



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 18, 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.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

10,000 Reasons arr. P. Betcher

~ *Covenant Ringers* ~

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Katherine Kerr

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 20

All Things Bright and Beautiful ROYAL OAK

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

CHORAL CALL TO CONFESSION

You, Lord Are In This Place K. Duke¹

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)

Merciful God, time and time again, you walk toward us with grace and reach out to us with love. And yet, distracted by our fears, we do not always recognize your presence. Forgive us for allowing fear to shape our vision, skepticism to harden our hearts, and uncertainty to keep us from reaching toward you and one another. Remind us that you are faithful when our faith falters, and that your love does not waver when ours does. Take hold of us again, O God, and draw us toward the hope found in you. 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 Courtney Shudak

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.

ANTHEM

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me K. Lee Scott²

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;
and, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal.
and, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak.
Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;
help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;
and, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;
and, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity.
Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;
show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee;
separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good,
and whatever I can be give God who gave me thee.
Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;
help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee;
against all weapons hell can wield be thou my strength and shield;
let thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.

~ Covenant Choir ~

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14:22-36 New Testament, p. 15-16

SERMON

"You've Got This" Agnes Norfleet

Sermon Series: *Building What Matters*

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 729

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

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.

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Living Stones Susie and Brian Vincent

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty.....*L. Larson
~ *Covenant Ringers* ~

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness FAITHFULNESS

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty..... J. Walther

Notes:

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Agnes Norfleet, guest minister
Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational care
Courtney Shudak, pastoral resident, mission and outreach
Emily Floyd, director of traditional music
Dr. Catherine Hicks, interim organist
Covenant Ringers
Ben Unger, carillon
Emily Schauer, director, Covenant Ringers

Welcome Agnes Norfleet

Agnes Norfleet is a graduate of Davidson College, Union seminary in Richmond, and earned her Doctor of Ministry in bible and preaching from Columbia seminary. She served the Central and North Decatur Churches in Atlanta; Shandon Presbyterian in Columbia, SC, and retired last year as Senior Pastor at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church in Pennsylvania. Agnes retired and moved to Montreat with her husband Larry Arney, an architect whose career focused on affordable housing. They are proud parents of young adult sons, James and Winston.

Flowers in the Sanctuary

Given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Lauren Vandermore and Josh Little on October 17 in the Sanctuary.

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.

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.



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CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (*As of October 14*)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Lauren and John D'Ambrosio on the birth of their child
John Paul "JP" D'Ambrosio III on September 23.

Ally Teeples and Isaac Parker on the occasion
of their marriage on October 1.

Ellen Schubert and Tom Henry on the occasion of
their marriage in the Chapel on October 17.

Dani Brown and David Rekhtman on the occasion
of their marriage on October 17.

Lauren Vandermore and Josh Little on the occasion of
their marriage in the Sanctuary on October 17.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Charlie Dillon
Mallory Matheny

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Mindy and Don Upton and their family on the death of
her sister Lucinda (Cindy) Martin on October 8.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Candace Carter-Johnson
Dottie Stowe

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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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