



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, August 17, 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

What's Going On M. Gaye

Welcome and Call to Worship Courtney Shudak

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

**How Great Is Our God* C. Tomlin, E. Cash, and J. Reeves¹

**10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)*. J. Myrin, M. Redman²
(worship team and congregation)

**Prayer of Adoration*

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eagle's Wings. R. Morgan³

(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 Grace Lindvall

Charles Adams Rogers Jr., son of Grace and Charlie Rogers

John Russell Erskine Ruhl IV and Walker Davis Ruhl,
sons of Amy and Johnny Ruhl

³You are invited to rise in body or spirit

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
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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 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

All The People Said Amen T. Morgan, P. Moak, and M. Maher⁴
You are not alone if you are lonely
When you feel afraid you're not the only
We are all the same in need of mercy
To be forgiven and be free
It's all you got to lean on
But thank God it's all you need
And all the people said amen whoa
And all the people said amen
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends
And all the people said amen
If you're rich or poor well it don't matter
Weak or strong you know love is what we're after
We're all broken but we're all in this together
God knows we stumble and fall
And He so loved the world
He sent His son to save us all
Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart
Blessed are the people hungry for another start
For theirs is the kingdom the kingdom of God

ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Judges 4:1-9..... Old Testament, p. 210

Sermon

"A Fiery Woman"Katherine Kerr

Sermon Series: *Epic Tales of the Bible*

*Song of Response

Mighty To Save.....B. Fielding, R. Morgan⁵

(*worship team and congregation*)

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Invitation and Benediction

*Benediction Response

**For I Know*R. Muchow⁶

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Grace Lindvall, associate minister, education
Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational care
Courtney Shudak, pastoral resident, mission and outreach
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), Cheryl Hoover (bass guitar and vocals), Phil Koonce (electric guitar), Phil Lyew (saxophone), Ginny Magrath (vocals), Jessica Moss (vocals), Ben Thomas (keys), Tameka Thomas (vocals)

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the Rogers and Ruhl Families

grandparents: Julie and Doug Hammond of Charlotte; Robin and Mike Rogers of Charlotte; Leigh and John Ruhl of Asheville; aunts and uncles: Ann Rogers, Davis Hammond, Harrison Reeves, Elizabeth and Christopher Lee — all of Charlotte, Drew Hammond of Whispering Pines; great-aunts and uncles: Page and Rick Rogers, Lucy and Tim Rogers — all of Charlotte; cousin: Edie Hammond of Whispering Pines
Elders: Carson Peacock with the Rogers Family; Lee Grainger Kirk with the Ruhl Family

Flowers in the Sanctuary

Given to the glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of John Milton Childress, IV (Jack), son of Tori and John Childress by Carol Childress.

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



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CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (As of August 13)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

John and Tori Childress on the baptism of their
child John Milton IV today at 11:00 a.m.
Susan and Andrew Lawson on the birth of their
son Walker on August 11, 2025.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Joye Palmer

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Melanie Dawn Wright
June 7, 1963 - May 31, 2025

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

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Edna Bacon
Donna Goodwin
Frank Mansfield
Bucky Renner
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@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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