



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

Sunday, October 11, 2026

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 spaces with live video of the worship service are available in the Welcome Center and parlor. See an usher for assistance.

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## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

### PRELUDE

*Variations on Aurelia* . . . . . D. Bedard

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Cedric Lundy

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 14

*For The Beauty Of The Earth.* . . . . DIX

### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

## PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

### CHORAL CALL TO CONFESSION

*You, Lord Are In This Place.* . . . . K. Duke<sup>1</sup>

You, Lord, are in this place.

Your presence fills it.

Your presence is peace.

You, Lord, are in my life.

Your presence fills it.

Your presence is peace.

### SILENT CONFESSION

### CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God, we confess that we settle too easily into familiar patterns. We look for the worst in others instead of assuming the best. We choose easy answers that settle us rather than hard truths that challenge us. We choose hurry over wonder, hustle over grace, and being right over being righteous. Forgive us, O God. Soften our hearts and shape our lives. Help us slow down, pay attention to your presence, and live with grateful hearts. Turn us, yet again, toward your way, your will, and your wonder. In Christ we pray. Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF GRACE

### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 581 (choir and congregation)

*Gloria Patri.* . . . . . GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen, amen.

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

## ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

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.*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:12-17 ..... New Testament, p. 190

Luke 2:16-20 ..... New Testament, p. 55

## SERMON

"A Healthy Heart" ..... Grace Lindvall

*Sermon Series: Building What Matters*

## RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE 694

*Great God of Every Blessing* ..... AURELIA

## 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

Living Stones ..... Betsy Kite, Avery Watson

## OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*The Stranger's Guise* ..... K. Marroli<sup>2</sup>

We saw a stranger, a stranger yesterday.

We put food in the eating place, drink in the

drinking place, music in the listening place.

And with the sacred name, the sacred name of the Triune God,

he blessed us, and our house, and our cattle and our dear ones.

As the lark says in her song: "Often, often, often

goes the Christ in the stranger's guise."

We saw a stranger, a stranger yesterday.

Often, often, often goes the Christ in the stranger's guise!

~ Covenant Choir; Leigh Marsh, violin ~

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

**GO IN GOD’S NAME**

**\*CLOSING HYMN 700**

*I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me . . . . .I’M GONNA LIVE*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Postlude Gigue on DIX. . . . . D. Lasky*

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Notes:

# THE WORSHIP SERVICE

## Leading Worship this Morning

Grace Lindvall, associate minister, education  
Cedric Lundy, seminary intern  
Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational care  
Emily Floyd, director of traditional music  
Bryan Kraak, trumpet  
Dr. Catherine Hicks, organ  
Leigh Marsh, violin  
Covenant Choir  
Katie Cornwell, carillon

## Welcome Cedric Lundy

Cedric is in his final year at Union Presbyterian Seminary and brings experience in youth and community ministry, most recently serving as a Street Leader with UrbanPromise. He has also served in youth ministry at Calvary Church and Church at Charlotte, and he looks forward to learning and serving within a PC(USA) congregation. You'll see Cedric in worship, helping lead adult education opportunities, and getting to know folks across the congregation. A Michigan native, Cedric enjoys roasting coffee and cheering for the University of Michigan. He and his wife, Emma, are parents to Isla.

## 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.

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 Lacy King, Director of Communications, at [Lacy.King@covenantpresby.org](mailto:Lacy.King@covenantpresby.org).



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**CONGREGATIONAL NOTES** (*As of October 7*)  
*Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:*

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Eileen and Will Adams on the birth of their child

Julia Wynn Adams on September 29.

Lindsay Blanton and Charlie and English Blanton on the  
baptism of their child Anna Jane Blanton today at 9:30 a.m.

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Mary Murchison and John Murchison and their family on the death  
of Mary's brother and John's uncle Elwood Hartman on October 2.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Candace Carter-Johnson

Dottie Stowe

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