



# COVENANT

presbyterian church

*To the Greater Glory of God*

## A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND COMMUNION

Sunday, April 14, 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

*Larghetto* . . . . . George Frederic Handel

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Serenity Taylor

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE 687

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* . . . . . ST ANNE

### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

Silent Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we are mindful that perfect love casts out fear yet we struggle to love as you do. Forgive us when fears overcome our best intentions. Forgive us for the times we hold on to fear of those we do not understand, fear of change, or fear of things that challenge us. Though we often stumble on our path to love, we ask that your grace would pick us up and continue to push us toward your perfect love which casts out fear. Help our faith to eclipse our fear so that we may live in harmony with our neighbors and in the joy of your kingdom. In Christ we pray, 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

### OFFERTORY AND OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

*Simple Gifts* . . . . . Jeanne Cotter

## THE WORD

### SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 41:10 . . . . . Old Testament, p. 629

Matthew 14:22-33 . . . . . New Testament, p. 15

SERMON

“Fear” ..... Grace Lindvall

Sermon Series: *Grounded & Growing*

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

HYMN OF PREPARATION

*Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken* ..... BEACH SPRING



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the Gal - i -  
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a qui - et  
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in faith we



le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of Life from heav - en, was their  
room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you  
gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the a - ges: "I am



food for - ev - er - more.  
came as Light from Light. By your bod - y bro - ken  
with you; do not fear!"



for us, by your wine of life out-poured, Je - sus, feed a -



gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our 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

*Voluntary* ..... John Stanley

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*Notes:*

# THE WORSHIP SERVICE

## Leading Worship this Morning

Grace Lindvall, associate minister, 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 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 April 10*)  
*Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:*

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Carter and Mark Comer on the birth of their son  
Miles Andrew Comer on March 31, 2024.

Jacqueline and Mark O. McAlister on the birth of their  
daughter Allison Grace McAlister on April 2, 2024.

Melanie and John Mecke on the baptism of their daughter  
Collins May Mecke today at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Jackie and Jones Pharr and their family on the death of  
her father Harold Dean Toney on April 7, 2024.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Sybil Campbell

Nathan Doty

Joe Fountain

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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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