



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

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025  
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

### CENTERING PRAYER

Holy God, in the quiet of a morning we learned of good news that changed our world forever. The quiet morning turned into a song of fear and amazement. Meet us in the quiet today, and transform our fear into amazement and our worry into hope. In Christ we pray, Amen.

### PRELUDE

*Prelude and Fugue in C Major* . . . . . J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Luke 24:1-5

### CHORAL INTROIT

*Easter Introit* . . . . . B. Moore<sup>1</sup>

Why do you look for the living among the dead?

He is not here, he is risen! Alleluia!

~ Chapel Choir; Anne Linebarger, trumpet ~

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE 232

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* . . . . . EASTER HYMN

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION . . . . . Katherine Kerr

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

### \*SILENT CONFESSION

### \*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Gracious God, giver of life and forgiver of sin, we come to you this Easter morning with hope: a hope that you will always love us, a hope that death truly has lost its sting, a hope that you are indeed making all things new. It is hard to see tragedy and suffering around us. It is hard to admit the responsibility we have for much that plagues our world. It is hard to work for the good when the good seems so far off. Forgive us for those times we have retreated rather than proclaimed your good news. Forgive us for our disbelief, our cynicism, and our silence. Give us courage to see clearly. Give us strength to do our part. Give us grace to forgive others and ourselves. And give us faith to follow you. This is our prayer, offered in Christ's holy name. Amen

### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 587 (*choir and congregation*)

*Alleluia* . . . . . CELTIC ALLELUIA<sup>2</sup>

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

<sup>1</sup>You are invited to rise in body or spirit

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

*That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright . . . . .* H. Hopson<sup>3</sup>  
That Easter day with joy was bright;  
the sun shone out with a fairer light, Alleluia!  
When to their longing eyes restored,  
the apostles saw their risen Lord. Alleluia!  
His risen flesh with radiance glowed;  
his wounded hands and feet he showed; Alleluia!  
Those scars their solemn witness gave  
that Christ was risen from the grave; Alleluia!  
Adoramus te, Christe (We adore you, Christ).  
O Jesus, King of gentleness, with constant love our hearts profess  
that we may give you all our days the tribute of our grateful praise.  
All praise to you, O risen Lord, now both by heav’n and earth  
adored. Alleluia! To God the Father equal praise, and God the  
Spirit,  
now we raise. Alleluia!  
~ Chapel Choir ~

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20: 11-18 . . . . . New Testament, p. 108

SERMON

“A Staggering Discovery” . . . . . Serenitye Taylor

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 238

*Thine Is the Glory* . . . . . JUDAS MACCABEUS

SENDING

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Toccata from ‘Symphony No. 5’* . . . . . C.M. Widor

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# THE WORSHIP SERVICE

## Leading Worship this Morning

Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational life and care  
Serenity 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](mailto:Lora.Borrelli@covenantpresby.org) for more information. We will gladly host meetings in the Welcome Center upon request.

Assistive listening devices are available from the ushers.  
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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.

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## CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (*As of April 16*)

*Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:*

### PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Donna Goodwin

Brenda Moricle

Mary Jane Ramsey

Dottie Stowe

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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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