



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 14, 2024

9:30 a.m.

SANCTUARY

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 and children's programs (ages 6 weeks to fifth grade) are offered in the Education Wing. Infant soothing rooms with live video of the worship service are available in the balcony and parlor. See an usher for assistance.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music

Look What You've Done To Your Brother . Sullivan, Fowler, Nielsen, Kinney¹

Cool hearted love, turnin' around,

You brought me to the move

You were sure to turn them down

Your streets are filled

Confused again, which one is your enemy

And which one is your friend?

Look what you've done to your brothers lately

Look what you've done, look what you've done

Look what you've done to your brothers lately, lately

Caught in a trap, caged in by walls

You threw me scraps but I turned them into darts

And now they flew from side to side

The past is gonna get you if the future steps aside

I caught you standin' there

You threw away your doubts

While I was gone, you hit it out

But then I turned around

And found out what you lied about

Brothers and sisters won't you turn me up around sayin'

Look what you've done to your brothers lately, now

Welcome and Announcements Katherine Kerr

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

**Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly* P. Barrett

(worship team and congregation)

**How Great Thou Art* S.W.K. Hine²

(worship team and congregation)

**Prayer of Adoration*

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

Call to Confession

**You are invited to rise in body or spirit*

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.

Speak O Lord K. Getty, S. Townend

(worship team and congregation)

Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Assurance of Pardon

Time with Young Disciples

*Following Time with Young Disciples, children are invited to remain in worship with
their families or go to Childcare. Children going to Childcare should be accompanied by a
parent/guardian to the first floor of the Education Wing.*

Congregational Life and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Offering

Wildfire A. Martin³

Brave men fall with a battle cry
Tears fill the eyes of their loved ones and their brothers in arms
So it went, for Joseph Warren
It should have been different, it could have been easy
His rank could have saved him, but a country unborn needs
bravery
And it spread like wildfire
From the ashes grew sweet liberty
Like the seeds of the pines when the forest burns
They open up, grow and burn again
It should have been different, it could have been easy
But too much money rolled in to ever end slavery
The cry for war spread like wildfire

GOD’S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

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

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

You are invited to take communion by intinction. With the ushers’ guidance, please come down the center aisle, take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup, and return to your seat by the side aisle. Gluten-free rice crackers are available at the center station. Those wishing to be served in the pew may signal an usher.

Songs for Communion

BWYR C.A. Hearst, M. Trent⁴

At The Table (Holy Invitation) D. Brymer, L. Jordan⁵

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*Invitation and Benediction

**For I Know* R. Muchow⁶

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational life and care
Serenitye Taylor, pastoral resident, congregational life and care
Shea Watts, director, contemporary worship and arts

Sharing the Gifts of Music

Paul Fisher (drums), Cheryl Hoover (bass guitar and vocals), Phillip Howe (keys), Phil Koonce (electric guitar, mandolin, and vocals), Phil Lyew (saxophone), Ginny Magrath (vocals), Ellie Morgan (vocals), Jessica Moss (vocals), Shannon Shook (vocals), Jim Stephens (electric guitar), Shea Watts (acoustic guitar)

Flowers in the Sanctuary

Given to the glory of God and in memory of DeWitt Walker King, IV by his family.

WELCOME TO COVENANT

Guests, please stop by the Connection Table as you exit for a small gift.

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.

Masks are optional in the sanctuary and assistive listening devices are available from the ushers. Audio-induction hearing loops are installed in the sanctuary 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 Rosie Strawn, Communications Manager, at Rosie.Strawn@covenantpresby.org.



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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 >](http://ConnectandGrow.org) 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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