



*To the Greater Glory of God*  
A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 7, 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.*

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## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

### PRELUDE

*Introduction and Toccata* ..... W. Walond

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP..... Katherine Kerr

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 35

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* ..... LOBE DEN HERREN

### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

## PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

### \*CHORAL CALL TO CONFESSION

*Search Me, O God* .....SURSUM CORDA<sup>1</sup>

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, in love you spread good gifts before us, more than we could ever earn or really need. You feed, heal, teach, forgive, and save us. You renew, strengthen, and redeem us. Yet, we always want more... more peace, more assurance, more guarantees. Forgive us, we pray, for our lack of trust and ground our hearts in gratitude. Anchor our lives in your love and renew our hearts with your faithful stream of grace. Through Christ our Lord, we pray. 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.**

<sup>1</sup>You are invited to rise in body or spirit

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.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 90. . . . . Old Testament, p. 517-518

Liturgist: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.  
Before the mountains were brought forth or ever you had  
formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting  
you are God.

**People: You turn us back to dust and say, “Turn back, you mortals.”**

Liturgist: For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is  
past or like a watch in the night.

**People: You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is  
renewed in the morning; in the morning it flourishes and is  
renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.**

Liturgist: For we are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are  
overwhelmed.

**People: You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the  
light of your countenance.**

Liturgist: For all our days pass away under your wrath; our years come to  
an end like a sigh.

**People: The days of our life are seventy years or perhaps eighty, if we  
are strong; even then their span is only toil and trouble; they  
are soon gone, and we fly away.**

Liturgist: Who considers the power of your anger?  
Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.

**People: So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.**

Liturgist: Turn, O Lord! How long?

**People: Have compassion on your servants! Satisfy us in the morning  
with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad  
all our days.**

Liturgist: Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us and as many  
years as we have seen evil.

**People: Let your work be manifest to your servants and your glorious  
power to their children.**

Liturgist: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us and prosper for  
us the work of our hands—

**All: O prosper the work of our hands!**

SERMON

“A Wise Heart Knows What Time It Is” . . . . . Bob Henderson  
Sermon Series: *Discern. Decide. Declare.*

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 625

O Lord My God . . . . .HOW GREAT THOU ART

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

*Praise His Holy Name* ..... K. Hampton  
Sing till the power of the Lord come down.  
Shout Hallelujah! Praise His holy name!  
Sing till the power of the Lord come down.  
Shout Hallelujah! Praise His holy name!  
Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I’m found, was blind, but now I see.  
Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee! Shout  
Hallelujah! Praise His holy name!  
Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free?  
No, there’s a cross for everyone, and there’s a cross for me.  
Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee! Shout  
Hallelujah! Praise His holy name!  
~ Covenant Choir ~

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GO IN GOD’S NAME

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN 634

*To God Be the Glory*..... TO GOD BE THE GLORY

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Danish Amen*..... Anon. Danish

\*POSTLUDE

*Allegretto*..... G. F. Handel

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Notes:

# THE WORSHIP SERVICE

## Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister  
Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational care  
Courtney Shudak, pastoral resident, mission and outreach  
Emily Floyd, director of traditional music  
Mark Glaeser, organist  
Covenant Choir  
Emily Reinicker, carillon

## Flowers in the Sanctuary

Given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of  
Sally Stitcher and Patton Goyer.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:Rosie.Strawn@covenantpresby.org).



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**CONGREGATIONAL NOTES** (*As of September 3*)  
*Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:*

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Molly and Joe Garvey on the birth of their child  
Henry Tagart Garvey on August 15.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Madison Gobbell  
Reilly and Hallie Hovis

SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Bruce Buckley and Sarah Crowder and their family on the  
death of Bruce's brother Jay Buckley on September 2.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Donna Goodwin  
Frank Mansfield  
Walker Morrison  
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](mailto: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](mailto: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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