



To the Greater Glory of God
A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Sunday, November 16, 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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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

Musique Heroique. G. P. Telemann/arr. S. Wolff

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP. Katherine Kerr

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 14

For The Beauty Of The Earth. DIX

*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 confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. 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..... Serenitye Taylor

Grayson Sterling Bensch, child of Erica and Matthew Bensch

Shepherd Taft Jakubicki, child of Deb and PJ Jakubicki

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

Festival Alleluia..... J. Chepponis²

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Your words, O Lord give joy to my heart;

your teaching gives light to my eyes.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for God's word.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Shine like lights in the world as you hold on to the word of life.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

~ *Combined Choirs, brass ensemble* ~

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

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

Mark 12: 28-31..... New Testament, p. 46

SERMON

"Staking Our Claim" Bob Henderson

Sermon Series: *Discern. Decide. Declare.*

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling..... HYFRYDOL

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.

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

My Heart KnowsLacy and Nate King

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lord, You Have Been Our Dwelling Place. L. Larson³

Refrain

Lord, you have been our dwelling place,
throughout all generations.
Lord, you have been our dwelling place,
you have been our dwelling place.
Lord, you have been our dwelling place,
before the mountains were born.
Before the earth was created,
you have been our dwelling place.
Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.
Satisfy us in the morning,
that we may sing for joy all of our days!

Refrain

May your deeds be shown to your servants,
your splendor to their children.

May the favor of God rest upon us, O God!

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home!

Amen.

~ Covenant Choir, brass ensemble~

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 772

Live Into HopeTRURO

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Danish Amen Anon. Danish

*POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our GodJ.S. Bach / arr. V. Fox

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister
Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational care
Serenitye Taylor, associate minister, congregational life
Emily Floyd, director of traditional music
Cameryn Bost, interim director of children's music
Lee Northcutt, guest organist
Covenant Choir
Tom Burge, trombone
Keith Johnson, trombone
Stacey Mills, trumpet
Brian Winegardner, trumpet
Lorna Graves, carillon

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the Bensch Family:

Grandparent: Mark Davis of Pasadena, C.A.; aunts and uncles: Daniel and Alison Bensch, Deb and PJ Jakubicki all of Charlotte, N.C.; cousins: Ryan and Reagan Bensch, Spencer and Shepherd Jakubicki all of Charlotte, N.C.
Cathy Kendrick stands as elder with the Bensch family.

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the Jakubicki Family:

Sister: Spencer; grandparents: Pat Taft of Charlotte, N.C., Ken Taft of Greenville, S.C., Nancy and Gary Jakubicki of Robbinsville, N.J.; aunts and uncles: Erica and Matthew Bensch, Alison and Daniel Bensch of Charlotte, N.C.; cousins: Grayson Bensch, Ryan and Reagan Bensch of Charlotte, N.C.
Allyson Easterling stands as elder with the Jakubicki family.

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 November 12*)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mandy Rencher
Daniel Smith (Savi)

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Clarence Franklin Mansfield
September 9, 1940 - November 6, 2025

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

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Martin and Anna Pruitt and their family on the death
of Martin's father John Pruitt on November 9.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

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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