



To the Greater Glory of God
A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 30, 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

Glorious Day. K. Stanfill, S. Curran, J. Ingram, and J. Smith¹

I was buried beneath my shame
Who could carry that kind of weight
It was my tomb till I met You
Four on the floor
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

Lighting of the Advent Candle Brian, Domenica, Josie, and CeCe Barrett

One: We find hope in God!

All: Who hears us and surrounds us with compassion.

One: We find hope in God!

All: Whose love draws near and makes a home with us.

One: We find hope in God!

All: Who brings light to every shadow and joy to every weary heart.

One: We find hope in God!

All: Who renews strength, restores courage, and leads us toward peace.

One: We find hope in God!

All: For Christ comes still — awakening hope, widening love, and lighting the way.

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

**You Are Good* I. Houghton²

(worship team and congregation)

**Prayer of Adoration*

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

Call to Confession

All Who Are Thirsty B. Brown, G. Roberts³

(worship team and congregation)

Come Lord Jesus come

Come Lord Jesus come

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Grace

**Congregational Response*

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel VENI EMMANUEL⁴

(worship team and congregation)

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

**Passing the Peace*

Time with Young Disciples Serenity Taylor

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.

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Crowded Table N. Hemby, B. Carlile, L. McKenna⁵

You can hold my hand when you need to let go

I can be your mountain when you're feeling valley-low

I can be your streetlight showing you the way home

If you can hold my hand when you need to let go

I want a house with a crowded table

And a place by the fire for everyone

Let us take on the world while we're young and able

And bring us back together when the day is done

If we want a garden we're gonna have to sow the seeds

Plant a little happiness, let the roots run deep

If it's love that we give then it's love that we reap

If we want a garden we're gonna have to sow the seed

The door is always open
Your picture's on my wall
Everyone's a little broken
And everyone belongs

ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Luke 1: 26-38 New Testament, p. 53

Sermon

"Hope - Discerning God in the Waiting" Grace Lindvall
Sermon Series: *Discern. Decide. Declare.*

*Song of Response

Holy Forever.B. Johnson, C. Tomlin, J. Ingram, J. Johnson, P. Wickham⁶
(*worship team and congregation*)

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Invitation and Benediction

*Benediction Response

**For I Know* R. Muchow⁷

Notes:

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Grace Lindvall, associate minister, education

Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational care

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), Cheryl Hoover (bass guitar and vocals), Phil Koonce (electric guitar), Phil Lyew (saxophone), Ben Thomas (keys), 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 26)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Anna and Josh Izzard on the birth of their child
Beckett Nicholas on November 17

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mark and Becky Linsz

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Ann and Blaine Sanders and their family on the death of her mother
Ann Ward Morgan on November 23.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Deloris Davis

Walker Morrison

Elaine Scoles

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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