



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Sunday, November 16, 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.

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 16, 2025

9:30 a.m.

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

9 to 5 Dolly Parton¹

Tumble outta bed and a' stumble to the kitchen
Pour myself a cup of ambition
And yawn n' stretch and try to come to life
Jump in the shower and the blood starts pumpin'
Out on the streets the traffic starts jumpin'
With folks like me on the job from 9 to 5
Workin' 9 to 5, what a way to make a livin'
Barely gettin' by, it's all takin' and no givin'
They just use your mind, and they never give you credit
It's enough to drive you crazy if you let it
9 to 5, for service and devotion
You would think that I would deserve a fair promotion
Want to move ahead but the boss won't seem to let me
I swear sometimes that man is out to get me mmm
They let you dream just to watch 'em shatter
You're just a step on the boss man's ladder
But you got dreams he'll never take away
In the same boat with a lot of your friends
Waitin' for the day your ship'll come in
And the tide's gonna turn an' it's all gonna roll your way
Workin' 9 to 5, what a way to make a livin'
Barely gettin' by, it's all takin' and no givin'
They just use your mind, and you never get the credit
It's enough to drive you crazy if you let it
9 to 5, yeah, they got you where they want you
There's a better life, and you think about it don't you
It's a rich man's game, no matter what they call it
And you spend your life putting money in his wallet

Welcome and Call to Worship Mary Kate Sykes

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

*Praise. S. Furtick, B. Lake, C. Moore, C. Brown, C. Carnes, P. Barrett²
(worship team and congregation)

*Prayer of Adoration

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eagle’s Wings..... R. Morgan³

(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 DisciplesGrace 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.

Minute for Ministry

My Heart Knows Lacy and Nate King

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.

ENCOUNTER GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading
Mark 12: 28-31..... New Testament, p. 46

Sermon
“Staking Our Claim” Bob Henderson
Sermon Series: *Discern. Decide. Declare.*

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

I Thank God..... Moses, Butler, Bowe, et al.⁴
Wandering into the night, wanting a place to hide
This weary soul, this bag of bones
I try with all of my might
But I just can’t win the fight
I’m slowly drifting, a vagabond
And just when I ran out of the road
I met a man I didn’t know
And He told me that I was not alone
You picked me up, You turned me around
And placed my feet on solid ground
I thank the Master, I thank the Savior
Because You healed my heart, You changed my name
Forever free, I’m not the same
I thank the Master, I thank the Savior, I thank God
I cannot deny what I’ve seen
Got no choice but to believe

My doubts are burnin' like ashes in the wind
So so long to my old friends, burden and bitterness
You can just keep them moving
Nah, you ain't welcome here
From now till I walk streets of gold
I'll sing of how You saved my soul
This wayward son has found his way back home
Love wins for everyone
I am free

*Prayer of Dedication

*Song of Response

To The Ends Of The Earth. J. Houston and M. Sampson⁵
(worship team and congregation)

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Invitation and Benediction

*Benediction Response

**For I Know* R. Muchow⁶

Notes:

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister

Mary Kate Sykes, pastoral resident, education

Grace Lindvall, associate minister, 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

Jackson Daisley (electric guitar), Paul Fisher (drums), Lois Frost (vocals), Phyllis Fulton (vocals), Katrina Heath (vocals), Braylin Hill (vocals), LaVita Hill (vocals), Presley Hill (vocals), Ricko Hill (bass guitar), Ariana Hindman (vocals), Emeline Hindman (vocals), Jessica Hindman (vocals), Phil Koonce (electric guitar), Ginny Magrath (vocals), Jolene Powell (vocals), Allison Scriven (vocals), Shannon Shook (vocals), Ben Thomas (keys), Kennedy Thomas (vocals), Tameka Thomas (vocals).

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 November 12)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Erica and Matthew Bensch on the baptism of their child
Grayson Sterling Bensch today at 11:00 a.m.
Deb and PJ Jakubicki on the baptism of their child
Shepherd Taft Jakubicki today at 11:00 a.m.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mandy Rencher
Daniel Smith (Savi)

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Clarence Franklin Mansfield
September 9, 1940 - November 6, 2025

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

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Martin and Anna Pruitt and their family on the death
of Martin's father John Pruitt on November 9.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Dottie Stowe
Mary Ann Tilley

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