



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 21, 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

Glorious Day K. Stanfill, S. Curran, J. Ingram, and J. Smith¹

I was buried beneath my shame
Who could carry that kind of weight
It was my tomb till I met You
Four on the floor
I was breathing but not alive
All my failures I tried to hide
It was my tomb till I met You
You called my name
And I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness
Into Your glorious day
You called my name
And I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness
Into Your glorious day
Now Your mercy has saved my soul
Now Your freedom is all I know
The old made new
Jesus when I met You
I needed rescue
My sin was heavy
But chains break at the weight of Your glory
I needed shelter
I was an orphan
But You call me a citizen of heaven
When I was broken
You were my healing
Your love is the air that I'm breathing
I have a future
My eyes are open

Welcome and Call to Worship Mary Kate Sykes

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

**Make Us One* C. Quilala, R. Jackson, R. Jackson, and J. Silverberg²
(worship team and congregation)

*Prayer of Adoration

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

Call to Confession

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

Prayer of Confession

Eagle's Wings..... R. Morgan³

(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 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.

Minute for Ministry

Roof AboveLiz Clasen-Kelly

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Lean On Me B. Withers⁴

Sometimes in our lives we all have pain
We all have sorrow
But if we are wise
We know that there's always tomorrow
Lean on me, when you're not strong
And I'll be your friend
I'll help you carry on
For it won't be long
'Til I'm gonna need
Somebody to lean on
Please swallow your pride
If I have things
you need to borrow
For no one can fill
those of your needs
That you don't let show
If there is a load
you have to bear
That you can't carry
I'm right up the road
I'll share your load
If you just call me
So just call on me brother, when you need a hand
We all need somebody to lean on
I just might have a problem that you'd understand
We all need somebody to lean on

ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Exodus 16:9-15..... Old Testament p. 60-61

Matthew 6:25-30 New Testament, p. 6

Sermon

“Default Perspective” Bob Henderson

Sermon Series: *Discern. Decide. Declare.*

*Song of Response

What A Beautiful NameB. Fielding, B. Ligertwood⁵

(*worship team and congregation*)

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Invitation and Benediction

*Benediction Response

**For I Know* R. Muchow⁶

All members are invited to stay seated for the Congregational Meeting at 10:30 a.m

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister
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

Jackson Daisley (electric guitar), Paul Fisher (drums),
LaVita Hill (vocals), Cheryl Hoover (bass guitar and vocals),
Phil Lyew (saxophone), Jessica Moss (vocals), 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 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 September 17)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Susan and Kevin McCarter

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Donna Goodwin

Frank Mansfield

Walker Morrison

Dottie Stowe

Mary Anne Tilley

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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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