



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

Sunday, February 1, 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

Take A Trip ..... B. Chase Williams<sup>1</sup>

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

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

Time with Young Disciples ..... Serenitye Taylor  
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

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

1 Cor. 11:17-22.....New Testament, p. 162-163

Sermon

"Table Manners" ..... Bob Henderson  
Sermon Series: *Discern. Decide. Declare.*

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Invitation to The Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.**

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

*You are invited to take communion by intinction. With the ushers' guidance, please come down the center aisle, take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup, and return to your seat by the side aisle. Gluten-free bread is available at the center station. Those wishing to be served in the pew may signal an usher.*

Music at Communion

*There Will Be Joy* ..... M. Ntele<sup>5</sup>

I have a hope, a heart filled with laughter  
Even through pain, when my prayers feel unanswered  
I know a sorrow will not be the end  
Strength for tomorrow,  
cause I know what you said  
There will be joy, joy  
There will be joy, joy  
The night won't be long  
And fear may surround us  
We won't back down  
Cause we have your promise  
Our faith will rise up  
And break through the silence  
We lift up your song  
Like the fist of defiance  
Joy, joy  
There will be joy, joy  
There will be more joy  
There will be joy, joy  
And heights and depths can never separate  
Fear and death can never take away  
Joy, there will be joy  
There will be joy, joy  
There will be more joy  
There will be joy, joy

**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

Serenity Taylor, associate minister, congregational life

Ben Thomas, interim contemporary band leader

Tameka Thomas, interim contemporary worship leader

Ricko Hill, assistant director of contemporary worship and arts

Matthews Ntelele, artist in residence

## 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), Ben Thomas (keys), Tameka Thomas (vocals).

## 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.

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**CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (As of January 28)**  
*Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:*

**CONGRATULATIONS TO**

Jun and Emily Yang on the birth of their child  
Harrison Thomas on January 21.

**OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO**

Amber and Tony Brown and their family on the death of Tony's mother  
Susie Brown on January 22.

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING**

Candace Carter-Johnson  
Deloris Davis  
Murray Fadial  
Dottie Stowe

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