



COVENANT

presbyterian church

*To the Greater Glory of God*

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
AND COMMUNION

Sunday, September 14, 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.

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## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music

*Nothing Is Impossible* . . . . . J. Hunt<sup>1</sup>

Through you I can do anything  
I can do all things  
'Cause it's you who gives me strength  
Nothing is impossible  
Through you blind eyes are open  
Strongholds are broken  
I am living by faith  
Nothing is impossible  
I'm not gonna live by what I see  
I'm not gonna live by what I feel  
Deep down I know that you're here with me  
And I know that you can do anything  
I believe I believe  
I believe I believe in you

Welcome and Call to Worship . . . . . Serenitye Taylor

## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

*\*Blessed Be Your Name* . . . . . B. Redman and M. Redman<sup>2</sup>  
(worship team and congregation)

\*Prayer of Adoration

## PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

*Eagle's Wings*. . . . . R. Morgan<sup>3</sup>  
(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 . . . . . Courtney Shudak

*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

Minute for Ministry . . . . .My Heart Knows

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

*There was Jesus* . . . . .Z. Williams<sup>4</sup>

Every time I tried  
To make it on my own  
Every time I tried  
To stand and start to fall  
And all those lonely roads  
That I have traveled on  
There was Jesus  
When the life I built  
Came crashing to the ground  
When the friends I had  
Were nowhere to be found  
I couldn't see it then  
But I can see it now  
There was Jesus  
In the waiting in the searching  
In the healing and the hurting  
Like a blessing buried  
In the broken pieces  
Every minute, every moment  
Where I've been  
And where I'm going  
Even when  
I didn't know it  
Or couldn't see it  
There was Jesus  
For this man who needs  
Amazing kind of grace  
For forgiveness at a price  
I couldn't pay  
I'm not perfect  
So I thank God every day  
There was Jesus  
In the fire in the flood  
There was Jesus  
Always is and always was

**ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Reading

Mark 8:11-26 . . . . .New Testament, p. 41

Sermon

"Discern: What Do You See?" . . . . .Bob Henderson  
Sermon Series: *Discern. Decide. Declare.*

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Invitation to The Lord's Table



Great Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.**

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

*You are invited to take communion by intinction. With the ushers’ guidance, please come down the center aisle, take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup, and return to your seat by the side aisle. Gluten-free bread is available at the center station. Those wishing to be served in the pew may signal an usher.*

Music at Communion

*Worthy Of It All*. . . . . D. Brymer and R. Hall<sup>5</sup>  
All the saints and angels  
They bow before Your throne  
All the elders cast their crowns  
Before the Lamb of God and sing  
You are worthy of it all  
You are worthy of it all  
For from You are all things  
And to You are all things  
You deserve the glory  
Day and night, night and day let incense arise

**GO IN GOD’S NAME**

\*Invitation and Benediction

\*Benediction Response

*\*For I Know* . . . . . R. Muchow<sup>6</sup>





# THE WORSHIP SERVICE

## Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister  
Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational care  
Courtney Shudak, pastoral resident, mission and outreach  
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), Jessica Hindman (vocals), Cheryl Hoover (bass guitar and vocals), Phil Koonce (electric guitar), 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](mailto: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](mailto:Rosie.Strawn@covenantpresby.org).



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**CONGREGATIONAL NOTES** (*As of September 10*)  
*Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:*

**CONGRATULATIONS TO**

Kelsey and David Pirie on the birth of their child  
Dawson George Pirie on September 3.  
Laura and Conor Starr on the birth of their child  
Elliot Michael Starr on August 31.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Domenica and Brian Barrett (Josie and CeCe)

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING**

Donna Goodwin  
Frank Mansfield  
Walker Morrison  
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](mailto: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](mailto: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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