



To the Greater Glory of God
A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Sunday, November 16, 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

Thanks Be to Thee. G. F. Handel

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Grace Lindvall

*HYMN OF PRAISE 14

For The Beauty Of The Earth. DIX

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 587 (choir and congregation)

Alleluia! CELTIC ALLELUIA¹

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PASSING THE PEACE

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

My Heart Knows Lacy and Nate King

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.

ANTHEM

If I Can Help Somebody..... A. Androzzo ²
If I can help somebody as I pass along,
If I can cheer somebody with a word or song,
If I can show somebody he is traveling wrong,
then my living shall not be in vain.
Refrain
Then my living shall not be in vain.
Then my living shall not be in vain.
If I can help somebody as I pass along,
then my living shall not be in vain.
If I can do my duty as a Christian ought,
If I can bring back beauty to a world upwrought,
If I can spread love’s message that the Master taught,
then my living shall not be in vain.
Refrain
~ Lauren Russell, soprano ~

ENCOUNTER GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 12: 28-31..... New Testament, p. 46

SERMON

“Staking Our Claim” Bob Henderson
Sermon Series: *Discern. Decide. Declare.*

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 772

Live Into Hope TRURO

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God J.S. Bach / arr. V. Fox

*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
Lee Northcutt, guest organist

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.



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CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (As of November 12)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Deb and PJ Jakubicki on the baptism of their child
Shepherd Taft Jakubicki today at 11:00 a.m.
Erica and Matthew Bensch on the baptism of their child
Grayson Sterling Bensch today at 11:00 a.m.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mandy Rencher
Daniel Smith (Savi)

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Clarence Franklin Mansfield
September 9, 1940 - November 6, 2025

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

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Martin and Anna Pruitt and their family on the death
of Martin's father John Pruitt on November 9.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

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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