

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister
Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational care
Mary Kate Sykes, pastoral resident, education
Emily Floyd, director of traditional worship
Mark Glaeser, organist
Covenant Choir
Sherry Ward, 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 1)

Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Anna Heatherington and Sam White on the occasion of their marriage on October 3.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ellen Henderson
Pam and John Westrup
Alex and Alyssa Hazen (Neils and Ella)

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Eugenia Nisbet White
Charter Member, Elder
February 13, 1930 - September 27, 2025

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. - Revelation 14:13

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Lucy and Dean Butler and Jimmy and Anne White and their families on the death of Lucy and Jimmy’s mother Genie White.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Donna Goodwin
Frank Mansfield
Walker Morrison
Dottie Stowe
Mary Ann Tilley

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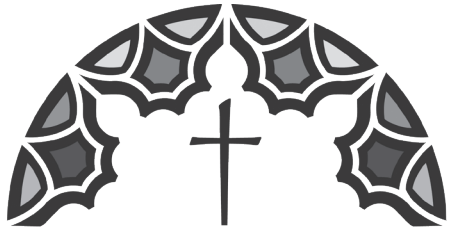
We rely on members of the congregation, friends and relatives to keep us informed of hospitalizations, births and deaths. Please call the church office at 704-333-9071 or email Aisha.Council@CovenantPresby.org. Prayer requests may be submitted on your Worship Response Card , on the website at Connect 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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COVENANT
presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God
A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
AND COMMUNION

Sunday, October 5, 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.

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND COMMUNION

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11:00 a.m.

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

Gigue from Suite in D Major, BWV 1012 J.S. Bach

~ Jon Lewis, cello ~

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Mary Kate Sykes

Liturgist: Around the world people gather to break bread and pour wine.

People: We gather with them in heart and mind.

Liturgist: Around the world the broken body is made whole.

People: As part of that body we join in its unity.

Liturgist: Around the world the banquet of God is prepared for the table.

People: We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed.

Liturgist: Let us worship together;

People: let us share God’s bounty.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 33

Praise the Lord, God’s Glories Show LLANFAIR

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

CHORAL CALL TO CONFESSION

O Taste and See. R. Vaughan Williams¹

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is;

blest is the one that trusteth in him.

~ Covenant Choir; Laurel Johnson, soprano ~

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious and loving God, you call us to share the revolutionary claims of the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*Congregational Response 587 (choir and congregation)

Alleluia! CELTIC ALLELUIA²

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PASSING THE PEACE

ENCOUNTER GOD’S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Katherine Kerr

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

Philippians 2:1-11 New Testament, p. 186

SERMON

“It’s Decision Time: Is the Same Mind in You?” Bob Henderson

Sermon Series: *Discern. Decide. Declare.*

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 504

We Come as Guests Invited WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

For Ev’ryone Born arr. T. Trenney³

For ev’ryone born, a place at the table,

for ev’ryone born, clean water and bread,

a shelter a space, a safe place for growing,

for ev’ryone a star overhead.

And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy,

compassion and peace;

yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

For young and for old, a place at the table,

a voice to be heard, a part in the song.

The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,

for young and for old, the right to belong.

Refrain

For ev’ryone born, a place at the table,

to live without fear, and simply to be,

to work to speak out, to witness and worship,

for ev’ryone bon, the right to be free!

Refrain

~ Covenant Choir; Jon Lewis, cello ~

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (responsive)

Liturgist: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Liturgist: Lift up your hearts;

People: We lift them to the Lord

Liturgist: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise...

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

You are invited to take communion by intinction. With the ushers’ guidance, please come down the center aisle, take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup, and return to your seat by the side aisle. Gluten-free bread is available at the center station. Those wishing to be served in the pew may signal an usher.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ arr. Bradley Ellingboe

~ Covenant Choir; Emily Schauer, flute ~

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 747

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth. ENVIADO

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Fugue in E Minor J.S. Bach

¹You are invited to rise in body or spirit

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