



# SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Ordination to the Ministry  
of Word and Sacrament

Sunday, January 11, 2026  
2:00 p.m.

SANCTUARY  
COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Covenant; we are glad you are here. Infant soothing rooms with live video of the worship service are available in the balcony and parlor. See an usher for assistance.

## GATHERING

Prelude

*Scotland the Brave* ..... Traditional  
Celebration ..... J. Mansfield

\*Processional Hymn 1

*Holy, Holy, Holy* ..... NICAEA

Welcome ..... Tommy Lawson

Call to Worship ..... Gerald Jackson

Leader: When the Lord saw that Moses had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!"

**All: And Moses said, "Here I am."**

Leader: Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel, Samuel!"

**All: And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."**

Leader: The angel Gabriel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God."

**All: Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your Word."**

Leader: And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you

**All: And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age. Amen.**

\*Hymn of Praise 401

*Here in This Place* ..... GATHER US IN

\*Prayer of Adoration ..... Ashlee Anderson

Call to Confession ..... Julia Watkins

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Grace

\*Congregational Response

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines* ..... P. Visele<sup>1</sup>

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

**World without end, without end. Amen. (x3)**

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## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination .....	Olanda Carr
Old Testament Scripture Reading .....	John Woods
Isaiah 25:6-9 .....	Old Testament, p. 613
New Testament Scripture Reading .....	Lee Perry
Acts 2:41-47 .....	New Testament, p. 112
Sermon .....	Buz Wilcoxon
*Hymn of Response 697	
<i>Take My Life</i> .....	HENDON

## ORDINATION

Statement of Ordination .....	Lisa McLennan
Constitutional Questions for the Ordinand ...	Lisa McLennan & Felicia Sanders
Prayer of Ordination (laying on of hands) .....	Grace Lindvall
Blessing of Ordained Ministry .....	Josh Morris
Charge to the Newly Ordained .....	Neeley Rentz Lane
Presentation of the Symbols of Ministry .....	Amanda Shanks & Heather Woolard-Lawson

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table .....	Perrin Tribble Andersen
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving .....	Bob Henderson
Leader: The Lord be with you;	
People: And also with you.	
Leader: Lift up your hearts;	
People: We lift them to the Lord	
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;	
People: It is right to give him thanks and praise...	

### 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 .....	Perrin Tribble Andersen
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### 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 bread is available at the center station. Those wishing to be served in the pew may signal an usher.*

## Music at Communion

*For Everyone Born* ..... B. Mann<sup>2</sup>

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
for everyone born, a star overhead.

*Refrain:*

*And God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators  
of justice, justice and joy!*

For woman and man, a place at the table,  
revising the roles, deciding the share,  
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,  
for woman and man, a system that's fair. (*Refrain*)

For young and for old, a place at the table,  
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
for young and for old, the right to belong. (*Refrain*)

For just and unjust, a place at the table,  
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,  
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,  
for just and unjust, a new way to live. (*Refrain*)

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
for everyone born, the right to be free. (*Refrain*)

~ Jordan Taylor, tenor ~

Prayer After Communion ..... Bob Henderson

## SENDING

\*Closing Hymn 726

*Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)* ..... KELVINGROVE

\*Charge and Benediction ..... Perrin Tribble Andersen

\*Recessional

*Highland Cathedral* ..... M. Korb & U. Roever

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*All are invited to a reception in the Welcome Center following the service.*

# THE WORSHIP SERVICE

## Leading Worship this Afternoon

Tommy Lawson, ruling elder, Covenant Presbyterian Church and  
Perrin's session liaison

Gerald Jackson, ruling elder, McClintock Presbyterian Church,  
member of CPM

Ashlee Anderson, teaching elder, Union Presbyterian Seminary

Julia Watkins, teaching elder, Davidson College

Olanda Carr, ruling elder, First United Presbyterian Church

John Woods, ruling elder, Davidson College Presbyterian Church

Lee Perry, ruling elder, The Grove Presbyterian Church

Buz Wilcoxon, teaching elder, Presbyterian College

Lisa McLennan, teaching elder, Union Presbyterian Seminary,  
moderator

Felicia Sanders, ruling elder, Second Presbyterian Church of  
Charleston, SC

Grace Lindvall, teaching elder, Covenant Presbyterian Church

Josh Morris, ordained minister with the UCC, Union  
Presbyterian Seminary

Neeley Rentz Lane, teaching elder, First Presbyterian Church of  
Covington, GA

Heather Woolard-Lawson, teaching elder, Shandon Presbyterian  
Church of Columbia, SC

Amanda Shanks, candidate for ordination to the ministry of word  
and sacrament, Charlotte, NC

Bob Henderson, teaching elder, Covenant Presbyterian Church

Jordan Schriefer, ruling elder, Covenant Presbyterian Church

Allyson Easterling, ruling elder, Covenant Presbyterian Church

Ashley Roehrig, ruling elder, Covenant Presbyterian Church

Ron Boozer, artist and author of Sacred Dust Connecting Us,  
Covenant Presbyterian Church

Worship Committee, prepared communion elements

## Sharing the Gifts of Music

Mark Glaeser, organist

Jordan Taylor, vocals

# WELCOME TO COVENANT

We are happy that you are worshiping with us today. Assistive listening devices are available from the ushers. Audio-induction hearing loops are installed in the sanctuary for use with hearing aids.



## A MESSAGE FROM PERRIN

I was once told that upon their election, both Pope John Paul I and Pope Francis remarked to the cardinals who elected them, “May God forgive you for what you have done.” The disarming comment brought a touch of humor to an obviously weighty decision. The two men understood the magnitude of the title. While far from the papacy, I share the sentiment of that jest with you as I take ordination vows today.

This community—those gathered here and many who are not present—has played a role in leading me to this day. You were patient with me as I discerned my place in ministry, showed me grace as I grew and changed, and affirmed that, despite my own efforts, the Spirit is indeed at work. I am deeply grateful for our shared experiences and for the ways they have shaped my understanding of God’s active presence in the world.

While this moment is a milestone that can feel like the finale of a long journey, I pray that it is instead the beginning of our next season of faith seeking understanding. As God prepares the great feast and gathers a people devoted to shared life, prayer, and the breaking of bread, may we take our place at the table together—trusting that the One who hosts us is still forming us.

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