



# WELCOME TO FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026

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**Sunday, January 18, 2026**

*Please complete the Worship Response Card (WRC) in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate to express interest, submit a prayer request, update your contact information or to sign up for an opportunity.*

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## **Stewardship: Have You Committed for 2026?**

Thank you for your strong support for the 2026 budget. So far, we have received \$3,489,056 in pledges, leaving us \$246,677 to reach our goal. The budget will be finalized by the elders this week and reported at our congregational meeting next Sunday. If you would still like to make a pledge, you can fill out a pledge card located in your pew or pledge online today at [covenantpresby.org/stewardship](https://covenantpresby.org/stewardship).

Thank you for your support!

## **Congregational Meeting**

*January 25 at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary*

The Session has called a congregational meeting on January 25 at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary to present the annual budget and vote on any proposed changes in the terms of call for installed pastors.

## **MLK National Observance Event**

*Sunday, January 18; 2:00 PM in Fellowship Main Hall*

Covenant has partnered with the City of Charlotte to host a MLK Celebration event on Sunday, January 18. This is a free, public event.

Rev. Dr. Peter M. Wherry will sit down with Christina Greer - Associate Professor of Political Science at Fordham University and nationally recognized author and commentator - for a conversation about critical moments in the country. Following the conversation, award-winning journalist Tonya Rivens will lead a Q&A with the audience. If you'd like to volunteer at the event, write "MLK Event" on your WRC.

## **New Year Book Drive for Highland Renaissance Academy**

Help support Highland students by donating gently used or new children's books for Pre-K–5th grade students—anything from picture books to nonfiction and chapter books is welcome. Drop off donations at the Welcome Center at Covenant by Sunday, January 25.

## **Middle School Winter Retreat**

*January 30-February 1*

All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are invited to join our Winter Retreat in West Virginia. We will leave after school on Friday, January 30, and return on Sunday, February 1. We will spend our time together growing in faith and friendship with small group devotionals, games, exploring the New River Gorge State Park, snowtubing at Winterplace and more. Cost is \$250.00 per person (financial assistance available). Write "MSY Retreat" on your WRC for more information.

## **Upcoming "Faith Talks" Speaker**

*February 1, 2025; 9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall*

Martha Moore-Keish is a thoughtful and engaging teacher who helps people make sense of Christian faith as it is actually lived, not just studied. With clarity, honesty, and practical wisdom, she invites communities to wrestle with big questions about God, responsibility, and life together. She is the J.B. Green Professor of Theology at Columbia Theological Seminary, and earned a Ph.D. in theology from Emory University. She will join us on February 1 to teach on the Christian practice of truth telling—how naming our missteps and telling the truth about ourselves and our world opens the way toward healing and wholeness. We are so pleased that Dr. Moore-Keish will continue visiting with Covenant on the First Sundays in March and May to continue the conversation.

## **Kindergarten Tutoring at Highland**

*February and March, either Tuesdays or Thursdays from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.*

Volunteer to work with kindergarteners at Highland Renaissance Academy on developing literacy skills. Tutors work one-on-one with students and spend time reading books to them as well as reviewing and practicing basic literacy concepts. No experience needed – the curriculum and all materials are provided. The tutoring program runs for 8 weeks during February and March, and each volunteer tutor may choose either Tuesday or Thursday afternoons from 12:30-1:30. Write "Highland Tutoring" on your WRC for more information.

## **Weekday Preschool 2026-27**

**Registration open January 1 - 31**

Our early childhood education program provides an attentive learning environment that encourages your child to develop physically, cognitively, socially, and emotionally. We also encourage the development of your child's faith with monthly chapel services and age-appropriate Bible stories. Visit our website to learn more and register:

<https://www.covenantpresby.org/preschool>

## **Mission Remarkable Art Donations**

Art Donations: Calling all artists and art lovers! Mission Remarkable is accepting original or framed artwork, pottery, fiber arts, handcrafted jewelry, and other creative pieces—drop donations at the Welcome Center by February 12. Contact Mandy Rencher with any questions.