



# COVENANT

presbyterian church

*To the Greater Glory of God*

## A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 9, 2025

11:00 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

### PRELUDE

*Trumpet Tune in D* ..... C. Tambling

### INTROIT

*Love Has Broken Down the Wall* ..... M. Miller<sup>1</sup>

Love has broken down the wall.

Let us join our hearts as one.

Love has broken down the wall.

We're accepted as we are.

Through God's love, all is reconciled.

We're accepted as we are.

Cast aside your doubts and fears.

Peace and love freely offered here.

Cast aside your doubts and fears.

We will tear down the walls.

God has called us one and all.

Love has broken down the wall.

~Youth Singers; A.J. Harriss, solo~

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Katherine Kerr

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 263

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* ..... CORONATION

### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

## PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

### CHORAL CALL TO CONFESSION

*Search Me, O God* ..... SURSUM CORDA<sup>2</sup>

Search me, O God; search me and know my heart;

try me, O God; my mind and spirit try;

keep me from any path that gives you pain,

and lead me in the everlasting way.

### SILENT CONFESSION

### CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of our lives, in Jesus Christ you chose to enter into our humanity and be with us in our suffering. Yet we often choose the more expedient way so as to avoid pain and the less difficult way so as to avoid its burden. Our pursuit of comfort is greater than our striving after justice and righteousness. Thinking much of ourselves, we choose to think little of others. Forgive us, merciful God, and inform our choices with a holy indifference to ease and hardship, that we may be free to choose the way of Christ Jesus our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE

### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (*choir and congregation*)

*God's Mercies Are New Every Day* ..... G. Murphy

Choir: Continuous love that will never fail

**All: God's mercies are new ev'ry day.**

Choir: With God in my life sin cannot prevail

**All: God's mercies are new ev'ry day.**

ALL (REFRAIN):

**God is faithful, Like the morning sunrise;**

**God is faithful, God's mercies are new ev'ry day.**

**God's mercies are new ev'ry day. God's mercies are new ev'ry day.**

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

## ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM ..... Grace Lindvall

*Juliana Carr Masuda*, child of Jessica and Tyler Masuda

*Charles Purcell Thompson*, child of Eleanor and Drew Thompson

Baptism Response (*choir and congregation*)

*Children of the Heavenly Father* ..... Swedish Folk Tune

**Children of the heavenly Father, safely in God's bosom gather;**

**Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.**

**Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;**

**Unto them God's grace he showeth and their sorrows all God knoweth.**

## ANTHEM

*May God Bless Us and Keep Us* ..... K. Houts<sup>3</sup>

May God bless us and keep us as we go on our way,  
for we know that God loves us and guides us ev'ry day.

May we love and serve our family, our enemies, and our friends.

May God bless us and keep us 'til we meet again.

~ *Angelus, Chorister, and Jubilate Choirs* ~

## 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.*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Joshua 24: 14-15 ..... Old Testament, p. 206

Mark 1: 16-20 ..... New Testament, p. 33

## SERMON

"Decision Time" ..... Bob Henderson

Sermon Series: *Discern. Decide. Declare.*

## RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE 503

*Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation* ... O QUANTA QUALIA

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 ..... My Heart Knows

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Serve the Lord With Gladness ..... R. Dilworth<sup>4</sup>*  
*Refrain*  
*Serve the Lord. Serve the Lord with gladness.*  
*Serve Him with gladness.*  
*Come before His presence with singing, glorious singing.*  
*Praise the Lord, O praise ye the Lord.*  
*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*  
Know that the Lord is God: it is He that hath made us.  
We are the sheep of His pasture.  
*Refrain*  
Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and praise:  
give thanks and bless His name.  
Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures all creatures here below;  
Praise Him, above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
*Refrain*  
~ Covenant Choir ~

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GO IN GOD’S NAME

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN 726

*Will You Come and Follow Me ..... KELVINGROVE*

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Danish Amen ..... Anon. Danish*

\*POSTLUDE

*Solemn March, op. 74. .... P. Tchaikovsky*

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\*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

# THE WORSHIP SERVICE

## Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister  
Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational care  
Grace Lindvall, associate minister, education  
Emily Floyd, director of traditional music  
Cameryn Bost, interm children's choir director  
Lee Northcutt, guest organist  
Covenant Choir  
Katie Cornwell, carillon  
Henry Trexler, bass  
Ben Unger, piano

## Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the Masuda Family:

Sister: Evelyn; great-grandparent: Virginia Cochran of Fort Mill S.C.; grandparents: Lynne and Toby Carr of Charlotte, N.C.; great aunts and uncles: Cindy Carr of Newland, N.C., Lori and Kerry Hamilton of Fort Mill S.C., Leslie and Robert Westmoreland of Rock Hill, S.C. Kerry Hamilton stands as elder with the Masuda family.

## Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the Thompson Family:

Grandparents: Lucy and Nick Sojka of Laurinburg, N.C., Cathy and David Thompson of Charlotte, N.C.; aunts and uncles: Laura and Joe Sojka of Charlotte, N.C.; Emily Thompson of Silk Hope, N.C.; cousins: Hazel and Gracey of Silk Hope, N.C., Jack Purcell of Charlotte, N.C., Ashley, Kyle, Owen, Luke, and Davis Fletcher of Charlotte, N.C.

John McAlister stands as elder with the Thompson family.

## 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.

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 November 5*)  
*Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:*

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Maggie and Rich Richards on the birth of their  
child Margaret Evans on November 1.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Angie Baquedano and Jarrad Dickey  
Roberta and Brian Fox (Miriam, Anne, and Nick)  
Bettie and Danny Pleasant

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Frank Mansfield  
Dottie Stowe  
Mary Ann 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](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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