



Sunday, August 17, 2025

Please complete the Worship Response Card (WRC) in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate to express interest, submit a prayer request, update your contact information or to sign up for an opportunity.

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Kickoff Sunday with Blessing of the Backpacks

Next Sunday, August 24

Sign up to volunteer, bring desserts, or buy backpack supplies at covenantpresby.org/sunday-events

Join us for a joyful day as we launch into the new theme for the year and celebrate the Blessing of the Backpacks! Backpacks will be presented in the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship in the sanctuary.

Lunch & Fellowship 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Activities 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Kickoff activities include:

- ✦ Potluck lunch
- ✦ Live music by Ellie Morgan
- ✦ Games for all ages
- ✦ Bounce house fun
- ✦ Snow cones

Life Groups Begin Meeting in September

Life Groups are an expression of dynamic Christian community, in which groups of 5-15 individuals are nurtured in discipleship and in faith. Life Groups at Covenant resume and launch the first week of September and will meet for 6 consecutive weeks. We

hope you'll join us in study and conversation centered around discernment using a curriculum titled, "God's GPS: Finding Your Way With Faith." Write "Life Groups" on your WRC to learn more.

Habitat Volunteer Days

September 13, October 10, November 11

Whether you're helping with framing, painting, or other tasks, all skill levels are welcome. Habitat staff will provide direction and all necessary tools. Or support us by bringing lunch for the team. Write "Habitat" on your WRC to sign up.

Welcome Emily Floyd, our new Director of Traditional Music!

We are delighted to announce that Emily Floyd has joined Covenant as our new Director of Traditional Music. A graduate of Florida State University, Emily brings a wealth of experience from her leadership in churches including Shallowford Presbyterian in Atlanta and First Baptist of Asheville. She currently serves as President of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians and is a sought-after clinician in educational settings.

Emily writes, "I am already imagining first steps for my first weeks with you—hymns, anthems, coffee with church members, the first sounds that each choir will make, and new faces and names to learn.

I'm very much looking forward to being a part of the team!"

Her first day at Covenant will be Monday, August 25. Please join us in warmly welcoming Emily to Covenant!

Mission Trip Registration Ending

Details and registration at covenantpresby.org/service-trips-2025

Wednesday, September 3 will be the last day to register for the Civil Rights Pilgrimage on October 2 - 5, 2025.

Day Trips to Avery County

Wednesday, September 17

Meet in the Covenant parking lot at 7:00 am, carpool to Avery County, and be home after dark. We will work on a variety of projects including installing flooring, painting, and home repairs. All skill levels are welcome! Write "Avery County" on your WRC to sign up.

We're Hiring: Communications Manager

The Communications Manager will produce weekly bulletins and emails, maintain the content calendar, update the church website, and assist in other duties. Must be a detail-oriented team player able to manage multiple projects in a fast-paced, deadline-oriented office environment. For details, see covenantpresby.org/job-openings

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Sunday, August 31

There will be one worship service at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and no Sunday School. Children are always welcome in worship.

Childcare will be available for children under the age of five.

Beginning Sunday, September 7

8:45 a.m. Traditional Service in the Chapel

9:30 a.m. Contemporary Service in the Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Children and Youth Sunday School and Adult Faith Talks

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Family Service in the Fellowship Hall

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary