



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

Palm Sunday, March 24, 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

*Convocation.* . . . . . Charles Callahan

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

L: They went out to meet him shouting "Hosanna!"

**P: They carried palm branches in their hand and hope in their hearts.**

L: The parade was for a day,

**P: But the Hosannas continue. Hosanna in the highest!**

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE 196

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor.* . . . . . ST THEODULPH

### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

Silent Confession

Litany of Confession

L: The Lenten journey reminds us that we are a broken people, in need of God's healing.

**P: We have fallen short of God's desires for our lives and pray for forgiveness.**

L: Even as we cast our cloaks, with joy, along the road into Jerusalem,

**P: we forget those in our midst who have no coat at all.**

L: Our hearts would join the very stones of the earth, singing praises for the Redeemer,

**P: but we fear judgment and consequence and remain silent.**

L: We promise to uphold others in prayer,

**P: yet we lose focus, grow weary, and forget.**

L: We come before you, our maker, seeking forgiveness for our manifold sins,

**P: but we betray you as Judas did.**

L: We deny you as Peter did,

**P: and ask that you have mercy on us, Lord;**

L: Create in us a clean heart, Lord,

**P: Forgive our failure and sin. Renew us with your abiding grace.**

**All: 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 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

*Ride On, King Jesus* .....Moses Hogan<sup>1</sup>

Ride on, King Jesus; Ride on, the conquering king.  
No man can a-hinder thee. I was but young when  
I begun, but now my race is almost done.

King Jesus rides a milk white horse. The river of Jordan he did cross.  
He's the king and the Lord of all. Jesus is the first and he's the  
last. Jesus is the Lord of Lords and the Prince of Peace.

~ *Lamar Davis, soloist; Chapel Choir* ~

## THE WORD

## SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 11:1-11 ..... New Testament, p. 44-45

## SERMON

"Passion" ..... Mary Kate Sykes  
Sermon Series: *Grounded & Growing*

## \*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 197

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna.* ..... ELLACOMBE

## SENDING

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## \*POSTLUDE

*Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals.* ..... S. Karg-Elert

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# THE WORSHIP SERVICE

## Leading Worship this Morning

Mary Kate Sykes, pastoral resident, education

Nikki Zimmermann, pastoral resident, mission and outreach

Heather Potter, director of traditional music

Kenney Potter, choral 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 March 20)**  
*Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:*

**CONGRATULATIONS TO**

Sean and Andrew Gibson on the birth of their child,  
Caldwell "Wells" Boyles Gibson on March 17.

Hannah and Ross McSwain on the birth of their  
child Landon Ross McSwain on March 11.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Debbie Hull

**OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO**

Natalie and Mike Crockford and their family on the death  
of his mother, Betty Crockford on March 15.

Kate and Patrick Martin and their family on the death  
of his father, Francis Martin on March 6.

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING**

Sybil Campbell

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](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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