



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 30, 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

Trumpet Tune on WACHET AUF M. Sobaje

INTROIT

Call to Advent. J. Jerome Williams

~Lamar Davis, tenor; Emily Floyd, soprano~

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Will, Ali, Mac, and Charlie Summerville

One: We find hope in God!

All: Who hears us and surrounds us with compassion.

One: We find hope in God!

All: Whose love draws near and makes a home with us.

One: We find hope in God!

All: Who brings light to every shadow and joy to every weary heart.

One: We find hope in God!

All: Who renews strength, restores courage, and leads us toward peace.

One: We find hope in God!

All: For Christ comes still — awakening hope, widening love, and lighting the way.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 83

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus. STUTTGART

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God, You speak words of hope in surprising places and show up where we least expect you. Yet we look for you only in the familiar — in the answers we want, the comfort we prefer, and the paths we choose. Forgive us when our narrow search blinds us to your presence in unexpected people and moments. Turn our eyes toward the hope you are already offering and make us people who live and practice hope. In Christ we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 108 (*choir and congregation*)

Of The Father's Love Begotten (vs. 6) DIVINUM MYSTERIUM¹
**Christ to Thee with God the Father, and O Holy Ghost, to thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be,
Honor, glory, and dominion,
and eternal victory evermore and evermore.
Amen.**

*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.**

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Sweet Little Jesus Boy Robert MacGimsey²
Sweet little Jesus Boy, they made you be born in a manger.
Sweet little Holy Child, didn't know who You were.
Didn't know You'd come to save us, Lord; to take our sins away.
Our eyes were blind, we couldn't see, we didn't know who You were.
Long time ago, You were born, born in a manger low,
Sweet little Jesus Boy.
The world treats You mean, Lord, treats me mean, too,
But that's how things are down here, we don't know who You are;
You have told us how, we are trying.
Master, You have shown us how, even when You were dying.
Just seems like we can't do right, look how we treated You;
But, please, Sir, forgive us, Lord, we didn't know 'twas You.
~ Lamar Davis, tenor ~

ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1: 26-38 New Testament, p. 53

SERMON

"Hope - Discerning God in the Waiting" Grace Lindvall
Sermon Series: *Discern. Decide. Declare.*

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 104

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

VENI EMMANUEL.....N. Rawsthorne

Notes:

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Grace Lindvall, associate minister, education

Mary Kate Sykes, pastoral resident, 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 26)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Anna and Josh Izzard on the birth of their child
Beckett Nicholas on November 17

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mark and Becky Linsz

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Ann and Blaine Sanders and their family on the death of her mother
Ann Ward Morgan on November 23.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Deloris Davis
Walker Morrison
Elaine Scoles
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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