



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, August 17, 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 is offered in the Education Wing for children 6 weeks to four years old. 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

Be Thou Near J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Courtney Shudak

*HYMN OF PRAISE 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies LAUDES DOMINI

*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)

Mighty God, we confess that we have fallen short of your vision for our lives and for this world. We have failed to recognize the depth and breadth of your gracious will. We have allowed our human perceptions to limit our conception of what is possible in the fullness of your kingdom. We have accepted lies as truth and neglected to see your image in all people, not just the ones we deem worthy. Forgive our sins, we pray, and draw us back into right relationship with you that we might live as you intend, in Christ's holy 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'ryday.

**You are invited to rise in body or spirit*

***PASSING THE PEACE**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM..... Katherine Kerr

John Milton Childress IV, son of Tori and John Childress

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.**

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Judges 4:1-9..... Old Testament, p. 210

SERMON

“A Fiery Woman” Katherine Kerr
Sermon Series: *Epic Tales of the Bible*

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 673**

Jesus, Light of JoyLAUDA ANIMA

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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

Non Nobis, Domine R. Quilter²
Non nobis, Domine! Not unto us, O Lord,
the praise and glory be of any deed or word.
For in thy judgement lies to crown or bring to naught
all knowledge and device that we have reached or wrought.
And we confess our blame, how all to high we hold
that noise which we call fame, that dross that we call gold.
For these we undergo our hot and godless days,
but in our souls we know not unto us the praise.

O Power, by whom we live, Creator, Judge and Friend,
upholdingly forgive, nor leave us at the end,
but grant us yet to see, in all our piteous ways,
non nobis, Domine, not unto us the praise.

~ Summer Choir~

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 691

Lord, When I Came Into This LifeLAND OF REST

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

GavotteS. Wesley

Notes:

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational care

Mary Kate Sykes, pastoral resident, education

Serenity Taylor, associate minister, congregational life

Mark Glaeser, interim director of traditional worship and organist

Lamar Davis, interim choral conductor

Summer Choir

Ben Unger, carillon

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the Childress Family

great-grandparent: Patti Sloane of Charlotte; grandparents: Joe and Vicki Polo, Milt and Carol Childress, all of Charlotte; great-aunt and uncle: Nikki and Anthony LaRosa of Oyster Bay, NY; aunts and uncles: Alex and Drew Slabaugh of Charlotte, Gracie Childress and Vitor Lobão of Miami, FL; cousin: Joey LaRosa of Oyster Bay, NY
Milt Childress stands as Elder with the Childress family.

Flowers in the Sanctuary

Given to the glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of John Milton Childress, IV (Jack), son of Tori and John Childress by Carol Childress.

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. We will gladly host meetings in the Welcome Center upon request.

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.



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CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (*As of August 13*)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Johnny and Amy Ruhl on the baptism of their children

John Russell and Walker Davis today at 9:30 a.m.

Charlie and Grace Rogers on the baptism of their
child Charles Adams today at 9:30 a.m.

Susan and Andrew Lawson on the birth of their
son Walker on August 11, 2025.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Joye Palmer

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Melanie Dawn Wright

June 7, 1963 - May 31, 2025

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

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Edna Bacon

Donna Goodwin

Frank Mansfield

Bucky Renner

Dottie Stowe

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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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