



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, February 8, 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

Here in This Place. arr. M. Albrecht

~ Emily Schauer, flute ~

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP. Courtney Shudak

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 401

Here in This Place. GATHER US IN

*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)

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. 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

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Courtney Shudak

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

Genesis 1:26-28 Old Testament, p. 1

SERMON

“Imago Dei” Bob Henderson
Sermon Series: *Discern. Decide. Declare.*

RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 313**

Lord, Make Us More Holy LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY

***THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by
the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;**

**he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the
Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the
communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of
the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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

Let Everything (a setting of Psalm 150). A. Thomas²
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.

**You are invited to rise in body or spirit*

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* ~

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 749

Come! Live in the Light! WE ARE CALLED

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Amen J. Hairston

*POSTLUDE

Blessed Assurance arr. D. Cherwien

Notes:

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister

Courtney Shudak, pastoral resident, mission and outreach

Emily Floyd, director of traditional music

Mark Glaeser, organist

Covenant Choir

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.

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.

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CONGREGATIONAL NOTES *(As of February 4)*

Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Emily and Kyle Boster on the birth of their child

Gracie Rae Boster on January 29.

Amelia and Ben Petitto on the birth of their child

Beatrice “Bea” Petitto on February 2.

Yunzhu Helen Pan on her baptism on February 8.

Steven and Meghan McKee on the baptism of their
child Emilia Mary on February 8 at 9:30 a.m.

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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