

WELCOME TO COVENANT

Join us for fellowship and refreshments in the Circle, where today's preaching minister will be glad to greet you. You also may learn more about our life of faith together at our website or on Facebook.

Interested in joining Covenant? We welcome new members every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor, located downstairs in the Sanctuary building. We also welcome new members via Zoom one Sunday a month. Contact Lora.Borrelli@CovenantPresby.org for the link.

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.

Covenant expects and gladly welcomes many first-time and repeat visitors. By introducing ourselves and sharing a warm greeting, we express the hospitality of our congregation. Please share a smile and welcoming word with those around you.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (AS OF JULY 8)

Birth

We celebrate the arrival of Frederic "Fred" Wilson Eastridge, son of Mary Beth and Tim Eastridge, on July 2.

With Resurrection Hope

We extend our sympathy and love to Susan and Todd Billmire and Seth on the death of Todd's mother and Seth's grandmother, Pat Billmire, on July 5.

In Need of Healing Prayer

Rebecca DiSandro
Sandra Lare
Phyllis and Bill Maine
Cara and Ronnie Mitchell
Ada Offerdahl
Liz Welchman

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 Michelle.Williamson@CovenantPresby.org.

Prayer requests may be submitted on your online Worship Response Card, on the web site at [Connect and Grow](http://ConnectandGrow.org) -> Congregational Care, or to [Rev. Katherine.Kerr@CovenantPresby.org](mailto:Rev.Katherine.Kerr@CovenantPresby.org). A pastor remains on call for emergency situations (death, sudden hospitalizations, etc.). Please call 704-333-9071 and select the pastor-on-call option.



COVENANT
presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God
A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 11, 2021

11 a.m.

SANCTUARY

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1. 1992 Banks Music

This service is being streamed live and recorded for online viewing at CovenantPresby.org/live.

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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.

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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Welcome to Covenant, we are glad you are here.

Children are always welcome in worship. Child care 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.

PRELUDE

Variations on Ash Grove C. Schulz

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Katherine Kerr

*HYMN OF PRAISE 37

Let All Things Now Living ASH GROVE

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Silent Prayer

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Holy God,

You call us to live as a community shaped by your sacrificial love,
but we fall short.

We forget our neighbors and ignore those who are in need.

We pursue selfish ambitions and seek our own glory,

putting ourselves above our neighbors.

Forgive us, oh God of mercy.

Help us to walk in the way of the cross,

pursuing humility and love instead of our own glory.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray,

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Congregational Response 587 (*choir and congregation*)

Alleluia! CELTIC ALLELUIA

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Grace Lindvall

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Summer Intern Update. . . Lucy Crain, Anna Kathryn Kilby, Gabby Morreale

OFFERING & OFFERTORY ANTHEM

If Ye Love Me P. Wilby¹

If ye love me, keep my commandments.

And I will pray the Father

and he will give you another comforter,

e'en the Spirit of Truth.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:1-51 New Testament, p. 186

SERMON

"The Cross Shaped Community" Molly Smerko

*CLOSING HYMN 372

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*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE 547 (*verse 3*)

Go, My Children, with My Blessing ARD HYD Y NOS

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.

Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.

Here my Spirit's power filled you,

here my tender comfort stilled you.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

POSTLUDE

Grand Choer T. Salome



THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Katherine Kerr, associate minister for congregational life and care

Grace Lindvall, associate minister for education

Molly Smerko, pastoral resident for education

Robert Dicks, associate director of traditional music & organist

Ryan Harrison, guest choral conductor

Covenant Choir

Katie Cornwell, carillonneur

Serenitye Taylor, online host

Stapleton-Davidson Summer Interns

Anna Kathryn Kilby, from Yadkinville, NC, serving at QC Family Tree

Gabby Morreale, from Potomac, Maryland, serving at The Relatives at the OnRamp Resource

For nearly 30 years, Covenant has partnered with Davidson College on the Stapleton-Davidson internship created by the late Anne and Don Davidson. Students encounter poverty and struggle with issues of faith and social justice. These students live on the Covenant campus for the summer.

Audio/Visuals

Katie Brown, Cleve Elam, Jason Graffis, Craig Harmon, Ricko Hill,

Eli James, Lauren Sawyers, Walt St. Onge

Sanctuary Preparation

Zeno Wall, Tim Ross, Joe Nesbit

The Flowers in the Sanctuary

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Louise Browne

Tawney by Kay Tawney

The Flowers in the Narthex

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Eric Andrew Jonas,

Sr. by his family.

Note to Parents

Sunday School is offered in the Education Wing for preschool and elementary-aged children at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Child care (children younger than preschool) is offered on the first floor from 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon.

An infant soothing room is available in the balcony and another in the Parlor downstairs. Both offer a live video stream of the service. Please see an usher for assistance.

¹You are invited to rise in body or spirit