



COVENANT

presbyterian church

*To the Greater Glory of God*

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 12, 2025

8:45 a.m.

CHAPEL

*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 (ages 6 weeks to Kindergarten) is offered in the Education Wing. See an usher for assistance.*

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## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

*Holy, Holy, Holy*..... arr. D. Forrest

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP.....Grace Lindvall

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 475

*Come Thou Fount*..... NETTLETON

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

## PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*SILENT CONFESSION

\*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**God of grace, love, and communion, we confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We ignore your commandments, stray from your way, and follow other gods. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sin and raise us to new life that we may serve you faithfully and give honor to your holy name. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 587 (*choir and congregation*)

*Alleluia!* ..... CELTIC ALLELUIA<sup>1</sup>

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*PASSING THE PEACE

COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

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.**

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY.....My Heart Knows

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Refrain:*

*Do not be afraid, do not be afraid for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by your name; you are mine, you are mine.*

When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you;  
you will never sink beneath the waves.  
When the fire is burning all around you,  
you will never be consumed by the flames.

*Refrain*

When the fear of loneliness is looming,  
then remember I am on your side.  
When you dwell in the exile of a stranger,  
remember you are precious in my eyes.

*Refrain*

You are mine, O my child, I am your Father,  
and I love you, with a perfect love.

*Refrain*

~ *Covenant Choir* ~

**ENCOUNTER GOD’S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING

John 3: 1-10..... New Testament, p. 88

SERMON

“Begin Again” ..... Bob Henderson  
Sermon Series: *Discern. Decide. Declare.*

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 24

*God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens.....* HOLY MANNA

**GO IN GOD’S NAME**

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Praise Him! Praise Him!.....* arr. B. Wolaver

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*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  
Emily Floyd, director of traditional music  
Suzanne Lowry, guest pianist  
Chapel Choir

## WELCOME TO COVENANT

We are happy that you are worshipping 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. We will gladly host meetings in the Welcome Center upon request.

Assistive listening devices are available from the ushers.

Audio-induction hearing loops are installed in the chapel 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](mailto:Lacy.King@covenantpresby.org).



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## CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (October 8)

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

### CONGRATULATIONS TO

Claire and Allen Brown on the baptism of their child  
Isabel Valencia Brown today at 9:30 a.m.

Vanessa and Dan O'Brien on the baptism of their child  
Harriet Grace O'Brien today at 9:30 a.m.

Sean and Andrew Gibson on the baptism of their child  
Caldwell Boyles Gibson today at 11:00 a.m.

Betsy Wetmore and Justin Cardone on the occasion  
of their marriage on September 27.

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Jane Crook Cunningham  
Charter Member, Elder

December 4, 1931 - October 2, 2025

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

### PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Donna Goodwin

Frank Mansfield

Walker Morrison

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](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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