



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, August 10, 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

Convocation. C. Callahan

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Jerry Cannon

*HYMN OF PRAISE 327

From All That Dwell Below the Skies. LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*PRAYER OF ADORATION Grace Lindvall

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

CALL TO CONFESSION Ashlee Anderson

*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 God, whose very being is love, we know that we are
imperfect in loving; we fall short of your call to do justice; we
struggle to be good neighbors to the least of your children.
Forgive us, merciful God, and renew us that we might more fully
be bearers of your love made manifest in your world. 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 Mary 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.

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

SCRIPTURE READINGS.....Lynne Koeniger
Ruth 1:16-18.....Old Testament p. 230
II Corinthians 5:14-15.....New Testament p. 170

SERMON

“Decision Time”Bob Henderson
Sermon Series: *Epic Tales of the Bible*

RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 69

I, the Lord of Sea and SkyHERE I AM

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR SERENITYE TAYLOR

STATEMENT OF INSTALLATION

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

TO THE PASTORSandra Boozer
TO THE CONGREGATION Courtney St. Onge

PRAYER OF INSTALLATIONNikki Zimmermann

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

CHARGE TO THE PASTOR.....Gail Henderson-Belsito

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION.....Daniel Heath

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

Offering collected today will be given to St. Paul Presbyterian
Church to support their youth ministries.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

ANTHEM

Honor and Glory..... J. S. Bach³
Honor and glory be to God in the highest,
Hallelujah, sing praises to his name!
~ *Summer Choir* ~

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 Serenitye Taylor

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 rice crackers are available at the center station. Those wishing to be served in the pew may signal an usher.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Great Is Thy Faithfulness T. Trenney

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

~ Lauren Russell, soprano ~

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 321 (verses 1 and 2)

The Church’s One Foundation AURELIA

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Plein Jeu a la Couperin G. Young

Please join us in the Welcome Center following the service for a reception celebrating the installation of Serenitye Taylor.

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister

Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational care

Serenitye Taylor, associate minister, congregational life

Mark Glaeser, interim director of traditional worship and organist

Lamar Davis, interim choral conductor

Covenant Choir

Lorna Graves, carillon

Installation Commission for Serenitye Taylor

Ashlee Anderson, Union Presbyterian Seminary, minister of word and sacrament

Sandra Boozer, Covenant Presbyterian Church, ruling elder

Jerry Cannon, minister of word and sacrament

Sarah Hancock, St. Paul Presbyterian Church, ruling elder

Daniel Heath, Davidson College, associate chaplain

Bob Henderson, Covenant Presbyterian Church, senior minister

Gail Henderson-Belsito, minister of word and sacrament

Grace Lindvall, Covenant Presbyterian Church, associate minister for education

Lynne Koeniger, Sharon Presbyterian Church, ruling elder

Courtney St. Onge, Covenant Presbyterian Church, ruling elder

Mary Kate Sykes, Covenant Presbyterian Church, pastoral resident for education

Tamara Williams, First United Presbyterian Church, ruling elder

Nikki Zimmermann, minister of word and sacrament

Offering to St. Paul Presbyterian Church

To make an online donation, please scan the QR code below and click "Give Online Now." Be sure to select the "Serenitye Installation" fund. If you are writing a check for Serenitye's installation offering, please note "Serenitye Installation" in the memo line to ensure your gift is properly designated.

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 Rosie Strawn, Communications Manager, at Rosie.Strawn@covenantpresby.org.



Giving a financial gift makes Covenant's programs and ministries possible. You are invited to give generously at www.covenantpresby.org/ways-to-give or by scanning the QR code to give online or by texting a dollar amount to 704-312-7616. We're grateful for your support.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (As of August 6)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Charlie and English Blanton (Tatum & Anna Jane)
Allie and Chase Walter (Josie)

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Edna Bacon
Donna Goodwin
Jim Leathers
Frank Mansfield
Dottie Stowe

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FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

To the glory of God and in honor of Eliana, Carlin and Serenitye Taylor.

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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