



*To the Greater Glory of God*  
A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, February 8, 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.*

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## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

### PRELUDE

*Here in This Place.* . . . . . arr. M. Albrecht  
~ Emily Schauer, flute ~

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Courtney Shudak

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE 401

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

### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

## PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### 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 587 (*choir and congregation*)

*Alleluia!* . . . . . CELTIC ALLELUIA<sup>1</sup>

**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

*Let Everything (a setting of Psalm 150)..... A. Thomas<sup>2</sup>*  
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.  
~ Chapel Choir ~

ENCOUNTER GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

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

SERMON

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

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 313

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

GO IN GOD’S NAME

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Amen.....* J. Hairston

\*POSTLUDE

*Blessed Assurance* ..... arr. D. Cherwien

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*Notes:*

\*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

# 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

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](mailto: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.

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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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