



SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2019

Please take a minute to complete the Worship Response Card in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate. This helps us record your attendance and show our appreciation for your presence. It also is an easy way to sign up for upcoming events.

Prayer requests may be submitted on your Worship Response Card, online under the "Connect/Care" tab or to Parish Nurse Mary Mattiacci (Mary.Mattiacci@covenantpresby.org).

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT COVENANT

Our community 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.

- Each Sunday, we are delighted to accept new members at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor, located downstairs in the Sanctuary building. You can also join on the 4th Sunday of each month (today) in the Fellowship Hall Library at noon.
- **Starting Point is tonight:** Meet newcomers and learn about life at Covenant at a barbecue dinner and Q&A with Senior Minister Bob Henderson at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary building Parlor. Feel free to bring children. Child care is available.
- For a guide to upcoming opportunities, visit CovenantPresby.org/entrypoints or write "Entry Points" on your WR card and a team member will contact you.

CHILDREN OF THE COVENANT

9:30 and 11 a.m. Sanctuary worship services

Today in worship, we celebrate babies born and adopted into the Covenant family in 2018. The morning also includes a reception, fellowship and group photo. To learn more about early childhood ministries, contact Anne.Lowrance@covenantpresby.org.

NEW STEPHEN MINISTERS RECOGNIZED

Commissioning is today, 11 a.m. Sanctuary

Covenant recognizes a new class of Stephen Ministers as they join a team of caring and support: Catherine Bracey, Ann Manning and Beth Whitehead are new Stephen Ministers. Deana Cooper and Kelli McAlister are new Stephen Leaders. Sally Graves will be installed in May. To learn more about this ministry, visit covenantpresby.org/connect/care or write "Connect with Stephen Ministry" on your WR card.

PHOTO EXHIBIT CHRONICLES LIFE OF JOHN HERRICK

Covenant presents a documentary exhibit of still photographs and written narrative chronicling the baptism, life and music ministry of John Herrick. "Steadfast, A Narrative of Faith and Ministry, John Herrick," will be on display Monday through Sunday in the Fellowship Hall. John was baptized in the Presbyterian Church in the early '60s and has served in music ministry in several churches for almost 40 years. Charlotte photographer Tracy Watts created the exhibit to encourage conversation around the meaning of baptism, inclusion and community in church life.

UPTOWN BIBLE STUDIES LAUNCH NEW SERIES

Covenant offers lunchtime Bible studies on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at Foundation for the Carolinas. Choose the day that fits your schedule. We're kicking off a study on "The Bible's Problematic Texts" exploring controversial and troubling verses. To get connected, write "Uptown Bible Study" on your WR card.

PREPARE TEXAS HASH FOR MEN'S SHELTER DINNER

Leave items in the freezer

We are in need of Texas Hash and desserts. Please place items in the Fellowship Hall freezer at your convenience. Small groups and families - this is a great way to share the gift of service. Find the recipe at CovenantPresby.org/shelter. To let us know you made a drop-off, contact Terry Horne at thorne@sbhlw.net or write "Men's Shelter" on your WR card.

FIRST SUNDAY TALK: FAITH & THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY

Sunday, May 5 at 9:30 a.m. in FH207

Amid difficult debates among churches and LGBTQ+ communities, we can find beautiful stories of love, compassion and acceptance. Hear from a panel of Covenant members whose faith journeys have been shaped by LGBTQ+ issues in various ways. No RSVP needed. This is part of our year-long *Walk a Mile of Faith in My Shoes* series.

YOUNG ADULTS HOST LOWCOUNTRY BOIL

Sunday, May 5 at 1 p.m.

This year's Spring Social includes food, drinks, live music from Ellie Morgan, cornhole and great fellowship with friends at the home of Christie and Ryan Collins. To RSVP, write "Spring Social" on your WR card or contact Ian.Clark@covenantpresby.org.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW) HOST SPRING DINNER

Monday, May 6 at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Celebrate spring with a fun and festive dinner hosted by Covenant's Presbyterian Women. We'll hear inspiring stories from nonprofit partners making an impact in our city. Newcomers are welcome. To RSVP, write "PW Dinner" on your WR card.

THIS SUMMER: BE A CAMP BUDDY TO A CHILD

Camp buddies guide families in preparing for YMCAs Camp Harrison by helping with forms, packing lists and transportation to the church parking lot. Consider serving June 16-22 or 23-29. Financial support at any level is also welcome; it costs \$550 to send a student. This ministry supports Highland, our CMS partner school. To learn more, write "Camp Buddy" on your WR card and a missions team member will contact you.

FRESH AIR. FELLOWSHIP. HIKE WITH COVENANT

Next hike is Saturday, May 11

Join Covenant friends and families for hikes led by Lauren Sawyers and Grady Moseley. Next up, we'll gather in Linville, NC mid-morning. Hikes will be accessible for all skill levels. We'll also meet for barbecue at Suzanne and Bob Henderson's nearby home. To RSVP, write "Hike with Covenant" or visit CovenantPresby.org/hikewithcovenant.

DEBUT OF NEW PLAYGROUND ON MOREHEAD ST.

Sunday, May 12 at 10:30 a.m.

Be the first to explore Covenant's newly renovated playground on the Morehead Street side of the Education Wing. A ribbon cutting ceremony includes lemonade, cookies, balloons and a chance to meet Chris Callaway, the new director of our child development center. No RSVP needed.

OPEN PICNIC TABLE KICKS OFF A NEW SEASON

Wednesday, May 15 at 5:30 p.m.

The table is still open this spring and summer! Bring your own picnic dinner and join Covenant friends for Open Picnic Table. Trikes, bikes and scooters are welcomed. Chalk art, games and frozen dessert are provided by the Early Childhood Education Committee. Dates are May 15, June 19, July 17 and Aug. 21. No RSVP needed. For questions, contact Sarah Gaston at sarahmcleod9@gmail.com.

Visit CovenantPresby.org/entrypoints for a guide to these and other events.

Large-print bulletins and hearing devices are available from the ushers.

Audio-induction hearing loops are installed for use with hearing aids.