

March 2026



## Presbyterian Church of the Covenant



# The Covenant Compendium

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**We gather at 11:00am on Sunday Mornings at Holderness House, 409 S. Mendenhall St. See p. 4 for livestream sites**

### 2026 Office hours:

Rev. Dr. Sandlin:  
M apt. only; W, Th., 9-3  
Kate Baird: M, W, Th, 9-3

**3/08: SPRING AHEAD!!**

**3/08: Pennies 4 Hunger, 11:00 Service offering**

**3/13: Session Mtg, 1:30pm, Fellowship Hall**

**3/13: Out of The Garden Project, 3:00pm**

**3/14: 9:00am-12:00pm, Mendenhall St. CLOSED For race**

**3/17: St. Patrick's Day**

**3/20: SPRING Equinox (Happy Birthday, Rev. S.!)**

**3/23: Open House Comm., 1:00pm, H. House**

**3/23: Outreach Comm., 2:00pm, H. House**

**3/25: Fellowship Comm., 2:00pm, H. House**

**3/26: Interior Comm., 10:00am, H. House**

**3/28: Work Day**

## *A Letter from Reverend Sandlin*

Dear PCoC family,

Every year it surprises me a little.

Just when winter has started to feel endless, something shifts. A few warmer afternoons show up. Tiny buds start appearing on branches that looked completely lifeless a week before. The days stretch out a little longer. And slowly, almost quietly, the world begins again.

Spring has a way of reminding us that new beginnings are built into the fabric of life. Even after seasons that feel long, cold, or heavy, renewal still finds a way.

My hope for all of us this season is simple: that we notice those small signs of life around us. That we take a breath of the warmer air, feel a bit of hope stirring, and remember that fresh starts are always possible.

May this spring bring you a sense of renewal, a little more light in your days, and the quiet reminder that new life is always finding a way.

PEACE!

Mark



## ***Sunday Service Information, March 2026***

### **March 1:**

Music: Stephanie Lindley  
Usher: Clara Kelly

### **March 15:**

Music: Stephanie Lindley  
Usher: Clara Kelly

### **March 29: *Palm Sunday***

Music: Stephanie Lindley  
Usher: Clara Kelly

### **March 8: *Pennies 4 Hunger & Time Change!***

Music: Stephanie Lindley  
Usher: Nancy Schaefer

### **March 22:**

Music: Stephanie Lindley  
Usher: Nancy Schaefer



## ***We Have Moved!***

We're in our new rented space 409 S. Mendenhall St., Greensboro, NC 27043.  
Our new office phone number is: (336) 370-6428.  
Our email address is the same: pcoc2010@gmail.com  
Our Sunday 11:00am Service is still livestreamed (please see P. 4 for various sites).  
Office hours are 9:00am to 3:00pm, Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursday.  
Please note, building access is restricted to weekdays during office hours.  
If you wish to schedule a meeting, please email the church office.  
As always, please contact us with any questions or needs.

## ***Upcoming Committee Meetings***

Scheduled committee meetings are:

Open House Committee: Monday, March 23rd, 1:00pm, HH living room

Outreach Committee: Monday, March 23rd, 2:00pm, living room

Fellowship Committee: Wednesday, March 25th, 2:00pm, living room

Interior Committee: Thursday, March 26th, 10:00am, living room

## ***March 14th on Mendenhall: "Running of The Leprechauns"***

Mendenhall St. will be closed on Saturday, March 14th, for a new race, The Running of The Leprechauns, a new city foot race which they hope will become an annual event. The street will be closed from 9:00am to 12:00pm; road closures may start earlier. Spring Garden St., Mendenhall St., Walker Ave., McGee St., and Tate St. will all be involved.



## *February 2026 Session Meeting Minutes*

**OLD BUSINESS:** Discussion returned to the proposed 2026 budget. Given the remaining questions regarding recommendations from Personnel, Ann moved that we continue to use the draft as our operating budget for February and March, and that Resource consider and respond to questions raised by Session members. Beth offered a second, and the motion passed.

**PASTOR'S UPDATE:** Mark reported on our initial Sunday in the new space as well as his recent trip to Key West (including the plumbing and other challenges which complicated his departure). He expects to meet the Monday deadline for getting his book manuscript to the publisher.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Resource Committee:** Mitch reported that the committee did not meet in February, but also reported the theft of a check from the offering basket from last March (which was only recently discovered). This is the first such instance anyone can remember, so no action regarding added security is deemed necessary at this time.

**Spiritual Formation (includes Worship and Music):** Margaret will arrange consultations with Mark and David Johnson as we settle into and adapt to our new quarters.

**Congregational Care (Includes Fellowship and Communications):** Beth shared copies of current mission and vision statements from 2021 as well as reports from Ralph outlining plans for future Fellowship activities and from Fred regarding current contacts.

**Interior:** In Barbara's absence, Mark reported that discussions for outfitting our new space are ongoing.

**Outreach:** The next meeting is scheduled for the Monday 3/24. Ann is soliciting input from members as to new outreach activities we might pursue.

**Personnel:** Mark has a candidate to head this committee



## *Financial News for 2026 to Date*

For the first two months of 2026, the church received \$5,213 in contributions and a refund from Piedmont Natural Gas of \$3,306. Due to the inclement weather in January and February there were only 3 Sundays where a collection was taken.

Our expenses were very high in January and February. There were several unusual bills paid during the first part of the year. We paid \$4,243 to move all our belongings either to our new rented space or to the storage unit. The church paid \$869 to install the ramp and \$191 for the chair storage rack. The church borrowed money several years ago to keep us "afloat" until the building sold. These loans were paid back in January along with accrued interest of \$5,174. There were some December bills that were paid in January including payments for the dumpster and for utilities. Total expenses for 2026 to date total \$37,470.

The results of operations as of the end of February show deficit spending of \$28,950.

## Welcome to PCoC's New Home; 409 S. Mendenhall St.



### Join us Online for Services and Fellowship

On Sundays at 11:00am, our service is broadcast live at these sites:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCar8ZVg434DF1uTtL86JEhg> (YouTube)

<https://www.facebook.com/PCoC.GSO/>

<https://www.facebook.com/revmarksandlin>

<https://www.facebook.com/marksandlin>

<https://www.facebook.com/TheChristianLeft>

<https://www.facebook.com/thegodarticle>

And see us on Meetup.com at:  
[Meetup.com/Presbyterian-Church-of-the-Covenant](https://www.meetup.com/Presbyterian-Church-of-the-Covenant)

Check us out online! [www.athinkingchurch.org](http://www.athinkingchurch.org)

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