



# COVENANT

presbyterian church

*To the Greater Glory of God*

## A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND COMMUNION

Sunday, April 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.*

# A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

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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

*Nothing To Fear* . . . . . Assad, Wardell, Zach<sup>1</sup>  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you  
And the depths of the river shall not overwhelm  
When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned  
I am the Lord, I am the Lord  
And there is nothing to fear, nothing to fear  
There is nothing to fear, nothing to fear  
For I am with you al-ways  
In the depths of your sorrow, I wept beside you  
When you walked through the shadow, I drew you near  
yesterday, today, tomorrow, always the same  
I am the Lord, I am the Lord  
And there is nothing to fear, nothing to fear  
There is nothing to fear, nothing to fear  
For I am with you al - ways  
What can separate you from My perfect love?  
Do not fear

Welcome and Announcements . . . . . Nikki Zimmermann

## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

*\*Stand In Your Love.* . . . . . J. Baldwin, R. Springer, M. Harris , E. Hulse<sup>2</sup>  
(worship team and congregation)

*\*Mighty To Save.* . . . . . B. Fielding, R. Morgan<sup>3</sup>  
(worship team and congregation)

\*Prayer of Adoration

## PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

*Holy, Holy, Holy.* . . . . . Public Domain  
Holy holy holy, Lord God Almighty  
Early in the morning  
Our song shall rise to Thee  
Holy holy holy, Merciful and mighty  
God in three Persons, Blessed Trinity

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.*

Congregational Life and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Offering

*Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)* . . . . .M. Crocker, J. Houston, S. Ligthelm<sup>4</sup>

You call me out upon the waters  
The great unknown where feet may fail  
And there I find You in the mystery  
In oceans deep my faith will stand  
And I will call upon Your name  
And keep my eyes above the waves  
When oceans rise  
My soul will rest in Your embrace  
For I am Yours and You are mine  
Your grace abounds in deepest waters  
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide  
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me  
You've never failed and You won't start now  
Oh and You are mine oh  
Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders  
Let me walk upon the waters  
Wherever You would call me  
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander  
And my faith will be made stronger  
In the presence of my Saviour  
Yeah yeah yeah yeah  
Oh Jesus yeah my God  
I will call upon Your name  
Keep my eyes above the waves  
My soul will rest in Your embrace  
I am Yours and You are mine

**GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED**

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 41: 10 . . . . . Old Testament, p. 629  
Matthew 14: 22-33. . . . . New Testament, p. 15

Sermon

"Fear" . . . . . Grace Lindvall  
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.*

Song for Communion

*Firm Foundation (He Won't)* . . . . . A. Davis, C. Moore, C. Carnes<sup>5</sup>

Christ is my firm foundation  
The rock on which I stand  
When everything around me is shaken  
I've never been more glad  
That I put my faith in Jesus  
'Cause He's never let me down  
He's faithful through generations  
So why would He fail now  
He won't He won't  
I've still got joy in chaos  
I've got peace that makes no sense  
So I won't be going under  
I'm not held by my own strength  
'Cause I've built my life on Jesus  
He's never let me down  
He's faithful in every season  
So why would He fail now  
He won't He won't  
He won't fail  
Rain came and wind blew  
But my house was built on You  
I'm safe with You  
I'm going to make it through  
Yeah I'm going to make it through  
'Cause I'm standing strong on You  
He won't He won't  
He won't fail

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\*Invitation and Benediction

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



# THE WORSHIP SERVICE

## Leading Worship this Morning

Grace Lindvall, associate minister, education

Mary Kate Sykes, pastoral resident, education

Nikki Zimmermann, pastoral resident, mission and outreach

Ricko Hill, assistant director of contemporary worship and arts

## Sharing the Gifts of Music

Amber Brown (vocals), Jackson Daisley (electric guitar), Paul Fisher (drums), Cheryl Hoover (bass guitar and vocals), Phil Koonce (electric guitar)

## Flowers in the Sanctuary

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Margaret “Molly” Eileen Thimons.

## 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 April 10)*

*Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:*

### CONGRATULATIONS TO

Carter and Mark Comer on the birth of their son  
Miles Andrew Comer on March 31, 2024.

Jacqueline and Mark O. McAlister on the birth of their  
daughter Allison Grace McAlister on April 2, 2024.

Melanie and John Mecke on the baptism of their daughter  
Collins May Mecke today at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

### OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Jackie and Jones Pharr and their family on the death of  
her father Harold Dean Toney on April 7, 2024.

### PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Sybil Campbell

Nathan Doty

Joe Fountain

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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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