



To the Greater Glory of God
A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 12, 2025

9:30 a.m.

SANCTUARY

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 and children's programs (ages 6 weeks to fifth grade) are offered in the Education Wing. Infant soothing rooms with live video of the worship service are available in the balcony and parlor. See an usher for assistance.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music

Nothing Is Impossible J. Hunt¹

Through You I can do anything
I can do all things
'Cause it's You who gives me strength
Nothing is impossible
Through You blind eyes are open
Strongholds are broken
I am living by faith
Nothing is impossible
I'm not gonna live by what I see
I'm not gonna live by what I feel
Deep down I know that You're here with me
And I know that You can do anything
I believe I believe
I believe I believe in You

Glorious Day K. Stanfill, S. Curran, J. Ingram, and J. Smith²

I was buried beneath my shame
Who could carry that kind of weight
It was my tomb till I met You
I was breathing but not alive
All my failures I tried to hide
It was my tomb till I met You
You called my name
And I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness
Into Your glorious day
You called my name
And I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness
Into Your glorious day
Now Your mercy has saved my soul
Now Your freedom is all I know
The old made new
Jesus when I met You
I needed rescue
My sin was heavy
But chains break at the weight of Your glory
I needed shelter
I was an orphan
But You call me a citizen of heaven
When I was broken
You were my healing
Your love is the air that I'm breathing
I have a future
My eyes are open

Welcome and Call to Worship Serenity Taylor

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

**Glorious Day..... K. Stanfill, S. Curran, J. Ingram, and J. Smith³*
(worship team and congregation)

**Prayer of Adoration*

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eagle’s Wings..... R. Morgan⁴
(worship team and congregation)

**Come live in me
All my life take over
Come breathe in me
And I will rise
On eagle’s wings**

Assurance of Grace

Sacrament of Baptism Serenity Taylor
Isabel Valencia Brown, child of Claire and Allen Brown
Harriet Grace O’Brien, child of Vanessa and Dan O’Brien

Children of the Heavenly Father..... Public Domain
(worship team and congregation)

**Children of the Heavenly Father
Safely in God’s bosom gather
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e’r was given
Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord the children sever
Unto them God’s grace to showeth
And their sorrows all God knoweth
How wide how long how high how deep
How endless is God’s love for me
How wide how long how high how deep
How endless is God’s love for me**

Time with Young Disciples
Following Time with Young Disciples, children are invited to remain in worship with their families or go to Childcare. Children going to Childcare should be accompanied by a parent/ guardian to the first floor of the Education Wing.

Congregational Life and Concerns

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..... My Heart Knows

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Let it Be..... J. Lennon, P. McCartney ⁵

When I find myself in times of trouble, Mother Mary comes to me
Speaking words of wisdom, let it be

And in my hour of darkness she is standing right in front of me
Speaking words of wisdom, let it be

Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be
Whisper words of wisdom, let it be

And when the broken hearted people living in the world agree
There will be an answer, let it be

For though they may be parted,
There is still a chance that they will see

There will be an answer, let it be
Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be

Whisper words of wisdom, let it be

And when the night is cloudy there is still a light that shines on me
Shinin' until tomorrow, let it be

I wake up to the sound of music, Mother Mary comes to me
Speaking words of wisdom, let it be

Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be
There will be an answer, let it be

And let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be
Whisper words of wisdom, let it be

ENCOUNTER GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading

John 3: 1-10..... New Testament, p. 88

Sermon

“Begin Again” Bob Henderson

Sermon Series: *Discern. Decide. Declare.*

*Song of Response

Healer..... M. Guglielmucci⁶

(worship team and congregation)

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*Invitation and Benediction

*Benediction Response

*For I Know R. Muchow⁷

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister
Serenitye Taylor, associate minister, congregational life
Ben Thomas, interim contemporary band leader
Tameka Thomas, interim contemporary worship leader
Ricko Hill, assistant director of contemporary worship and arts

Sharing the Gifts of Music

Jackson Daisley (electric guitar), Paul Fisher (drums), LaVita Hill (vocals), Clark Humphries (vocals), Phil Koonce (electric guitar), Mollie James (vocals), Bill Saunders (trumpet and vocals), Ben Thomas (keys), Tameka Thomas (vocals)

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the Brown Family

Grandparents: Ken and Jackie Brown of Beaufort, S.C. and Mike and Kathy Johnson of Greenwood, S.C.; aunts and uncles: Katherine Brown of Charlotte, N.C., Meredith Johnson of Greenwood, S.C.; David and Lynn Wythe of Chapin, S.C., and Tony and Ginger Dukes of Columbia, S.C.; cousins: Zaylee, Lanie, and Sterling Kelley of Greenwood, S.C. Extended Family: Dale Culbertson of Greenwood, S.C., and Joseph, Laurie, Jay, Griffin, and Anna Webb Dyches of Clinton, S.C.

Liza Christy stands as Elder with the Brown family.

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the O'Brien Family

Siblings: Keegan and Scarlett; grandparents: Claude and Lisa Bovine of Columbus, OH, Dan and Cherie O'Brien of Pittsburgh, PA
Jim Dobbins stands as Elder with the O'Brien family.

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.

Masks are optional in the sanctuary and assistive listening devices are available from the ushers. Audio-induction hearing loops are installed in the sanctuary 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.

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CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (As of October 8)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO
Sean and Andrew Gibson on the baptism of their child
Caldwell Boyles Gibson today at 11:00 a.m.
Betsy Wetmore and Justin Cardone on the occasion
of their marriage on September 27.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Jane Crook Cunningham
Charter Member, Elder
December 4, 1931 - October 2, 2025

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

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Donna Goodwin
Frank Mansfield
Walker Morrison
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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