



# COVENANT

presbyterian church

*To the Greater Glory of God*

## A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, February 8, 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.*

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## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

### Gathering Music

*I Thank God* . . . . . Moses, Butler, Bowe, et al.<sup>1</sup>

Wandering into the night, wanting a place to hide  
This weary soul, this bag of bones  
I try with all of my might  
But I just can't win the fight  
I'm slowly drifting, a vagabond  
And just when I ran out of the road  
I met a man I didn't know  
And He told me that I was not alone  
You picked me up, You turned me around  
And placed my feet on solid ground  
I thank the Master, I thank the Savior  
Because You healed my heart, You changed my name  
Forever free, I'm not the same  
I thank the Master, I thank the Savior, I thank God  
I cannot deny what I've seen  
Got no choice but to believe  
My doubts are burnin' like ashes in the wind  
So so long to my old friends, burden and bitterness  
You can just keep them moving  
Nah, you ain't welcome here  
From now till I walk streets of gold  
I'll sing of how You saved my soul  
This wayward son has found his way back home  
Love wins for everyone  
I am free

Welcome and Call to Worship . . . . . Katherine Kerr

## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

*\*Praise* . . . . . S. Furtick, B. Lake, C. Moore, C. Brown, C. Carnes, P. Barrett<sup>2</sup>  
(worship team and congregation)

*\*Prayer of Adoration*

## PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

*Eagle’s Wings*. . . . . R. Morgan<sup>3</sup>

*(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

*Emilia Mary McKee*, child of Meghan and Steven McKee

*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**

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.**

Minute for Ministry . . . . . Matthews Ntlele

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

*Darkest Light* . . . . . M. Ntlele <sup>4</sup>

What you gonna do now stuck inside this cave  
In here where you haven’t seen the light for days  
What you gonna do here where it seems so dark  
You’re not the only one who’s stuck here where you are  
Even if it’s just a broken lamp you hold  
Even if the glass is dimmed and stained with smoke  
Look around you now at all the peering eyes  
Looking at the only one who holds the light  
Oh let it shine, Oh let it shine

Even on the days that you're the darkest light  
Oh let it shine  
You can wonder how it all turned out this way  
You can carry woundedness or shame for days  
Doesn't really matter how you got here now  
The only thing that matters is you lead them out  
Oh let it shine, Oh let it shine  
Even on the days that you're the darkest light  
Oh let it shine  
Let it shine til the darkness starts breaking  
Let it shine til the prison bars shake  
Let it shine til there's nothing but singing  
Let it shine til the prisoners escape  
Oh let it shine, Oh let it shine  
Even on the days that you're the darkest light  
Oh let it shine

## ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

### Scripture Reading

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

### Sermon

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

### \*Song of Response

*Battle Belongs* ..... B. Johnson, P. Wickham<sup>5</sup>  
(worship team and congregation)

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

### \*Invitation and Benediction

### \*Benediction Response

*\*For I Know* ..... R. Muchow<sup>6</sup>

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All members are invited to stay seated for the Congregational Meeting at 10:30 a.m

# 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  
Matthews Ntlele, artist-in-residence

## Sharing the Gifts of Music

Jackson Daisley (electric guitar), Paul Fisher (drums), Katrina Heath (vocals), Braylin Hill (vocals), LaVita Hill (vocals), Presley Hill (vocals), Ricko Hill (bass guitar), Phil Koonce (electric guitar), Phil Lyew (saxophone), Ben Thomas (keys), Kennedi Thomas (vocals), Tameka Thomas (vocals).

## Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the McKee Family

Sisters: Maddie and Allie McKee; god mother: Krissy Lusardi of Raleigh, N.C.; god father: Cory Cramer of Pittsburgh, P.A.; grandparents: Diane and Wayne Robinson of Charlotte, N.C., Karen and Michael McKee of Pittsburgh, P.A.; aunts and uncles: Melissa Robinson of Durham, N.C., Jennifer McKee and Miles Nettles of Savannah, G.A.  
Jane H. Taylor stands as Elder with the McKee 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. 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](mailto:Lacy.King@covenantpresby.org).



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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.

**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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