

COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A Service of Worship

Sunday, November 8, 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.

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 8, 2026
11:00 a.m.

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

Sicilienne . . . . . M.T. von Paradis

~ John Mooney, cello ~

Bell Peal in Eb . . . . . Traditional

~ Youth Ringers ~

Welcome And Call To Worship . . . . . Katherine Kerr

*Processional Hymn 667

"When Morning Gilds the Skies . . . . . LAUDES DOMINI

*Prayer of Adoration

Practices of Discipleship

Call to Confession

Musical Call to Confession

Speak, O Lord . . . . . arr. P. Bettcher

~ Youth Ringers ~

Corporate Prayer of Confession (unison)

We have become well practiced at the art of counting our blessings, O God, but you have invited us to do one thing more. You have blessed us, that we might be a blessing to others, and to the world. Forgive us when we have received your good gifts and have assumed they are ours to keep, when your grace was meant to inspire graciousness in us. Be at work in us, O God, stirring up in us the love and the compassion and extravagant generosity we saw in Jesus, that we might share in his holy work of healing the world, and in so doing, find our own great joy, to the glory of your name. Hear now the particular confessions of our hearts, as we gather in silence before your throne of grace.

Silent Confession

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 . . . . . Ed McLeod

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

Matthew 23:1-12 . . . . . New Testament, p. 24

II Corinthians 4:1-7 . . . . . New Testament, p. 169-170

Sermon

"Preaching is Easy" . . . . . Ed McLeod

Respond to God's Grace

***Hymn of Response 716**

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending . . . . . BEACH SPRING

Congregational Life and Concerns . . . . . Grace Lindvall

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 . . . . . Ed McLeod

Offering Ourselves And Our Gifts

Offertory Anthem

Be Thou My Vision . . . . . H. Sorenson[1]

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought by day and by night;
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
You shine in the night.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise.
Thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and Thou only the first in my heart,
Blessed Redeemer, my treasure Thou art!

High King of heaven, my victory won!
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

Still be my vision, still be my light.
Be Thou my vision, o Ruler of all.
Be Thou my Light when I walk through the night.
~ Youth Singers & Covenant Choir ~
~ Kate Pearson, violin; John Mooney, cello; Brenda Casciani, oboe ~

Prayer of Dedication

Go In God's Name

*Recessional Hymn 634

To God Be the Glory . . . . . TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*Benediction

*Postlude

To God Be the Glory . . . . . L. Larson

Notes:

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Ed McLeod, interim senior minister
Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational care
Grace Lindvall, associate minister, education
Emily Floyd, director of traditional music
Dr. Catherine Hicks, interim organist
Covenant Choir
Katie Cornwell, carillon
Jacquelyn McAbee, director of youth ringers

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 November 4)*

Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Heather and Marty Burch on the baptism of their child Shepherd Andrew Burch in the Sanctuary today at 9:30 a.m.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Linda Collins

Ginny and Mark Lawson

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Mary Ann Tilley
Elder
September 29, 1932 – November 3, 2026

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. - Revelation 14:13

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

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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