh Forstner, Weslie and Barrett Dunn and cousin

Caroline Dunn, all of Charlotte

Blaine Sanders stands as Elder with the O'Hara family.

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. 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 13*)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Colton and Beth Ash (Fitz)
Clay Sowers and Maddie Christ

SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Stephanie and Colin Thimons and their family on the death of
Colin's mother, Margaret Eileen Thimons on March 13.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Sybil Campbell
Deloris Davis
Nathan Doty

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Stay up to date by visiting covenantpresby.org/congregational-notes

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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