



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 11, 2026

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.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music

Worthy Of It All D. Brymer and R. Hall¹

All the saints and angels

They bow before Your throne

All the elders cast their crowns

Before the Lamb of God and sing

You are worthy of it all

You are worthy of it all

For from You are all things

And to You are all things

You deserve the glory

Day and night, night and day let incense arise

Welcome and Call to Worship Grace Lindvall

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

**Shall Not Want* C. Moore, C. Brown, N. Raine, S. Furtick²

(worship team and congregation)

*Prayer of Adoration

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eagle's Wings R. Morgan³

(worship team and congregation)

Come live in me, All my life take over

Come breathe in me, And I will rise

On eagle's wings

Assurance of Grace

Time with Young Disciples Serenity Taylor

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 and The Lord’s Prayer (unison)
**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 Ourselves and Our Gifts

Ain’t No Man S. Avett, A. Avett⁴
There ain’t no man-can save me
There ain’t no man-can enslave me
Ain’t no man or men that can change the shape my soul is in
There ain’t nobody here who can cause me pain or raise my fear
Cause I got only love to share
If you’re looking for truth I’m proof you’ll find it there
You got to serve something, ain’t that right?
I know it gets dark, but there’s always a light
You don’t have to buy in to get into the club
Trade your worries
You gotta show up if you wanna be seen
If it matters to you ma, it matters to me
I’m going to fall hard, yeah I know I am
When the crowds crack up, I laugh with them
You say you look funny, I say you’re a star
I say you’re whatever you think you are
Watch the naysayers fall right in line
If we believe that they’ll say, “she is so pretty; he is so fine”
You got to go somewhere, ain’t that true?
Not a whole lotta time for me or you
Got a whole lotta reasons to be mad; let’s not pick one
I live in a room at the top of the stairs
I got my windows wide open and nobody cares
And I got no choice but to get right up when the song comes through

ENCOUNTER GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 6:14-20 New Testament, p. 184

Sermon

“Armed and Ready” Bob Henderson
Sermon Series: *Discern. Decide. Declare.*

Ordination and Installation of Elders

- Constitutional Questions to Those to be Ordained/Installed
- Constitutional Questions to the Congregation
- Prayer of Ordination/Installation
- Charge to the Newly Ordained/Installed

*Song of Response

**Build Your Kingdom Here C. Llewellyn, G. Gilkeson, W. Herron⁵*
(worship team and congregation)

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*Invitation and Benediction

*Benediction Response

**For I Know R. Muchow⁶*

Notes:

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister

Grace Lindvall, associate minister, education

Serenitye Taylor, associate minister, congregational life

Ben Thomas, interim contemporary band leader

Tameka Thomas, interim contemporary worship leader

Ricko Hill, assistant director of contemporary worship and arts

Sharing the Gifts of Music

Jackson Daisley (electric guitar), Paul Fisher (drums), LaVita Hill (vocals), Jessica Hindman (vocals), Cheryl Hoover (bass guitar and vocals), Phil Koonce (electric guitar), Phil Lyew (saxophone), Ben Thomas (keys), Tameka Thomas (vocals).

Members of the Session Class of 2028

Virginia Bouknight (youth elder), Breiten Brown (youth elder), Tom Coley*, Leigh Ann Hall, Jim Hamilton, Ellen Holloway, Lauren McCormick, Alan Morrow*, Kim Moseley, Ellen Schubert*, Derek Thomas*, and Campbell Tucker*.

*Installed only, having previously served as elder.

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 Lacy King, Communications Manager, at Lacy.King@covenantpresby.org.



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CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (As of January 7)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Abigail Lynn Broadway on her baptism today at 8:45 a.m.
Perrin Tribble Andersen on her ordination today at Covenant.
Seania and Zach Dawkins on the birth of their twins
Royce Lamar and Micah Reese on December 31.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mary Scott Kennedy and Drew Mansfield

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Jai and Chris Folk and their family on the death of her
father John Cicero Grant on December 30.
Farah Lisa and Thomas Walker on the death of his
mother Loretta Voyles Walker on January 4.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Candace Carter-Johnson
Deloris Davis
Rebecca DiSandro
Murray Fadial
Dottie Stowe

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