



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 21, 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

Heart Of God A. King, J. Myrin¹

Here I stand before you now
As honestly as I know how
Broken by the days gone by
Spirit help my soul to rise
I try my best but still I fail
And even then you're with me there
You remind me I'm a child of God
Regardless of the things I've done
Oh, my hope is found in perfect love
Your mercy triumphs over judgment
Love wider than horizons
Stronger than all sin
Lord, Your kindness
It leads us to repentance
To the heart of God (to Your heart, God)
Your heart, oh God
(Oh, Jesus) is all I want
Well, they say that it's impossible
To ever save a sinful soul
But my God says to the prodigal
My beloved one, you're welcome home, home
All to Jesus I surrender (everything)
All to Him I freely give (everything I have)
I will ever love and trust Him (I will trust you and everyday)
In His presence daily live

Welcome and Announcements..... Serenitye Taylor

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

**This Is Amazing Grace*..... J. Farro, J. Riddle, and P. Wickham²
(worship team and congregation)

** Firm Foundation (He Won't)*A. Davis, C. Moore, C. Carnes³
(worship team and congregation)

*Prayer of Adoration

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

Call to Confession

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

Prayer of Confession

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

Sacrament of Baptism Serenitye Taylor

Katherine Cole Ward, child of Liz and Kirk Ward

I Was There To Hear Your Borning Cry J. Helgen and J. Ylvisaker⁴

Time with Young Disciples Nikki Zimmermann

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.

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.**

Minute For Ministry

Highland Renaissance Academy.....Erin Coles, principal

Offering

You Keep Me..... T. Greene⁵

**Yeah, I’ve sinned
Fell short of your glory
Messed up, ain’t proud of it but
Your love is more than enough
You keep on keeping me, yeah
Yeah now, don’t know why you never left me
I’m not sure
Through it all, Lord, You kept me
And I’m here by Your grace and love
And You keep on keeping me
Oh You keep me
Oh never let go
Oh You keep me
Safe in Your arms
No danger or harm’s in You**

You keep on keeping me (You keep on keeping me)
You keep on keeping me (oh-oh-oh, You keep on keeping me)
You keep on keeping me (You keep on keeping me)
No weapon formed
No, shall prosper, no
Safe in Your arms
And You keep on keeping me

GOD’S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture Reading

Jonah 4:11 Old Testament, p. 812
Matthew 5:7New Testament, p. 4

Sermon

“Mercy”Bob Henderson
Sermon Series: *Grounded & Growing*

Song of Response

What A Beautiful NameB. Fielding, B. Ligertwood⁶
(worship team and congregation)

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*Invitation and Benediction

**For I Know*R. Muchow⁷
(worship team and congregation)

Notes:

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister

Serenitye Taylor, pastoral resident, congregational life and care

Nikki Zimmermann, pastoral resident, mission and outreach

Shea Watts, director, contemporary worship and arts

Sharing the Gifts of Music

Jackson Daisley (electric guitar), Paul Fisher (drums), LaVita Hill (vocals), Ricko Hill (vocals), Cheryl Hoover (bass guitar and vocals), Phil Koonce (electric guitar), Phil Lyew (saxophone), Ginny Magrath (vocals), Jessica Moss (vocals), Shea Watts (acoustic guitar and keys)

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the Ward Family

Brother: Hugh; great grandmother: Katy Cornwell Hancock of Charlotte; grandparents: Robin & David Blacker and Lilli & Rich Gerardi, all of Charlotte; aunts and uncles: Laura and David Brown, of Chester, SC, Steven Gerardi and Ashley Kaiser of Charlotte; cousins: Carter, Noah and Jacob of Chester, SC; great aunt & uncle: Patti & Jim Snyder of Huntersville, NC; godparents: Justin & Sami Carpenter with daughter Josephine of Belmont, NC.
Betsy Kite stands as Elder with the Ward 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.

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CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (As of January 17)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

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 > 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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