



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God
A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 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.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Ciacona J. Pachelbel

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Mary Kate Sykes

*HYMN OF PRAISE 755

Alleluia! Laud and Blessing WEISSE FLAGGEN

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Silent Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

ONE: We come before thee painfully aware of our inadequacies and shortcomings.

ALL: We realize that we stand surrounded with the mountains of love and we deliberately dwell in the valley of hate.

ONE: For these sins O God forgive. Break the spell of that which blinds our minds.

ALL: Purify our hearts that we may see thee. O God in these turbulent days when fear and doubt are mounting high give us broad visions, penetrating eyes, and power of endurance.

ONE: Give us the intelligence to know your will. Give us the courage to do your will. Give us the devotion to love your will.

ALL: Help us to work with renewed vigor for a warless world. In the name and spirit of Jesus we pray. Amen.

from *Endurance Prayer* by Martin Luther King, Jr.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Congregational Response 587 (*choir and congregation*)

Alleluia! CELTIC ALLELUIA¹

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PASSING THE PEACE

COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM

God of the Deep Dan Forrest²

Each time I stand and wonder at the vastness of the sea, I know that there are mysteries too great and deep for me. The wide expanse of water reaches far beyond my sight, and yet I know the One to whom its depths are full of light.

The mighty waves roll in to shore and break upon the sand,
compelled by unseen forces that I cannot understand. The currents
run beneath the waves in perfect, charted paths; a skillful hand
directs their courses, as it ever has.

The ocean teems with living things who never see the sun, and yet
there is an eye who sees and knows them, every one; and that same
eye has fathomed all the myst'ries of my days; when tears have
dimmed my sight, a heart of Love still charts my ways.

When simple explanations lie too deep for me to find, I rest in God
who holds the whole creation in his mind. I hope in God whose skill
and wisdom far exceed my own. The secrets of the hidden depths
belong to God alone.

~ Lauren Russell, soprano ~

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Amos 5:14-15 Old Testament, p. 805

SERMON

"Justice" Serenity Taylor

Sermon Series: *Grounded & Growing*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER


INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

HYMN OF PREPARATION


God of Grace and God of Glory. CWM RHONDDA



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,



grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -



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

God of Grace P. Manz

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Mary Kate Sykes, pastoral resident, education

Serenitye Taylor, pastoral resident, congregational life and care

Heather Potter, director of traditional music

Mark Glaeser, organist

Flowers in the Chapel

Given to the glory of God and in memory of Thomas Marshall

Holland by his 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.



Giving a financial gift makes Covenant's programs and ministries possible. You are invited to give generously at www.covenantpresby.org/ways-to-give or by scanning the QR code to give online or by texting a dollar amount to 704-312-7616. We're grateful for your support.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (As of January 10)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Christina Laube

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Thomas Marshall Holland

Elder

December 27, 1919 - January 5, 2024

Cynthia Haldenby Tyson

Elder

July 2, 1937 - January 6, 2024

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. - Revelation 14:13

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Deloris Davis

Nathan Doty

Don Moricle

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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