



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 21, 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

Baroque Suite for Organ Gordon Young

1. *Marche Petite*
2. *Aria*
3. *Allegro Maestoso*

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Katherine Kerr

*HYMN OF PRAISE 37

Let All Things Now Living. THE ASH GROVE

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Silent Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you created us to live in relationship with you, to love and serve one another, and to care for all your creatures. Yet in the hardness of our hearts, in our stubborn ways, we dismiss your commandments and seek to go our separate ways. Lord, have mercy on us. Redeem, restore, and re-create us as we follow the way of Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Congregational Response 553 (*choir and congregation*)

Christ Has Died; Christ is Risen LAND OF REST¹

Christ has died; Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

Christ has died; Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

*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.**

¹You are invited to rise in body or spirit

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Camp Buddies.....Katie Cornwell

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Give Me Jesus M. Hogan²

I heard my mother say, "Give me Jesus, you
may have all this world, give me Jesus."
Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus.
Oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus.
~ Jordan Taylor, tenor; Chapel Choir ~

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 2: 18-22.....New Testament, p. 34

SERMON

"Stewardship" Serenitye Taylor
Sermon Series: *Grounded & Growing*

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Lord Of All Hopefulness SLANE

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
be there at our waking and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all grace,
your strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
be there at our labors and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**

**Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
be there at our homing and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**

**Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

SENDING

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Gavotte Samuel Wesley

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational life and care
Serenitye Taylor, pastoral resident, congregational life and care
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 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 April 17*)

Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Liza and Tom Christy on the baptism of their son John Steven Christy on April 21, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Emily and Griffin Happel on the baptism of their daughters Ruth Nicole Happel and Eloise Mae Happel on April 21, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Rachel Besnoff and Michael Bender on the baptism of their daughter Matilda Gavigan Bender on April 21, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Elvis Makia and Maryline Siewe

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Lisa and Bryant Mende and their family on the death of her mother Magdalene Herring on April 13, 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.

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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