



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 26, 2025

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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

Six Metamorphoses After Ovid B. Britten

~Teil Taliesin, oboe ~

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP..... Serrenitye Taylor

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 702

Christ Be Beside Me BUNESSAN

*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)

Gracious and loving God, you have entrusted us with gifts – time, talents, resources, and relationships – and called us to use them for your kingdom.

Yet we confess that we have buried what you gave us, hoarding your blessings instead of multiplying them in love.

Forgive us, Lord, for our fear, our indifference, and our selfishness.

Renew in us a spirit of compassion and courage, that we may be faithful stewards of your grace and live as people of mercy and justice. In Jesus' name we pray, 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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM.....Bob Henderson

Paul Sullivan Cross, child of Mattie and Paul Cross

John Phillips Wacker Jr., child of Jane and John Wacker

Banks Willam Stevens White, child of Jessica Stevens and Will White

Baptism Response (*choir and congregation*)

Children of the Heavenly Father..... Swedish Folk Tune

Children of the heavenly Father, safely in God's bosom gather;

Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;

Unto them God's grace he showeth and their sorrows all God knoweth.

ANTHEM

God is Here with Me C. Hogan

God is in my voice when I am singing,

God is in my voice, right here in my song.

God is here with me, alleluia!

God is in my mind when I am praying,

God is in my mind, right here in my prayer.

God is here with me, alleluia!

God is in my heart when I am sleeping,

God is in my heart, right here in my sleep.

God is here with me, alleluia!

~Chorister Choir & Jubilate Choir ~

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Courtney Shudak

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

Matthew 25: 14-30..... New Testament, p. 27

SERMON

"Stewarding Lives for Others"..... Bob Henderson

Sermon Series: *Discern. Decide. Declare.*

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 712

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought..... FOREST GREEN

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

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Lord is My Shepherd from *Requiem*by J. Rutter²

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture,
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
He shall convert my soul and bring me forth in the
paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil.

For thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
Thou shalt prepare a table for me against them that trouble me.
Thou hast anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.
But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days
of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

~ *Covenant Choir; Teil Taliesin, oboe* ~

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 714

God of the Fertile FieldsITALIAN HYMN

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Danish Amen Anon. Danish

*POSTLUDE

Prelude for OrganF. Mendelssohn

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister
Serenitye Taylor, associate minister, congregational life
Courtney Shudak, pastoral resident, mission and outreach
Emily Floyd, director of traditional music
Cameryn Bost, interim director of children's music
Jane Cain, guest organist
Covenant Choir
Ben Unger, carillon

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the Cross Family

Sister: Amelia; grandparents: Amy and Gerald Hulett of Tiger, G.A.,
Ed and Melody Cross of Florence, A.L.
Amy Hulett stands as Elder with the Cross family.

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the Wacker Family

Great-grandparents: Kathy and Joe Borrelli of Charlotte, N.C.,
Elizabeth Hayes of Brooks, G.A., Rose Ferguson of Marietta, G.A.;
grandparents: Lora and Joseph Borrelli jr of Charlotte, N.C., Stephen
Wacker of Chicago, I.L., Rachel Phillips and Tim Plaut of Asheville,
N.C.; aunt: Mary Margaret Borrelli of Stamford, C.T.; uncle: Joseph
Borrelli III of Charlotte, N.C.
Beth Koonce stands as Elder with the Wacker family.

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the White Family

Grandparents: Jim Stevens and Lori Stevens of Apex, N.C., Anne
and Jimmy White of Charlotte, N.C.; aunts and uncles: Lucy White
of New York City, N.Y., Christopher White of Boston, M.A., Jimmy
Stevens of Durham, N.C., Jenna Stevens of Johnson City, T.N.
Kerry Hamilton stands as Elder with the White family.

Flowers in the Sanctuary

Given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of
Elizabeth Cooper and Matt Hansen yesterday at Covenant.

WELCOME TO COVENANT

We are happy that you are worshiping 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 22*)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO
Ginny and Rich Magrath on the baptism of their
child Miller Jane Magrath today at 9:30 a.m.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
Josh Little and Lauren Vandemore
Graham Martin and Sarah Sharpe

PRAYERS FOR HEALING
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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