



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 7, 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

Sign Of The Times . . Salibian, Styles, Bhasker, Rowland, Nasci, Johnson¹

Just stop your crying
It's a sign of the times
Welcome to the final show
Hope you're wearing your best clothes
You can't bribe the door
On your way to the sky
You look pretty good down here
But you ain't really good...
If we never learn we've been here before
Why are we always stuck and
running from the bullets
Just stop your crying
It's a sign of the times
We gotta get away from here
Just stop your crying, It'll be alright
They told me that the end is near
We gotta get away from here
Just stop your crying
Have the time of your life
Breakin' through the atmosphere
Things look pretty good from here
Remember everything will be alright
We could meet again somewhere.
Somewhere far away from here.
We never learn we've been here before
Why are we always stuck and
running from the bullets
They told me that the end is near
We gotta get away from here
We don't talk enough
We should open up
Before it's all too much
Will we ever learn
We've been here before
It's just what we know
Stop your crying, baby
It's a sign of the times
We gotta get away
We got to! We got to! Away

Welcome and Announcements Serenitye Taylor

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

*Who You Say I Am B. Fielding, R. Morgan²

(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 Katherine Kerr

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

The Architect. J. Osborne, K. Musgraves, S. McAnally³

Even something as small as an apple
It's simple and somehow complex
Sweet and divine, the perfect design
Can I speak to the architect?
And there's a canyon that cuts through the desert
Did it get there because of a flood?
Was it devised? Or were you surprised
When you saw how grand it was?
Was it thought out at all or just paint on a wall?
Is there anything that you regret?
I don't understand, are there blueprints or plans?
Can I speak to the architect?
Sometimes I look in the mirror
And wish I could make a request
Could I pray it away? Am I shapeable clay?
Or is this as good as it gets?
One day, you're on top of the mountain
So high that you'll never come down
Then the wind at your back carries ember and ash
That it burns your whole house to the ground

Is it thought out at all or just paint on a wall?
Is there anything that you regret?
I don't understand, are there blueprints or plans?
Can I speak to the architect?
I thought that I was too broken
And maybe too hard to love
I was in a weird place, then I saw the right face
And the stars and the planets lined up
Does it happen by chance? Is it all happenstance?
Do we have any say in this mess?
Is it too late to make some more space?
Can I speak to the architect?
This life that we make, is it random or fate?
Can I speak to the architect?
Is there an architect?

GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture Reading

John 20: 19-31New Testament, p. 108-109

Sermon

"Doubt"Bob Henderson
Sermon Series: *Grounded & Growing*

*Song of Response

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)J. Myrin, M. Redman⁴
(*worship team and congregation*)

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Invitation and Benediction

For I Know R. Muchow⁵
(*worship team and congregation*)

Notes:

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister

Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational life and care

Serenitye Taylor, pastoral resident, congregational life and care

Shea Watts, director, contemporary worship and arts

Sharing the Gifts of Music

Jackson Daisley (electric guitar), Jamelia Davis (vocals), Paul Fisher (drums), Zach Leitner (electric guitar), Ginny Magrath (vocals)

Flowers in the Sanctuary

Given to the greater glory of God and in loving memory of Dick Stowe and Justin Stowe by Dottie and Ashley Stowe.

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 April 7*)

Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Mary Fletcher and Seth Mullikin on the baptism of their daughter
Elise Sherrill Mullikin today at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Anna Mistretta and Jason Fishel on the birth of their
son Wiley Alexander Fishel on March 23, 2024.

Ashley Girth and Dylan Welchman on the occasion of
their marriage on April 6, 2024 in Lenoir, NC.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Laetitia Dowd

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Randy and Louise Ripple and their family on the death
of her mother Mary Ida Beaver on April 3, 2024.

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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