



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 7, 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

Introduction and Toccata W. Walond

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIPSerenity Taylor

*HYMN OF PRAISE 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty LOBE DEN HERREN

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*SILENT CONFESSION

*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, in love you spread good gifts before us, more than we could ever earn or really need. You feed, heal, teach, forgive, and save us. You renew, strengthen, and redeem us. Yet, we always want more... more peace, more assurance, more guarantees. Forgive us, we pray, for our lack of trust and ground our hearts in gratitude. Anchor our lives in your love and renew our hearts with your faithful stream of grace. Through Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 587

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.

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Prayer. C. Sager and D. Foster

I pray you'll be our eyes
And watch us where we go.
And help us to be wise
In times when we don't know.
Let this be our prayer
When we lose our way.
Lead us to a place
Guide us with your grace
To a place where we'll be safe.
I pray we'll find your light
And hold it in our heart
When stars go out each night.
Let this be our prayer
When shadows fill our day.
Lead us to a place
Guide us with your grace.
Give us faith so we'll be safe.
We ask that life be kind
And watch us from above.
We hope each soul will find
Another soul to love.
Let this be our prayer
Just like every child
Needs to find a place.
Guide us with your grace
Give us faith so we'll be safe.

~ Meredith Waller and Ra'Saun Elliott ~

ENCOUNTER GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 90. Old Testament, p. 517-518

Liturgist: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

People: You turn us back to dust and say, “Turn back, you mortals.”

Liturgist: For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past or like a watch in the night.

People: You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

Liturgist: For we are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are overwhelmed.

People: You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

Liturgist: For all our days pass away under your wrath; our years come to an end like a sigh.

People: The days of our life are seventy years or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

Liturgist: Who considers the power of your anger?
Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.
People: So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.
Liturgist: Turn, O Lord! How long?
**People: Have compassion on your servants! Satisfy us in the morning
with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all
our days.**
Liturgist: Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us and as many
years as we have seen evil.
**People: Let your work be manifest to your servants and your glorious
power to their children.**
Liturgist: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us and prosper for us
the work of our hands—
All: O prosper the work of our hands!

SERMON

“A Wise Heart Knows What Time It Is” Bob Henderson
Sermon Series: *Discern. Decide. Declare.*

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 634
To God Be the Glory TO GOD BE THE GLORY

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE
Allegretto G. F. Handel

Notes:

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister

Serenitye Taylor, associate minister, congregational life

Emily Floyd, director of traditional music

Mark Glaeser, organist

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.

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 3*)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO
Molly and Joe Garvey on the birth of their child
Henry Tagart Garvey on August 15.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
Madison Gobbell
Reilly and Hallie Hovis

SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO
Bruce Buckley and Sarah Crowder and their family on the
death of Bruce's brother Jay Buckley on September 2.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING
Donna Goodwin
Frank Mansfield
Walker Morrison
Dottie Stowe

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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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