



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, February 22, 2026

9:30 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

Gathering Music

Trust in God B. Lake, C. Brown, M. Wong, S. Furtick¹

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine
He's been my fourth man in the fire, time after time
Born of his spirit, washed in his blood
And what he did for me on Calvary is more than enough
I trust in God, my savior
The one who will never fail
He will never fail
Perfect submission, all is at rest
I know the author of tomorrow has ordered my steps
So this is my story and this is my song
I'm praising my risen king and savior all the day long
I trust in God, my savior
The one who will never fail
He will never fail
He didn't fail you then
He won't fail you now
I sought the Lord and he heard and he answered (x3)
That's why I trust him, that's why I trust him
That's why I trust in God, my savior
The one who will never fail
He will never fail
I sought the Lord
I sought the Lord and he heard and he answered
That's why I trust him, that's why I trust him
I sought the Lord and he heard and he answered
That's why I trust him, that's why I trust in God

Welcome and Call to Worship Katherine Kerr

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

**Blessed Be Your Name* B. Redman and M. Redman²
(worship team and congregation)

*Prayer of Adoration

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eagle's Wings..... R. Morgan³
(worship team and congregation)

**Come live in me, All my life take over
Come breathe in me, And I will rise
On eagle's wings**

Assurance of Grace

Sacrament of Baptism Katherine Kerr

Archer Phoenix Collins, child of Caitlin Collins

Camille Charlotte Andrews, child of Nicole and Doug Andrews

Children of the Heavenly Father..... Public Domain
(worship team and congregation)

**Children of the Heavenly Father
Safely in God's bosom gather
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'r was given
Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord the children sever
Unto them God's grace to showeth
And their sorrows all God knoweth
How wide how long how high how deep
How endless is God's love for me
How wide how long how high how deep
How endless is God's love for me**

Anthem

This is the Day M. Burrows⁴

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
This is a day for worship, this is a day for song,
A day to praise our gracious Lord, who loves us all life long.
This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
This is a day for sharing, this is a day for prayer,
A day to talk with one who listens, the one who's always there.
This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
~ *Angelus, Chorister Choir, Jubilate* ~

Time with Young Disciples Katherine Kerr

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.

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

Take A Trip B. Chase Williams⁵

I'm gonna take a trip
on that good ole gospel ship
And we'll go sailing through the air
And when my ship comes in
gonna leave this ole world of sin
And we'll go sailing through the air
Trouble in my way, I have to cry sometimes
Trouble in my way, I have to cry sometimes
I lay awake a night, but that's alright;
Jesus he will fix it after while
Stepped in the furnance a long time ago;
Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego
They wasn't worried, this I know
Jesus he will fix it after while
Jesus he will fix it
Jesus he will fix it
Right now

ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

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.*

*Song of Response

Goodness of God . . . J. Johnson, E. Cash, J. Ingram, B. Fielding, B. Johnson⁶
(worship team and congregation)

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Invitation and Benediction

*Benediction Response

**For I Know* R. Muchow⁷

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister
Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational care
Ben Thomas, interim contemporary band leader
Tameka Thomas, interim contemporary worship leader
Ricko Hill, assistant director of contemporary worship and arts
Cameryn Bost, interim children's choir director
Emily Floyd, piano

Sharing the Gifts of Music

Jackson Daisley (electric guitar), Paul Fisher (drums), Katrina Heath (vocals), Cheryl Hoover (bass guitar and vocals), Mollie James (vocals), Phil Koonce (electric guitar), Noelle Lewis (vocals), Phil Lyew (saxophone), Ginny Magrath (vocals), Ben Thomas (keys), Tameka Thomas (vocals).

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the Collins Family

Dear friends: Betsy and Andrew Paulson, Kelly & Michael Freiheit-Lewis, Sam, David and Addie McWhorter, all of Charlotte, N.C. and Ansley Hagler of Birmingham, A.L.
Jordan Schriefer stands as Elder with the Collins family.

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the Andrews Family

Sister: Olivia; grandparents: Douglas and Joyce Spurlock of Charlotte, N.C., Mark and Melissa Andrews of Seabrook Island, S.C.
Lecia Horne stands as Elder with the Andrews 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 for more information. We will gladly host meetings in the Welcome Center upon request.

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 February 18*)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO
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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