



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 26, 2025

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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.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Katherine Kerr

*HYMN OF PRAISE 702

Christ Be Beside Me BUNESSAN

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious and loving God, you have entrusted us with gifts – time, talents, resources, and relationships – and called us to use them for your kingdom.

Yet we confess that we have buried what you gave us, hoarding your blessings instead of multiplying them in love.

Forgive us, Lord, for our fear, our indifference, and our selfishness.

Renew in us a spirit of compassion and courage, that we may be faithful stewards of your grace and live as people of mercy and justice. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 587 (*choir and congregation*)

Alleluia! CELTIC ALLELUIA¹

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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*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

The Lord is My Shepherd from *Requiem* by J. Rutter²
The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in a green pasture,
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
He shall convert my soul and bring me forth in the
paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil.
For thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
Thou shalt prepare a table for me against them that trouble me.
Thou hast anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.
But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days
of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
~ Chapel Choir ~

ENCOUNTER GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25: 14-30..... New Testament, p. 27

SERMON

“Stewarding Lives for Others” Grace Lindvall
Sermon Series: *Discern. Decide. Declare.*

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 714

God of the Fertile Fields ITALIAN HYMN

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Prelude for Organ F. Mendelssohn

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Grace Lindvall, associate minister, education

Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational care

Emily Floyd, director of traditional music

Jane Cain, guest organist

Chapel Choir

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.

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.



Giving a financial gift makes Covenant's programs and ministries possible. You are invited to give generously at 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 October 22)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Ginny and Rich Magrath on the baptism of their
child Miller Jane Magrath today at 9:30 a.m.
Mattie and Paul Cross on the baptism of their child
Paul Sullivan Cross today at 11:00 a.m.
Jane and John Wacker on the baptism of their child
John Phillips Wacker Jr. today at 11:00 a.m.
Jessica Stevens and Will White on the baptism of their child
Banks Willam Stevens White today at 11:00 a.m.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Josh Little and Lauren Vandemore
Graham Martin and Sarah Sharpe

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Frank Mansfield
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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