



To the Greater Glory of God
A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, August 3, 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

Gracious God, in the stillness of this moment, quiet my heart and mind and turn my attention wholly to you. Let the distractions of the week fall away so that I might gain a deeper awareness of your presence and find my center in your truth, grace, and peace. Amen.

Gathering Music

Love Train K. Gamble, L. Huff

Welcome and Announcements..... Katherine Kerr

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

**I Will Follow*..... C. Tomlin, J. Ingram, R. Morgan¹

**Who You Say I Am* B. Fielding, R. Morgan²

(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

Time with Young Disciples Serenitye Taylor

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

Made A Way T. Greene⁴

Made a way
Don't know how but you did it
Made a way
Standing here not knowing how we'll get through this test
But holding onto faith you know best
Nothing can catch you by surprise
You've got this figured out and you're watching us now
But when it looks as if we can't win
You wrap us in your arm and step in
And everything we need you supply
You got this in control
And now we know that
You made a way
When our backs were against the wall
And it looked as if it was over
You made a way
And we're standing here
Only because you made a way
You made a way
Now we're here
Looking back on where we come from
Because of you and nothing we've done
To deserve the love and mercy you've shown
But your grace was strong enough to pick us up
You move mountains
You cause walls to fall
With your power
Perform miracles
There is nothing that's impossible
And we're standing here
Only because you made a way
And we're standing here
Only because you made a way
You made a way
Don't know how but you did it
Made a way
And we're standing here
Only because you made

You move mountain
 You cause walls to fall
 You cause chains to break
 Giants fall
 ‘Cause you move mountain
 You move mountain
 And everything is easy for you
 ‘Cause you move mountain
 Yes you move mountain
 Mountains are moving
 Strongholds are breaking
 ‘Cause you move mountain
 You cause walls to fall
 With your power
 You perform miracles
 My son is breathing
 My son is living
 When the doctor said no, you said yes
 When they pronounced me dead, you said not yet, ah aha
 When they called me dead, you said not yet
 You perform miracles

GOD’S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture Reading

Esther 4:12-17 Old Testament, p. 425

Sermon

“For Such a Time as This?” Bob Henderson
 Sermon Series: *Epic Tales*

*Song of Response

Be Thou My Vision.....Public Domain
 (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

Bob Henderson, senior minister

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), Katrina Heath (vocals), LaVita Hill (vocals), Cheryl Hoover (bass guitar and vocals), Phil Koonce (acoustic guitar), Phil Lyew (saxophone), Ben Thomas (keys), Tameka Thomas (vocals)

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 30)

Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Judith and Justin Kanera on the birth of
their son Caleb Miles on July 21.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Eva Bender

Caitlin Collins (Archer)

Michelle and Bryan Kraak

Helen Pan (Alexander and Penelope)

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Brenda Coffey Moricle

January 14, 1941 - July 30, 2025

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

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Don Moricle, Dee Newton, Molli and Marty Bucher, and Julie Stanton-Ludden and their family on the death of Don's wife and Dee, Molli and Julie's mother Brenda Moricle on July 30.

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](https://ConnectandGrow.org) > 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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