



# COVENANT

presbyterian church

*To the Greater Glory of God*

## A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, February 22, 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.*

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## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

### PRELUDE

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

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

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 182

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say.* . . . . . KINGSFOLD

### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

## PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

### CHORAL CALL TO CONFESSION

*Come, Bring Your Burdens to God.* . . . . . South African, arr. W. Sigobi<sup>1</sup>  
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)

God of living water, we confess that our wells are empty. Our reservoirs of hope have run dry. We feel their absence in careless words we speak and ponder. We feel their loss in wounded relationships and unjust circumstances. Forgive what we have done and left undone, O Lord. Then, let the rain of your mercy replenish the parched places in ourselves and in your good world. Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF GRACE

### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (*choir and congregation*)

*God's Mercies Are New Every Day* . . . . . G. Murphy  
Choir: Continuous love that will never fail  
**All: God's mercies are new ev'ry day.**  
Choir: With God in my life sin cannot prevail  
**All: God's mercies are new ev'ry day.**  
ALL (REFRAIN):  
**God is faithful, Like the morning sunrise;**  
**God is faithful, God's mercies are new ev'ry day.**  
**God's mercies are new ev'ry day. God's mercies are new ev'ry day.**

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

## ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM . . . . . Katherine Kerr

*Adeline Elizabeth MacDougall, child of Elizabeth and Sean MacDougall*

Baptism Response (*choir and congregation*)

*Children of the Heavenly Father. . . . . Swedish Folk Tune*

**Children of the heavenly Father, safely in God's bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge éer was given.**

**Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;  
Unto them God's grace he showeth and their sorrows all God knoweth.**

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.*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4: 1-11 . . . . . New Testament, p.3

## SERMON

"The Moment of Testing: Choosing Trust in the Wilderness" . . Bob Henderson  
Sermon Series: *Discern. Decide. Declare.*

## RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE 166

*Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days . . . . . ST. FLAVIAN*

## 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

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Total Praise . . . . . R. Smallwood, arr. Dorreen Rao<sup>2</sup>*

Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills,  
knowing my help is coming from you.  
Your peace, you give me in time of the storm.  
You are the source of my strength,  
you are the strength of my life,  
I lift my hands in total praise to you. Amen.

~ *Covenant Choir* ~

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*RECESSIONAL HYMN 187**

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* ..... BRADBURY

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*Amen*.....J. Hairston

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Old One Hundredth* ..... P. Manz

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Notes:

# 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

## Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the MacDougall Family

Great-grandparent: Frances Thackston of Charlotte, N.C.;  
grandparents: Connie and Stuart Thackston of Eden, N.C., Wendy  
and Mark MacDougall of Dallas, P.A.; aunts and uncles: Emily  
Thackston of Eden, N.C., Chelsea MacDougall of Dallas, PA,  
William Thackston of Eden, N.C.; great-aunts and great-uncles: Katie  
Hanson of Lexington, N.C., Johnny Pope of Ninety-Six, S.C., Nancy  
and Barry Deel of Charlotte, N.C., Lindy Thackston of Manakin  
Sabot, V.A., Kristen and David Hall of Fredericksburg, VA; first  
cousins once removed: Mikell Hanson of Lexington, N.C., Hampton  
Pope of Ninety-Six, S.C.; dear friends: Ken White of Eden, N.C.,  
Wesley Marlow of Winston Salem, N.C.  
Stokes White stands as Elder with the MacDougall family.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:Lacy.King@covenantpresby.org).



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**CONGREGATIONAL NOTES** (*As of February 18*)  
*Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:*

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Nicole and Doug Andrews on the baptism of their child

Camille Charlotte Andrews today at 9:30 a.m.

Caitlin Collins on the baptism of her child

Archer Phoenix Collins today at 9:30 a.m.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Sara Brakmann

Alex Mozingo and Olivia Bettis

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

William Leland Maine Sr.

April 22, 1931 - January 25, 2026

*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. - Revelation 14:13*

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Liz Moore and her family on the death of her brother

Randy Sarles on February 13.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Candace Carter-Johnson

Deloris Davis

Murray Fadiel

Dottie Stowe

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