



*To the Greater Glory of God*  
A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 28, 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

*Blessed Be Your Name* ..... B. Redman and M. Redman<sup>1</sup>

Blessed be Your name

In the land that is plentiful

Where Your streams of abundance flow

Blessed be Your name

When I'm found in the desert place

Though I walk through the wilderness

Blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll

Turn back to praise

When the darkness closes in Lord

Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name

When the sun's shining down on me

When the world's all as it should be

Blessed be Your name

On the road marked with suffering

Though there's pain in the offering

Blessed be Your name

You give and take away

My heart will choose to say

Lord blessed be Your name

Welcome and Call to Worship ..... Courtney Shudak

## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

*\*Come Now Is The Time To Worship* ..... B. Doerksen<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**

*\*You are invited to rise in body or spirit*

Assurance of Grace

Time with Young Disciples

*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 ..... Bob Henderson

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

Avery County ..... Ruth Shirley

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Front Porch ..... J. Williams<sup>4</sup>

There are no wrong roads  
And no window stays closed  
And love is always sad when it fades  
But glass is better stained anyway  
If never you find what you’re looking for  
Come on back to the front porch  
Say my name through the screen door  
Come on back to the front porch  
Whatever you’ve done, it doesn’t matter  
‘Cause darling we’re all a little splintered and battered  
But the light is on, what you waiting for?  
Come on back, come on back to the front porch  
We carved a story in these boards  
Watching life go back and forth  
You take it all for granted, then you leave  
And then it takes a while to realize what you need  
If never you find what you’re looking for  
Come on back to the front porch  
Say my name through the screen door  
Come on back to the front porch  
Whatever you’ve done, it doesn’t matter  
‘Cause darling we’re all a little splintered and battered  
But the light is on, what you waiting for?  
Come on back, come on back  
I took the long way  
Looking for the shortcut  
To find out that this place  
Was made of the best of  
If never you find what you’re looking for  
Come on back to the front porch  
Say my name through the screen door  
Come on back to the front porch

Whatever you've done, it doesn't matter  
'Cause darling we're all a little splintered and battered  
But the light is on, what you waiting for?  
Come on back, come on back  
Oh, come on back, come on back to the front porch

## ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

### Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:1-9 ..... New Testament, p. 187

### Sermon

"Decide and Declare" ..... Mary Kate Sykes  
Sermon Series: *Discern. Decide. Declare.*

### \*Song of Response

*Come Heal This Land* ..... R. Mark<sup>5</sup>  
(worship team and congregation)

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

### \*Invitation and Benediction

### \*Benediction Response

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

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Notes:

# THE WORSHIP SERVICE

## Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister  
Courtney Shudak, pastoral resident, mission and outreach  
Mary Kate Sykes, pastoral resident, education  
Ben Thomas, interim contemporary band leader  
Tameka Thomas, interim contemporary worship leader

## Sharing the Gifts of Music

Jackson Daisley (electric guitar), Jessica Hindmaan (vocals),  
Cheryl Hoover (bass guitar and vocals), Ben Thomas (keys),  
Tameka Thomas (vocals)

## Flowers in the Sanctuary

Given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of  
Sarah Lenox McKee and John Manchester.

## 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.

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**CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (As of September 24)**  
*Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:*

**CONGRATULATIONS TO**

Mary Clare and Alex Chinery on the birth of their child, Imogene Hart Chinery on September 18.  
Judith Crews and Justin Kanera on the occasion of the baptism of their son Caleb Miles Kanera today at 11:00 a.m.  
Evelyn and Johnny Kyger on the occasion of the baptism of their daughter Margaret Henson Kyger today at 11:00 a.m.

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING**

Donna Goodwin  
Frank Mansfield  
Walker Morrison  
Dottie Stowe  
Mary Ann Tilley

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