



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 18, 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

The Rejoicing C. Callahan

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Katherine Kerr

*HYMN OF PRAISE 339

Lift Every Voice And Sing LIFT EVERY VOICE

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, it's tempting to give up and give in, to avert our gaze from the injustices of the world, to protect ourselves and our own, and turn away from the tumult and pain of our world.

Forgive our sins of escape, of ignoring the vulnerable, those in need, and the multitude who live in constant fear. Forgive our sins of apathy when you call us to action.

Renew us, Holy God, by your grace, and strengthen us to follow Christ's call. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 587 (*choir and congregation*)

Alleluia! CELTIC ALLELUIA¹

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PASSING THE PEACE

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

For Everyone Born T. Trenney²

For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overheard.
God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace;
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy.
For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song.
The hands of the child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong.
God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace;
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!
For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free.
God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace;
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!
~ Jordan Taylor, tenor ~

ENCOUNTER GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12, selected verses New Testament, p. 151-152

SERMON

“Decide: Goodness from Grace” Courtney Shudak
Sermon Series: *Discern. Decide. Declare.*

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 747

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth ENVIADO

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Allegro Moderato G. F. Handel

*You 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

WELCOME TO COVENANT

We are happy that you are worshipping 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.



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CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (As of January 14)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Steven Buchanan Shockley
May 28, 1947 - January 10, 2026

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

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Lecia and Zane Shockley, Kohl Eisenschmidt and Mauryn Eisenschmidt and their family on the death of Lecia's husband, Zane's father and Kohl and Mauryn's stepfather Steve Shockley.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Candace Carter-Johnson
Deloris Davis
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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