



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 20, 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 kindergarten) 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.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Centering Prayer

Speak then, Lord, for your servant listens,
for you have the words of eternal life.

Speak to me to comfort my soul
and to change my whole life;
in turn, may it give you praise and honor,
forever and ever. Amen.

—Thomas à Kempis (c. 1380–1471)

Gathering Music

Bags' Groove M. Jackson

Great Are You Lord J. Ingram, L. Jordan, D. Leonard¹

Welcome and Announcements Mary Kate Sykes

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

**Great Are You Lord* J. Ingram, L. Jordan, D. Leonard¹

(worship team and congregation)

*Prayer of Adoration

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eagle's Wings R. Morgan²

(worship team)

Here I am waiting

Abide in me I pray

Here I am longing for You

Hide me in Your love

Bring me to my knees

May I know Jesus

More and more

(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 Mary Kate Sykes

Drew Hattie Bryan, daughter of Whitney and Will Bryan

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 attend Sunday School. Children going to Sunday School can be escorted by a parent to the Education Wing where parents can pick them up after the service in EW207.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

**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

You Are Good W. Jennings, S. Winwood³

Lord You are good
And Your mercy endureth forever
Lord You are good
And Your mercy endureth forever
People from every nation and tongue
From generation to generation
We worship You
Hallelujah hallelujah
We worship You for who You are
We worship You
Hallelujah hallelujah
We worship You for who You are
For You are good
Lord You are good
And Your mercy endureth forever
Lord You are good
And Your mercy endureth forever
People from every nation and tongue
From generation to generation
We worship You
Hallelujah hallelujah

We worship You for who You are
We worship You
Hallelujah hallelujah
We worship You for who You are
For You are good
So good so good
You are good all the time
All the time You are good

GOD’S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture Reading

Jonah 4:1-4 Old Testament, p. 811

Sermon

“Those Pesky Ninevites”Serenitye Taylor

Sermon Series: *Epic Tales*

*Song of Response

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord) J. Myrin, M. Redman⁴

(worship team and congregation)

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*Invitation and Benediction

**For I Know*R. Muchow⁵

(worship team and congregation)

Notes:

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Mary Kate Sykes, pastoral resident, education
Serenity 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), Katrina Heath (vocals), LaVita Hill (vocals), Cheryl Hoover (bass guitar and vocals), Mollie James (vocals), Phil Koonce (electric guitar), Phil Lyew (saxophone), Jessica Moss (vocals), Ben Thomas (keys), Tameka Thomas (vocals)

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the Bryan Family

grandarents: Laura and David Bryan of Birmingham, AL, and Kim and John Broten of Charlotte, NC
Beth Koonce stands as Elder with the Bryan family.

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.

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 Rosie Strawn, Communications Manager, at Rosie.Strawn@covenantpresby.org.



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CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (As of July 16)

Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Gray and Abbie Henderson Cherry on the
birth of Knox Edward on July 11.

Allison and Josh Kieb on the baptism of their son
Grey Alan Kieb today at 11:00 a.m.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Daniel Presa

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Mary Jane Ramsey
December 9, 1937 - July 15, 2025

Jackson Gerard Benson, Jr
June 9, 1953 - July 8, 1925

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

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Lilli and Richard Gerardi and their family on the
death of his mother Joan Gerardi on July 3.

Mike and Cecelia Ramsey and their family on the death
of his mother Mary Jane Ramsey on July 15.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Edna Bacon, Donna Goodwin, Jim Leathers, Frank Mansfield, 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@Covenant-Presby.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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