



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND COMMUNION

Sunday, February 1, 2026

11:00 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

PRELUDE

Suite for Organ G. Young
I. Marche Petite II. Aria III. Allegro Maestoso

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP.....Katherine Kerr

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 766

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound MCKEE

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

CHORAL CALL TO CONFESSION

Come, Bring Your Burdens to God.....South African, arr. W. Sigobi¹
Come, bring your burdens to God;
come, bring your burdens to God;
come, bring your burdens to God;
for Jesus will never say no.

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, we confess that in a world so broken, living as your faithful disciples can be exhausting. Some efforts have disappointed those we love, failed to help our neighbors, and drained us of conviction and hope. Deliver us, O God, from all that is empty and vain. Drench us in your quiet courage, and strengthen our determination to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, our God. We pray in the name of the One who calls us forward, Jesus our Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 587 (choir and congregation)

Alleluia! CELTIC ALLELUIA²
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PASSING THE PEACE

ENCOUNTER GOD’S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLESSerenitye 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.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Cor. 11:17-22..... New Testament, p. 162-163

SERMON

“Table Manners”..... Bob Henderson
Sermon Series: *Discern. Decide. Declare.*

RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

*HYMN OF PRAISE 769

For Everyone Born FOR EVERYONE BORN

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Let Everything (a setting of Psalm 150)..... A. Thomas³
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary.
Praise him in the firmament of his power.
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
Praise Him for his mighty acts.
Praise Him for his excellent greatness.
Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet.
Praise Him with the psaltery and harp.
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
Praise Him. Praise the Lord.
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
~ Covenant Choir ~

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (responsive)

Liturgist: The Lord be with you;
People: And also with you.
Liturgist: Lift up your hearts;
People: We lift them to the Lord
Liturgist: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise...

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

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

Come to the Table of Grace. B. Hamm
Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.
Come to the table of love. Come to the table of love.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of love.
Come to the table of hope. Come to the table of hope.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of hope.
~ Avery Strickland & Alex Strickland, soloists ~

The Open Table M. Miller⁴
Come, oh come, come to the table.
Gather 'round, come without fear.
Circle round, let's join together.
Share your joys, and bring your tears.
God is love;
love is creating something new,
right here, right now.
We're children of God, here at this table.
Welcome here, to the table of love.
~ Youth Singers ~

Oh Lord, Have Mercy R. Carter⁵
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.
Let us break bread together, on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.
Let us drink wine together, on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.
Let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.
~ Soloists: Laurel Johnson, soprano; Peter Moore, tenor
Covenant Choir ~

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 749

Come! Live in the Light! WE ARE CALLED

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

Amen. J. Hairston

* POSTLUDE

Fantasy on "Lobe den Herren" J. Raney

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister

Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational care

Serenitye Taylor, associate minister, congregational life

Emily Floyd, director of traditional music

Mark Glaeser, organist

Covenant Choir

Katie Cornwell, carillon

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.

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 28*)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Jun and Emily Yang on the birth of their child
Harrison Thomas on January 21.

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Amber and Tony Brown and their family on the death of Tony's mother
Susie Brown on January 22.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Candace Carter-Johnson

Deloris Davis

Murray Fadial

Dottie Stowe

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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 Aisha.Council@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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