



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, February 22, 2026

8:45 a.m.

CHAPEL

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 (ages 6 weeks to Kindergarten) is offered in the Education Wing. See an usher for assistance.

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 Serenity Taylor

*HYMN OF PRAISE 187

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us BRADBURY

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

CALL TO CONFESSION

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 587 (*choir and congregation*)

Alleluia! CELTIC ALLELUIA¹

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PASSING THE PEACE

COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

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 Rao²

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.

~ *Chapel Choir* ~

ENCOUNTER GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

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

SERMON

“The Moment of Testing: Choosing Trust in the Wilderness” . . . Grace Lindvall
Sermon Series: *Discern. Decide. Declare.*

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 166

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days ST. FLAVIAN

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Old One Hundredth P. Manz

Notes:

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Grace Lindvall, associate minister, education
Serenity Taylor, associate minister, congregational life
Emily Floyd, director of traditional music
Mark Glaeser, organist
Chapel Choir

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. We will gladly host meetings in the Welcome Center upon request.

Assistive listening devices are available from the ushers. Audio-induction hearing loops are installed in the chapel 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 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.

Elizabeth and Sean MacDougall on the baptism of their child
Adeline Elizabeth MacDougall today at 11:00 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 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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