



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God
A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 11, 2026
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.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Allegro (from the Fourth Cello Sonata) A. Vivaldi

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Courtney Shudak

*HYMN OF PRAISE 409

God is Here! ABBOT'S LEIGH

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord of mercy and grace, we ask for blessings but seldom embrace the transformation they require. We need healing but continue to wound others. We seek reconciliation but refuse to administer justice. We desire healthy relationships, but pride, fear, and apathy intercede. Yet we know that with you nothing is impossible, even our redemption. Restore us and transform us, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 587 (*choir and congregation*)

Alleluia! CELTIC ALLELUIA¹

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PASSING THE PEACE

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Katherine Kerr

Abigail Lynn Broadway

Baptism Response (*choir and congregation*)

Children of the Heavenly Father. Swedish Folk Tune

*Children of the heavenly Father, safely in God's bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.*

*Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;
Unto them God's grace he showeth and their sorrows all God knoweth.*

COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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 OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Set Me as a Seal R. Clausen²

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death.

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death.

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it.

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death.

~ Chapel Choir ~

ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 3:1-10 Old Testament, p. 236

SERMON

"A Time To Decide: Heed the Call" Katherine Kerr
Sermon Series: *Discern. Decide. Declare.*

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky HERE I AM

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Aria (from Water Music) G. F. Handel

Notes:

²You are invited to rise in body or spirit

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational care
Courtney Shudak, pastoral resident, mission and outreach
Emily Floyd, director of traditional music
Mark Glaeser, organist
Chapel Choir

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the Abigail:

Grandparents: Donald and Lorna Graves of Fort Mill, SC;
siblings: Ace Moffitt, Katelynn Broadway
Mary Delk stands as Elder with Abigail.

This morning in the Sanctuary we will install/ordain elders of the Session class of 2028:

Virginia Bouknight (youth elder), Breiten Brown (youth elder), Tom Coley*, Leigh Ann Hall, Jim Hamilton, Ellen Holloway, Lauren McCormick, Alan Morrow*, Kim Moseley, Ellen Schubert*, Derek Thomas*, and Campbell Tucker*.

*Installed only, having previously served as elder.

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.

Assistive listening devices are available from the ushers.

Audio-induction hearing loops are installed in the chapel for use with hearing aids.



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 Lacy King, Communications Manager, at Lacy.King@covenantpresby.org.



Giving a financial gift makes Covenant's programs and ministries possible. You are invited to give generously at 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 7)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO
Perrin Tribble Andersen on her ordination today at Covenant.
Seania and Zach Dawkins on the birth of their twins
Royce Lamar and Micah Reese on December 31.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
Mary Scott Kennedy and Drew Mansfield

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO
Jai and Chris Folk and their family on the death of her
father John Cicero Grant on December 30.
Farah Lisa and Thomas Walker on the death of his
mother Loretta Voyles Walker on January 4.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING
Candace Carter-Johnson
Deloris Davis
Rebecca DiSandro
Murray Fadial
Dottie Stowe

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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 Aisha.Council@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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