



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Palm Sunday, March 24, 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

Changed. W. Hawkins¹

A change a change has come over me
He changed my life and now I'm free
He washed away all my sins
And He made me whole
He washed me white as snow
He changed my life complete
And now I sit sit at His feet
To do what must be done
I'll work and work until He comes
A wonderful change has come over me
A wonderful change has come over me
Lord He changed my life complete
And now I sit at my Savior's feet
To do what must be done
I'm gonna work and work until my Savior comes
A wonderful change has come over me

Welcome and Announcements Serenitye Taylor

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

**Make Us One* Quilala, Silverberg, Jackson, Jackson²
(worship team and congregation)

*Prayer of Adoration

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

Call to Confession

Litany of Confession

L: The Lenten journey reminds us that we are a broken people,
in need of God's healing.
P: We have fallen short of God's desires for our lives and pray for forgiveness.
L: Even as we cast our cloaks, with joy, along the road into Jerusalem,
P: we forget those in our midst who have no coat at all.
L: Our hearts would join the very stones of the earth, singing
praises for the Redeemer,
P: but we fear judgment and consequence and remain silent.

¹You are invited to rise in body or spirit

L: We promise to uphold others in prayer,

P: yet we lose focus, grow weary, and forget.

L: We come before you, our maker, seeking forgiveness for our manifold sins,

P: but we betray you as Judas did.

L: We deny you as Peter did,

P: and ask that you have mercy on us, Lord;

L: Create in us a clean heart, Lord,

P: Forgive our failure and sin. Renew us with your abiding grace.

L: Hear us as together we sing.

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 Grace Lindvall

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

Hold On (Change Is Comin') J. Gear⁴

Here's we go y'all

Singin' a little message out

To those of y'all who feel like you're strugglin', uh

It's a simple song

come on y'all

Yesterday, a man step to me

He said, "How can you smile

When your world is crumbling down?" I said
 "Here's my secret, when I wanna cry
 I take a look around and I see that I'm getting by"
 And I hold on, Change is coming
 Hold on, Don't you worry
 Hold on, You can make it
 Hold on, Everything (everything will be alright)
 Some people like to worry
 Some people like hide
 Some people like to run away
 From the pain inside
 Now it's your business
 Do whatever you wanna do
 But if it don't work out
 Here's what you oughta do
 When the troubles of life weigh you down
 Just lift your head up
 When the love you seek (you seek) is hard to find
 Don't give up, just be strong, keep the faith
 Everything, everything, everything (everything will be alright)
 Is gonna be alright
 Huh, here's a little simple song, y'all
 When the trouble seem like they just won't go away
 Friends let you down, things gettin' bounced around
 Here's a little lullaby we like to sing
 And it goes a little like this, uh come on, listen

GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture Reading

Mark 1: 16-18..... New Testament, p. 33

Mark 11: 1-11..... New Testament, p. 44-45

Sermon

"Passion" Bob Henderson

Sermon Series: *Grounded & Growing*

*Song of Response

Goodness Of God Johnson, Cash, Ingram, Fielding⁵

(*worship team and congregation*)

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Invitation and Benediction

**For I Know* R. Muchow⁶

(*worship team and congregation*)

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister

Grace Lindvall, associate minister, education

Serenity Taylor, pastoral resident, congregational life and care

Shea Watts, director, contemporary worship and arts

Sharing the Gifts of Music

Jamelia Davis (vocals), Paul Fisher (drums), Ricko Hill (vocals),

Cheryl Hoover (bass guitar and vocals), Clark Humphries (vocals),

Phil Lyew (saxophone), Ginny Magrath (vocals), Ben Thomas (keys),

Shea Watts (acoustic guitar)

Brighter Day Community Choir

We are grateful to Brighter Day Community Choir for leading worship this morning. Directed by Zacch Estrada-Petersen, Brighter Day Community Choir is a Charlotte-based community gospel choir, sharing the love of God, faith, music and fellowship with the city and the world.

WELCOME TO COVENANT

We are happy that you are worshipping 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 20)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Sean and Andrew Gibson on the birth of their child,
Caldwell “Wells” Boyles Gibson on March 17.
Hannah and Ross McSwain on the birth of their
child Landon Ross McSwain on March 11.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Debbie Hull

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Natalie and Mike Crockford and their family on the death
of his mother, Betty Crockford on March 15.
Kate and Patrick Martin and their family on the death
of his father, Francis Martin on March 6.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Sybil Campbell
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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