



COVENANT

presbyterian church

*To the Greater Glory of God*

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
AND COMMUNION

Sunday, September 14, 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

Partita on “I Want to Walk”..... J. Behnke  
I. Theme II. Cantabile III. Fantasia

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP.....Mary Kate Sykes

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 450

Be Thou My Vision..... SLANE

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*SILENT CONFESSION

\*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Leader: God of grace, deliver us.  
**People: From evil, even when it masquerades as good,**  
Leader: God of grace, deliver us.  
**People: From selfishness and vain desires,**  
Leader: God of grace, deliver us.  
**People: From irresponsible behaviors, quarreling, and jealousy,**  
Leader: God of grace, deliver us.  
**People: From hurtful disagreements and irreconcilable differences,**  
Leader: God of grace, deliver us.  
**People: Turn us away from the death sin inflicts. Lead us into  
the abundant life Christ brings. Forgive us, we pray, and  
teach us to forgive, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 587 (unison)

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

\*PASSING THE PEACE

COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY ..... My Heart Knows

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Like a River in My Soul* ..... T. Osiek

I've got peace like a river, like a river in my soul.  
I've got peace like a river, soothing river, calmly flow.  
When the world closes in, feel the stillness within.  
I've got peace like a river, like a river in my soul.  
I've got love like an ocean, like an ocean in my soul.  
I've got love like an ocean, endless ocean, deep and full.  
When you're lost and alone, let the waves bring you home.  
I've got love like an ocean, like an ocean in my soul.  
I've got joy like a fountain, like a fountain in my soul.  
I've got joy like a fountain, like a fountain in my soul.  
When your hope nearly dies, just remember, once again you shall rise!  
I've got joy like a fountain, love like an ocean, peace like a river in my soul.  
~ Chapel Choir ~

ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8:11-26 .....New Testament, p. 40-41

SERMON

"Understanding Still" ..... Katherine Kerr  
Sermon Series: *Discern. Decide. Declare.*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

HYMN OF PREPARATION

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* ..... HOUSTON

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low  
Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
star of my life is Je - sus. In him there is no dark-ness at  
all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the  
light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

\*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

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

*Allegro Moderato* ..... D. Johnson

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# THE WORSHIP SERVICE

## Leading Worship this Morning

Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational care  
Mary Kate Sykes, pastoral resident, education  
Emily Floyd, director of traditional music  
Mark Glaeser, 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](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.

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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 September 10*)  
*Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:*

**CONGRATULATIONS TO**

Kelsey and David Pirie on the birth of their child

Dawson George Pirie on September 3.

Laura and Connor Starr on the birth of their child Elliot Michael Starr.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Domenica and Brian Barrett (Josie and CeCe)

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING**

Donna Goodwin

Frank Mansfield

Walker Morrison

Dottie Stowe

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