



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 10, 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

Eleanor Rigby J. Lennon, P. McCartney¹

Ah, look at all the lonely people

Eleanor Rigby picks up the rice in the church

where a wedding has been

Lives in a dream

Waits at the window, wearing the face that

she keeps in a jar by the door

Who is it for? All the lonely people

Where do they all come from? All the lonely people

Where do they all belong?

Father McKenzie writing the words of a sermon that no one will
hear

No one comes near.

Look at him working, darning his socks

in the night when there's nobody there

What does he care? All the lonely people

Where do they all come from? All the lonely people

Where do they all belong?

Ah, look at all the lonely people

Eleanor Rigby died in the church and was buried

along with her name

Nobody came

Father McKenzie wiping the dirt from his hands

as he walks from the grave

No one was saved

All the lonely people

Where do they all come from?

All the lonely people

Where do they all belong?

Welcome and Announcements..... Katherine Kerr

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

**Firm Foundation (He Won't).* A. Davis, C. Moore, C. Carnes²
(worship team and congregation)

**Children of the Covenant*

**Prayer of Adoration*

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Kyrie Eleison C. Tomlin, M. Maher, M. Redman, and J. Ingram³
(worship team and congregation)
Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Hear our cry and heal our land
Let kindness lead us to repentance
Bring us back again
For Your Name is great
And Your heart is grace
Kyrie Eleison
Over all You reign
You alone can save
Kyrie Eleison
Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy on us now

Assurance of Pardon

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.

Congregational Life and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Offering

Need You NowKear, Haywood, Scott, Kelley⁴
Picture perfect memories scattered all around the floor
Reaching for the phone ‘cause I can’t fight it anymore
And I wonder if I ever cross your mind
For me it happens all the time
It’s a quarter after one, I’m all alone and I need you now
Said I wouldn’t come, but I lost all control and I need you now
And I don’t know how I can do without, I just need you now
Another shot of whiskey, can’t stop looking at the door
Wishing you’d come sweeping in the way you did before
And I wonder if I ever cross your mind
For me it happens all the time
It’s a quarter after one, I’m all alone and I need you now
Said I wouldn’t come, but I lost all control and I need you now
And I don’t know how I can do without, I just need you now
Yes I’d rather hurt than feel nothing at all
It’s a quarter after one, I’m all alone and I need you now
And I said I wouldn’t call, but I lost all control and I need you
And I don’t know how I can do without, I just need you now
I just need you now
Oh baby I need you now

GOD’S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture Reading

Matthew 4:1-11 New Testament, p. 3

Sermon

“Solitude” Bob Henderson

Sermon Series: *Try It, You (might) Like It:*
Ancient Practices for a Modern World

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.

Song for Communion

Remembrance.Hastings, Davenport⁵

I take the bread of life, Broken for all my sin
Your body crucified, To make me whole again
I will recall the cup, Poured out in sacrifice
To trade this sinner’s end, For Your new covenant
Hallelujah, I’ll live my life in remembrance
Hallelujah, Your promise I won’t forget
I’ll walk salvation’s road, With fear and trembling
Your way borne as my own, As Christ is formed in me
If ever I should lose my way, If ever I deny Your grace
Remind me of the price You paid
Hallelujah, I’ll live in remembrance
You’ve been so so good to me
Oh to think where I would be
If not for You
As far as heights reach from the depths
As far as east is from the west
So far Your grace has carried me
Until I see You face to face
Until at last I’ve won my race
Remind me You’re not finished yet
Hallelujah I’ll live in remembrance

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*Invitation and Benediction

*For I Know R. Muchow⁶

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister

Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational life and care

Nikki Zimmermann, pastoral resident, mission and outreach

Shea Watts, director, contemporary worship and arts

Sharing the Gifts of Music

Megan Comer (vocals), Jackson Daisley (electric guitar), Paul Fisher (drums), Cheryl Hoover (bass guitar and vocals), Clark Humphries (vocals), Noelle Lewis (vocals), Phil Lyew (saxophone), Ginny Magrath (vocals), Jolene Powell (vocals), Shea Watts (acoustic guitar and keys)

Butterflies in the Narthex

As we celebrate the joy of children we also recognize the pain many experience as they long for, grieve, and remember dashed dreams for their own children. We remember you with love and invite you to take a handcrafted butterfly as you leave worship today as a reminder of God's everlasting presence and the hope that brings.

Flowers in the Sanctuary

Given with trust in God in honor of bereaved parents and in loving memory of all of the children who rest eternally with God.

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.

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 March 6)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

NEW MEMBERS

Tilden and Alex Arnold (Rowen)

Marshall Courtney

Corey Garagiola

Ashley Girth

Laura Haynes

Marshall Sykes

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Charles C. (Chad) Edwards III

July 22, 1974 - March 6, 2024

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

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Sybil Campbell

Deloris Davis

Nathan Doty

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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 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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