



SUNDAY, MAY 5, 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 in the Fellowship Hall Library at noon.
- 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.

TODAY

PHOTO EXHIBIT CHRONICLES LIFE OF JOHN HERRICK

Covenant presents a documentary exhibit of still photographs and written narrative called "Steadfast, A Narrative of Faith and Ministry, John Herrick." The exhibit is on display today 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.

FIRST SUNDAY TALK: FAITH & THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY

9:30 a.m. in FH207

Amid difficult debates among churches and LGBTQ+ communities, we can find beautiful stories of love, compassion and acceptance. We hear from 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

1 to 4 p.m. at Collins home

This year's YA Spring Social includes food, drinks, live music from Ellie Morgan, cornhole and great fellowship with friends at the home of Christie and Ryan Collins (3929 Kitley Place). For questions, contact Ian.Clark@covenantpresby.org.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW) HOST SPRING DINNER

Monday 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.

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 gather afterward for lunch at Suzanne and Bob Henderson's nearby home. To RSVP, write "Hike with Covenant" or visit CovenantPresby.org/hikewithcovenant.

BRIDGING BORDERS THROUGH PRAYER

Drop in Sunday, May 12 between 10 and 10:30 a.m.

Amid challenging times on the U.S.-Mexico border, Mission and Outreach will host a self-guided time of prayer to support our global mission partners in Mexico. Join us in the Chapel any time from 10:30 to 11 a.m. to spend a few minutes in prayer on your way to or from worship.

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.

DEEP DIVE QUESTIONS: WHAT IS THE TRINITY?

Sunday, May 12 at 7 p.m. in FH105

How is it that God can simultaneously be Father, Son and Holy Spirit? How is this doctrine not polytheistic? We'll seek to better understand the Trinity together as part of a series called Deep Dive responding to questions from the congregation.

SISTERS IN SPIRIT WELCOMES JULIA WATKINS

Tuesday, May 14 at 7 a.m.

Women of Covenant are invited for breakfast and a faith story from Julia Watkins, our pastoral resident for mission and outreach. Julia will share her journey as she continues to discern her call. To reserve breakfast, write "Sisters in Spirit" on your WR card.

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.

THIS SUMMER: BE A CAMP BUDDY TO A CHILD

Camp buddies guide families in preparing for YMCA's 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.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS WERE SENT VIA EMAIL

Covenant's contribution statements come from the cloud (noreply@shelbynextchms.com). Statements were emailed on Thursday. Please add this address to your contact list so the statement won't go to your junk mail folder.

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.*