



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 30, 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

Trumpet Tune on WACHET AUF M. Sobaje

INTROIT

Call to Advent. J. Jerome Williams

~Covenant Choir~

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Nick, Linsey, Stella, Marcus, and Isaac Zalecki

One: We find hope in God!

All: Who hears us and surrounds us with compassion.

One: We find hope in God!

All: Whose love draws near and makes a home with us.

One: We find hope in God!

All: Who brings light to every shadow and joy to every weary heart.

One: We find hope in God!

All: Who renews strength, restores courage, and leads us toward peace.

One: We find hope in God!

All: For Christ comes still — awakening hope, widening love, and lighting the way.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 83

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus. STUTTGART

*PRAYER OF ADORATION Bob Henderson

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

CHORAL CALL TO CONFESSION

Come, Now, O Prince of Peace G. Lee¹

Come now, O Prince of Peace; make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.

Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior.

Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.

~Covenant Choir~

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God, You speak words of hope in surprising places and show up where we least expect you. Yet we look for you only in the familiar — in the answers we want, the comfort we prefer, and the paths we choose. Forgive us when our narrow search blinds us to your presence in unexpected people and moments. Turn our eyes toward the hope you are already offering and make us people who live and practice hope. In Christ we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 108 *(choir and congregation)*

Of The Father's Love Begotten (vs. 6) DIVINUM MYSTERIUM²

**Christ to Thee with God the Father,
and O Holy Ghost, to thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
and unwearied praises be,
Honor, glory, and dominion,
and eternal victory evermore and evermore.
Amen.**

*PASSING THE PEACE

ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

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

Luke 1: 26-38 New Testament, p. 53

SERMON

"Hope - Discerning God in the Waiting" Grace Lindvall
Sermon Series: *Discern. Decide. Declare.*

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 99

My Soul Gives Glory to My God MORNING SONG

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.**

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming M. Praetorius³

**Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung.
Of Jesse's lineage coming as those of old have sung.
It came a flow'ret bright, amidst the cold of winter,
when half-spent was the night.
Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind.
With Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright, she bore to all a Saviour,
when half-spent was the night.**

~ Covenant Choir ~

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 104

O Lord, How Shall I Meet YouVALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Danish Amen Anon. Danish

*POSTLUDE

VENI EMMANUEL. N. Rawsthorne

Notes:

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister
Grace Lindvall, associate minister, education
Courtney Shudak, pastoral resident, mission and outreach
Emily Floyd, director of traditional music
Lee Northcutt, guest organist
Covenant Choir
Katie Cornwell, carillon

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 26*)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Anna and Josh Izzard on the birth of their child
Beckett Nicholas on November 17

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mark and Becky Linsz

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Ann and Blaine Sanders and their family on the death of her mother
Ann Ward Morgan on November 23.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Deloris Davis
Walker Morrison
Elaine Scoles
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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