



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 19, 2025

11:00 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

PRELUDE

Adagio, BWV 974 J.S. Bach

~Tanja Bechtler, cello~

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Bob Henderson

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 694

Great God of Every Blessing AURELIA

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

CHORAL CALL TO CONFESSION

Search Me, O God SURSUM CORDA¹

Search me, O God; search me and know my heart;

try me, O God; my mind and spirit try;

keep me from any path that gives you pain,

and lead me in the everlasting way.

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God,

We come before you thirsty for peace, hungry for new life.

Forgive us for the times we feast on division and selfishness,

when we settle for the crumbs of false idols, instead of delighting
in the fullness of your Word.

Open our hearts to taste and see a world shaped by your grace,

not the brokenness we know, but the wholeness You promise.

Make us the change we long to see.

Fix our eyes on the beauty of your coming Kingdom and teach us
never to settle for anything less. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (*choir and congregation*)

God's Mercies Are New Every Day G. Murphy

Choir: Continuous love that will never fail

All: God's mercies are new ev'ry day.

Choir: With God in my life sin cannot prevail

All: God's mercies are new ev'ry day.

ALL (REFRAIN):

God is faithful, Like the morning sunrise;

God is faithful, God's mercies are new ev'ry day.

God's mercies are new ev'ry day. God's mercies are new ev'ry day.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

ENCOUNTER GOD’S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLESMary Kate Sykes
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.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 6: 4-14..... New Testament, p. 91-92

SERMON

“Name Our Abundance”Serenitye Taylor
Sermon Series: *Discern. Decide. Declare.*

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 692**

Spirit, Open My HeartWILD MOUNTAIN THYME

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

My Heart Knows Lacy and Nate King

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Leaning On the Everlasting Armsarr. E. Nelson
What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.
 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
 leaning on the everlasting arms;
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
 leaning on the everlasting arms.
Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
 I have already come.
What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
 leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms, safe and secure from all alarms;
 leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.
~ Covenant Choir; Tanja Bechtler, cello, Becky Duncan, flute ~

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 700

*I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*I’M GONNA LIVE

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Fanfare. R. M. Otterstad

Notes:

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister
Serenity Taylor, associate minister, congregational life
Mary Kate Sykes, pastoral resident, education
Emily Floyd, director of traditional music
Lee Northcutt, guest organist
Tanja Bechtler, cello
Becky Duncan, flute
Covenant Choir
Lorna Graves, carillon

WELCOME TO COVENANT

We are happy that you are worshipping 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 for more information.

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.

Are you signed up to receive our weekly emails? If not, please contact Lacy King, Communications Manager, at Lacy.King@covenantpresby.org.



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CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (*As of October 15*)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Caroline and Travis Wilson on the baptism of their
child Violet Wren Wilson today at 9:30 a.m.

John Shelton and Lauryn Collado on the occasion
of their marriage on October 4.

Taylor Manchester & Alonzo Diaz de Leon on the birth of
their child Daniel Samuel Diaz de Leon on October 8.

Maggie and Josh Eidson on the birth of their child
Hunter William Eidson on October 10.

NEW MEMBERS

Matthew Bensch

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Donna Goodwin

Frank Mansfield

Dottie Stowe

Mary Ann Tilley

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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 Aisha.Council@CovenantPresby.org. Prayer requests may be submitted on your Worship Response Card, on the website at Connect and Grow > Congregational Care, or to Katherine.Kerr@CovenantPresby.org. A pastor remains on call for emergency situations (death, sudden hospitalizations, etc.). Please call 704-333-9071.

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