



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

Sunday, January 25, 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.*

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## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

*Partita on "St. Anne" . . . . . P. Manz*

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Serenity Taylor

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 687

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past . . . . . ST. ANNE*

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

## PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Holy God, you draw near to us even when we push you away, choosing what feels safe over what is faithful, clinging to the familiar and resisting the transforming work of your grace. Forgive us when we grasp what we know and resist the holy risk of trusting what we cannot yet see. Forgive us when fear shapes our choices, when we build walls instead of bridges, and when we try to control what we do not understand. We confess that we often push away not only what frightens us, but also what might change us. Unbind us from fear and open our hands to your grace. Help us to see the abundance of your mercy and the reckless reach of your love. In Christ, we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

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

*Alleluia! . . . . . CELTIC ALLELUIA<sup>1</sup>*

**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

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* ..... L. Larson  
~ *Youth Ringers* ~

ENCOUNTER GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 8: 26-39 ..... New Testament, p. 63-64

SERMON

“A Time to Decide: Face the Demons” ..... Grace Lindvall  
Sermon Series: *Discern. Decide. Declare.*

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 792

*There Is a Balm in Gilead* ..... BALM IN GILEAD

GO IN GOD’S NAME

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Plein Jeu à la Couperin* ..... G. Young

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*Notes:*

\*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

# THE WORSHIP SERVICE

## Leading Worship this Morning

Grace Lindvall, associate minister, education

Serenitye Taylor, associate minister, congregational life

Emily Floyd, 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](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.

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.

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**CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (As of January 21)**  
*Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:*

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Emily and Kyle Boster, with son Wesley  
Charlotte and Richard Hunt

**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](mailto: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](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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