

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

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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 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.

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CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (As of October 1)

Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Anna Heatherington and Sam White on the occasion of their marriage on October 3.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ellen Henderson  
Pam and John Westrup  
Alex and Alyssa Hazen (Neils and Ella)

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Eugenia Nisbet White  
Charter Member, Elder  
February 13, 1930 - September 27, 2025

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

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Lucy and Dean Butler and Jimmy and Anne White and their families on the death of Lucy and Jimmy’s mother Genie White.

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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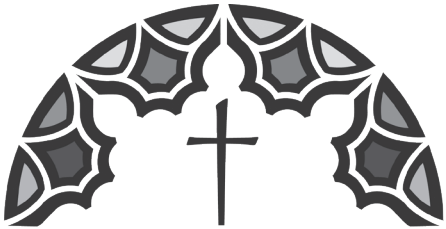
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COVENANT  
presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God  
A SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
AND COMMUNION

Sunday, October 5, 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.

GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

PRELUDE  
Pastorale in F Major..... J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP..... Grace Lindvall  
Liturgist: Around the world people gather to break bread and pour wine.  
People: We gather with them in heart and mind.  
Liturgist: Around the world the broken body is made whole.  
People: As part of that body we join in its unity.  
Liturgist: Around the world the banquet of God is prepared for the table.  
People: We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed.  
Liturgist: Let us worship together;  
People: let us share God’s bounty.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 33  
Praise the Lord! God’s Glories Show..... LLANFAIR

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*SILENT CONFESSION

\*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)  
Gracious and loving God, you call us to share the revolutionary claims of the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 587 (unison)  
Alleluia! ..... CELTIC ALLELUIA¹  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

\*PASSING THE PEACE

COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Let Us Break Bread Together .....arr. M. Hogan²

Let us break bread together on our knees,  
let us break bread together on our knees,  
when I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
oh Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees,  
let us drink wine together on our knees,  
when I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
oh Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees,  
let us praise God together on our knees,  
when I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
oh Lord, have mercy on me.

~ Lamar Davis, tenor ~

ENCOUNTER GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:1-11..... New Testament, p. 186

SERMON

“Motivational Speech” .....Katherine Kerr  
Sermon Series: Discern. Decide. Declare.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken .....BEACH SPRING³

Musical score for the hymn "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken". The score is written for a single melodic line in G major (one flat) and 3/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: "1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of Life from heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more. By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your wine of life out-poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord."

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

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

GO IN GOD’S NAME

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 306  
Blest Be the Tie That Binds ..... DENNIS  
Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE  
Gavotte ..... S. Wesley

Notes:

¹You are invited to rise in body or spirit