

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister
Grace Lindvall, associate minister, education
Mary Kate Sykes, pastoral resident, education
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

Paul Fisher (drums), Cheryl Hoover (bass guitar and vocals),
Phil Koonce (electric guitar), Zach Leitner (electric guitar), Noelle
Lewis (vocals), Jessica Moss (vocals), Ben Thomas (keys), Tameka
Thomas (vocals)

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

On the first Sunday in October each year, Christians around the world celebrate World Communion Sunday. It is a day to celebrate our shared faith in Jesus Christ, and to recognize unity among all people who share the bread and cup of holy communion. We extend special thanks to the worship arts team for their creative contributions to the table.

Today we celebrate with our first graders who have completed the milestone “Ready, Set, Worship.” They will receive communion with their families using special chalices they made for the occasion. Many thanks to Mary Gaertner and Carla Haughton for their leadership with the first-graders and their parents over the last month.

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.

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 October 1)

Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Anna Heatherington and Sam White on the occasion of their marriage on October 3.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ellen Henderson
Pam and John Westrup
Alex and Alyssa Hazen (Neils and Ella)

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Eugenia Nisbet White
Charter Member, Elder
February 13, 1930 - September 27, 2025

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

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Lucy and Dean Butler and Jimmy and Anne White and their families on the death of Lucy and Jimmy’s mother Genie White.

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.

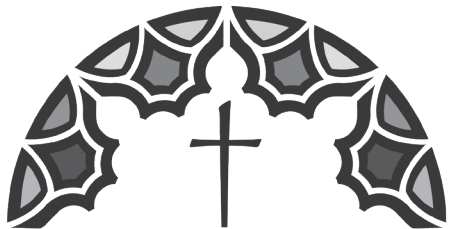
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COVENANT
presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God
A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
AND COMMUNION

Sunday, October 5, 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
In These Times J. Armatrading

Welcome and Call To Worship Mary Kate Sykes

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

*Firm Foundation (He Won’t). A. Davis, C. Moore, C. Carnes¹
(worship team and congregation)

*Prayer of Adoration

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession
Eagle’s Wings. R. Morgan²
(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

Time with Young Disciples Grace Lindvall
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

Minute for Ministry

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts
Jesus Is The Answer A. Crouch and S. Crouch³

Jesus is the answer for the world today
Above him there’s no other Jesus is the way
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Jesus is the answer for the world today
Above him there’s no other Jesus is the way
If you have some questions in the corners of your mind
And traces of discouragement and peace you cannot find
Reflections of the old past, they seem to face you everyday
There’s one thing I know for sure that Jesus is away
Let me hear you now

Jesus is the answer for the world today
Above him there’s no other Jesus is the way
Jesus is the answer for the world today
Above him there’s no other Jesus is the way
I know you got mountains that you think you cannot climb
I know that your skies have been dark, you think the sun won’t shine
In case you don’t know
I’m hear to tell you that the word of god is true
And everything that he promised
I tell you he would do it for you
Let me tell you that

Jesus is the answer for the world today
Above him there’s no other Jesus is the way
Jesus is the answer for the world today
Above him there’s no other Jesus is the way
Jesus, he is the answer for the world today
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ENCOUNTER GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading
Philippians 2:1-11 New Testament, p. 186
Sermon
“It’s Decision Time: Is the Same Mind in You?” Bob Henderson
Sermon Series: Discern. Decide. Declare.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to The Lord’s Table
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People
You are invited to take communion by intinction. With the ushers’ guidance, please come down the center aisle, take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup, and return to your seat by the side aisle. Gluten-free bread is available at the center station. Those wishing to be served in the pew may signal an usher.

Music at Communion
Mighty To Save. B. Fielding, R. Morgan⁴

Everyone needs compassion
A love that’s never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Savior
The hope of nations
Savior, he can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave
So take me as you find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in
And now I surrender
Savior, he can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave
Shine your light and
Let the whole world see
We’re singin’
For the glory of the risen King Jesus

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*Invitation and Benediction
*Benediction Response
*For I Know R. Muchow⁵

¹You are invited to rise in body or spirit