



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 7, 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

Allegretto George Frederic Handel

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Katherine Kerr

*HYMN OF PRAISE 246

Christ Is Alive! TRURO

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Silent Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

O Risen Christ, we are reluctant to trust the good news of Easter and confess that we do not always believe you are alive among us. By your grace, root our hearts in faith, and help us not to return to fearful and unbelieving ways. Instead, through your resilient grace, grant us courage to embrace death's defeat and life everlasting. Through Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON 553

*Congregational Response (*choir and congregation*)

Christ Has Died; Christ is Risen LAND OF REST¹

Christ has died; Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

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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.**

¹*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree arr. D. Papadakos²

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green;
the trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel; by faith I know, but ne'er can tell;
the glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought;
I missed of all, but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest a while;
under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;
which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

~ *Meredith Waller, soprano* ~

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20: 19-31 New Testament, p. 108-109

SERMON

"Doubt" Bob Henderson
Sermon Series: *Grounded & Growing*

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 817

We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight DUNLAP'S CREEK

SENDING

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Allegro Moderato George Frederic Handel

Notes:

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister

Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, 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 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 3*)

Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Mary Fletcher and Seth Mullikin on the baptism of their daughter Elise Sherrill Mullikin today at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Anna Mistretta and Jason Fishel on the birth of their son Wiley Alexander Fishel on March 23, 2024.

Ashley Girth and Dylan Welchman on the occasion of their marriage on April 6, 2024 in Lenoir, NC.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Laetitia Dowd

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Randy and Louise Ripple and their family on the death of her mother Mary Ida Beaver on April 3, 2024.

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.

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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