



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, August 24, 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

Gathering Music

1612 J. Stratton

Welcome and Announcements.....Mary Kate Sykes

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

*Praise.....B. Lake, C. Moore, C. Brown, P. Barrett, 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)

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

Time with Young Disciples..... Katherine Kerr

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.

Minute for Ministry
Imani Harper, Highland Renaissance Academy Principal
Karen Ely, The Epiphany School of Charlotte Principal

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts
You Are Good I. Houghton³
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
You are good all the time
All the time You are good
You are good all the time
All the time 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

GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-12Old Testament, p. 236

Sermon

“Here I Am - Still Learning to Listen ” Grace Lindvall

Sermon Series: Epic Tales of The Bible

*Song of Response

The Blessing S. Furtick, C. Brown, K. Jobe, C. Carnes⁴

(worship team and congregation)

*Blessing of the Backpacks

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

Grace Lindvall, associate minister, education
Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational care
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), Katrina Heath (vocals), LaVita Hill (vocals), Jessica Hindman (vocals), Cheryl Hoover (bass guitar and vocals), Phil Koonce (electric guitar), Ben Thomas (keys), Tameka Thomas (vocals)

Blessing of the Backpacks

As a new school year begins, we join together in prayer for God's blessing to go before and alongside our children. In both the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services today, we will celebrate our joyful tradition of the *Blessing of the Backpacks*. Children of Covenant are invited to bring their backpacks forward for a blessing, and we will also bless the backpacks being donated to our partner sites: Crossnore (Avery County), The Mezzanine, Charlotte Family Housing, and Highland Renaissance Academy.

Through your generosity, Covenant's supply drive collected enough supplies for 175 backpacks. Today, our children and youth will fill them during worship, and together as a congregation, we will pray over them at the close of each service. We give thanks for this tradition of sending our children—and these backpacks—into the year with love, prayer, and blessing.

Flowers in the Sanctuary

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Marilyn Hedgpeth.

Flowers in the Narthex

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Brenda Moricle.

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.



Giving a financial gift makes Covenant's programs and ministries possible. You are invited to give generously at www.covenantpresby.org/ways-to-give or by scanning the QR code to give online or by texting a dollar amount to 704-312-7616. We're grateful for your support.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (As of August 20)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO
Laura and John Beyer on the death of her father
Joseph Murray Turner on August 16.

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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