



To the Greater Glory of God
A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 21, 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

Theme and Variations on "Azmon" R. Hobby

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIPSerenity Taylor

*HYMN OF PRAISE 63

The Lord is God AMZON

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*SILENT CONFESSION

*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, trusting in your tender mercy, we confess with one another our sin to you. We confess that we forget you. We are so concerned for our own comfort that we forget our neighbors. We are so attached to our own will that we forget yours.

We are so aware of our need that we forget our calling. We are so pleased with our possessions that we forget that they are yours. Bring us back to mindfulness, God. Forgive us, and be generous with your grace. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 587 (*choir and congregation*)

Alleluia!CELTIC ALLELUIA¹

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*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

**You are invited to rise in body or spirit*

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Speak, Lord..... T. Trenney

You are the way, the truth, and the life.
You are the hope, our vict'ry o'er the strife.
You are our peace, our calm upon the sea.
Bringing good news to the oppressed,
you call us to set the captive free!

Refrain:

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.
Speak, Lord, how we need to hear from you.
Give us courage to speak, Lord,
till injustice is silent.

Speak your words in all we say and do.

You come to heal our broken heart,
to comfort as we mourn,
just mercy to impart.

You call us to preach the Gospel,
dream the dream till justice rolls down like water,
righteousness like a mighty stream.

Refrain

Give us sight to see the world through the eyes of a stranger.
Help us to hear the beauty of a language not our own.
Set our hearts to beat with compassion for our neighbor.
When we love each other, you are seen and known.

Refrain

Be our strength to love in all we say and do.
Speak, O Lord, teach us to live and love like you.

~ Jordan Taylor, tenor ~

ENCOUNTER GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 13:1-10 New Testament, p. 87

SERMON

“Default Perspective” Courtney Shudak
Sermon Series: *Discern. Decide. Declare.*

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah CWM RHONDDA

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah T. Albrecht

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Courtney Shudak, pastoral resident, mission and outreach
Serenity Taylor, associate minister, congregational life
Emily Floyd, director of traditional music
Mark Glaeser, 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 Rosie Strawn, Communications Manager, at Rosie.Strawn@covenantpresby.org.



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CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (As of September 17)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Susan and Kevin McCarter

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Donna Goodwin

Frank Mansfield

Walker Morrison

Dottie Stowe

Mary Anne 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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