



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND COMMUNION

Sunday, October 4, 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

Every Time I Feel the Spirit M. Kim

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Grace Lindvall

*OPENING HYMN 66

Every Time I Feel the Spirit PENTECOST
~ Refrain: congregation; Verses: soloist ~

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

CHORAL CALL TO CONFESSION

Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona South African Freedom Song¹
Hallelujah! We sing your praises;
all our hearts are filled with gladness.
Hallelujah! We sing your praises;
all our hearts are filled with gladness.
Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread.
I am wine, I am bread; give to all who thirst and hunger.
Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,
strong in faith free of doubt. Tell to all the joyful gospel.
~ Covenant Choir ~

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Mighty God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have considered ourselves better than others and believed we could save ourselves. We have been careless and sometimes cruel with what we have said. We have turned away from those in need and gathered more for ourselves than we could ever use. Forgive us, we pray, for how we have strayed from your will. Cleanse us from all unrighteousness and restore us to full and faithful relationship with you, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 587 (choir and congregation)

Alleluia! CELTIC ALLELUIA
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PASSING THE PEACE

ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES.....Mary Kate Sykes

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

Isaiah 58:5-12 Old Testament, p. 596-597

James 1:27 New Testament, p. 215

SERMON

“Fast Forward”Katherine Kerr

Sermon Series: *Building What Matters.*

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 300

*We Are One in the Spirit ...*THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

True Light.....K. Hampton²

This little light of mine. I'm gonna let it shine.

Almighty God is light. He lives in us as True Light.

In the beginning out of the darkness God created True Light.

He lives in us as True Light.

Almighty God is light. He lives in us as True Light.

Don't let the light that you've given me die, and don't desert my mind.

But let the one who serves you, praise you again

and again. He lives in us as True Light.

You are the one who judges right from wrong.

Your glory excites no envy.

But let the one who serves you praise you again and again.

He lives in us as True Light.

This little light of mine. I'm gonna let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I want the world to know,

God gave the world True Light!

Hold on to the True Light. I'm gonna let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I want the world to know

God gave the world True Light.

~ Covenant Choir; Lamar Davis, solo ~

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (responsive)
Liturgist: The Lord be with you;
People: **And also with you.**
Liturgist: Lift up your hearts;
People: **We lift them to the Lord**
Liturgist: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE
You are invited to take communion by intinction. With the ushers’ guidance, please come down the center aisle, take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup, and return to your seat by the side aisle. Gluten-free bread is available at the center station. Those wishing to be served in the pew may signal an usher.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION
Hear My Prayer.M. Hogan³
O Lord, please hear my prayer, in the mornin’ when I rise.
It’s your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.
O Lord, please hear my prayer; keep me safe within your arms.
It’s your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.
When my work on earth is done, and you come to take me home.
Just to know I’m bound for glory. And to hear you say well done.
Done with sin and sorrow, have mercy, mercy. Amen.
Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal arr. A. Parker⁴
Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore.
As I near those swollen waters with their deep and solemn roar.
Hallelujah, hallelujah praise the Lamb.
Hallelujah, hallelujah glory to the great I Am.
And my soul though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day,
passes quickly o’er those waters to the city far away.
Hallelujah, hallelujah praise the Lamb.
Hallelujah, hallelujah glory to the great I Am.
~ Covenant Choir ~

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*CLOSING HYMN 526
Let Us Talents and Tongues EmployLinstead
*BENEDICTION
*POSTLUDE
Fugue in F G. F. Handel

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Grace Lindvall, associate minister, education
Mary Kate Sykes, pastoral resident, education
Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational care
Emily Floyd, director of traditional music
Mark Glaeser, guest organist
Covenant Choir
Katie Cornwell, carillon

World Communion Sunday

On the first Sunday in October each year, Christians around the world celebrate World Communion Sunday. It is a day to commemorate our shared faith in Jesus Christ, and to recognize unity among all people who share the bread and cup of holy communion. We extend special thanks to the worship arts team for their creative contributions to the table.

Flowers in the Sanctuary

Given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Commander John H. Horne (USN) and Bailey O'Bagy on September 25 in Exuma, Bahamas by their 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 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 September 30*)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Richard Greene

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Rebecca DiSandro

Candace Carter-Johnson

Dottie Stowe

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Stay up to date by visiting covenantpresby.org/congregational-notes

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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