



# COVENANT

presbyterian church

*To the Greater Glory of God*

## A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 17, 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.*

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## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

### Gathering Music

*The Breastplate Of St. Patrick* . . . . . W. Kimbrough, D. Wheeler<sup>1</sup>

When my work takes me places I don't want to go

Christ before me

And my heart aches with sorrow as I hit the road

Christ be with me

When the care of my family takes all that I have

Christ within me

When I'm worn and exhausted, ashamed that I'm mad

Christ defend me

I rise up today in a strength that is not my own

I'm held by the promise of God that I'm never alone

When I'm tossed to the side and I want to give up

Christ beside me

When I'm giving my all but it's never enough

Christ beside me

When I work hard but someone else gets the reward

God's eyes see me

When I ask for promotion and they shut the door

God's ears hear me

I rise up today in a strength that is not my own

I'm held by the promise of God that I'm never alone

When I climb the first steps toward a long-held dream

Christ above me

And I leap out in faith and I hope to find wings

Christ beneath me

Welcome and Announcements . . . . . Grace Lindvall

## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

*\*Build Your Kingdom Here* . . . . . C. Llewellyn, G. Gilkeson, W. Herron<sup>2</sup>

*(worship team and congregation)*

\*Prayer of Adoration

## PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

*Kyrie Eleison . . . . .* C. Tomlin, M. Maher, M. Redman, and J. Ingram<sup>3</sup>  
*(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 . . . . .* Mary Kate Sykes  
*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.**

Offering

*Beautiful Messes . . . . .* Glover, Harrington, Scott<sup>4</sup>  
**Are you spinning in a life that keeps on telling you**  
**That you’re not good enough**  
**And when you’re looking in the mirror**  
**Do you see someone impossible to love?**  
**Full of fragile broken pieces**  
**We’re all rough around the edges**  
**We ain’t perfect no**  
**We ain’t even close**  
**We got holes in our hearts**  
**We’ve got scars we don’t show**  
**But all that baggage we**  
**Keep on dragging around**  
**Ain’t it time we start laying it down**  
**Lay it down at the foot of the cross**  
**Give it to the one who can carry it all**  
**Even at our worst, to him we ain’t lost causes**  
**Just beautiful messes**  
**We’re all Davids we’re all Marys**

We've been liars, thieves and everything between  
But don't forget God used the misfits just like us  
To do the most amazing things  
So bring your faults, your flaws, your secrets  
And watch Him use those broken pieces  
No matter where you are right now  
Let God's grace come pouring down  
It won't run out, It won't run out

## GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

### Scripture Reading

Colossians 3:12-15.....New Testament, p. 190

### Sermon

"Forgiveness"..... Katherine Kerr

Sermon Series: *Try It, You (might) Like It:*

*Ancient Practices for a Modern World*

### \*Song of Response

*Let It Be Jesus*..... C. Tomlin, M. Redman, J. Myrin<sup>5</sup>

*(worship team and congregation)*

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

### \*Invitation and Benediction

*\*For I Know*..... R. Muchow<sup>6</sup>

*(worship team and congregation)*

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Notes:

# THE WORSHIP SERVICE

## Leading Worship this Morning

Grace Lindvall, associate minister, education

Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational life and care

Mary Kate Sykes, pastoral resident, education

Shea Watts, director, contemporary worship and arts

## Sharing the Gifts of Music

Amber Brown (vocals), Jackson Daisley (electric guitar), Paul Fisher (drums), Phil Lyew (saxophone), Jolene Powell (vocals), Shannon Shook (vocals), Henry Trexler (bass guitar), Shea Watts (acoustic guitar and keys)

## 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.

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](mailto:Rosie.Strawn@covenantpresby.org).



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**CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (As of March 13)**  
*Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:*

**CONGRATULATIONS TO**

Lyndly and Liam O'Hara on the baptism of their child  
Rhodes Alexander O'Hara today at 8:45 a.m.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Colton and Beth Ash (Fitz)  
Clay Sowers and Maddie Christ

**SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO**

Stephanie and Colin Thimons and their family on the death of  
Colin's mother, Margaret Eileen Thimons on March 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](mailto: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](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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