



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND COMMUNION

Sunday, August 2, 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

Sarabande from Suite in E-flat Major J.S. Bach
~ Jon Lewis, cello ~

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Serenity Taylor

*OPENING HYMN 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies LAUDES DOMINI

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

CHORAL CALL TO CONFESSION

Search Me, O God SURSUM CORDA¹
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)

Merciful God, who pardons all who truly repent and turn to you,
we humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved
you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with
you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving kindness.
In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a
clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast
us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore
to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain us with your bountiful
Spirit. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 587 (choir and congregation)

Alleluia! CELTIC ALLELUIA²
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PASSING THE PEACE

¹You are invited to rise in body or spirit

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

John 10:11-18 New Testament, p. 97-98

SERMON

"Good to the Core" Bob Henderson

Sermon Series: Encounters with Jesus

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service BEECHER

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus T. Manor³

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.

Underneath me, all around me is the current of thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore!

How he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;
How he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;
How for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of every love the best:
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me.
~ Summer Choir; Jon Lewis, cello ~

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy C. Hampton⁴

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.

There's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.

There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

There is welcome for the sinner, and a promised grace made good.

There is mercy with the Savior, there is healing in his blood.

There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this.

There is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

But we make this love too narrow by false limits of our own;

and we magnify its strictness with a zeal God will not own.

~ Summer Choir ~

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*CLOSING HYMN 770

I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table. WELCOME TABLE

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Onward, Ye Peoples. J. Sibelius

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister
Serenitye Taylor, associate minister, congregational life
Mary Kate Sykes, pastoral resident, education
Emily Floyd, director of traditional music
Lee Northcutt, guest organist
Summer Choir
Emily Reinicker, carillon

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, Communications Manager, at Lacy.King@covenantpresby.org.



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CONGREGATIONAL NOTES *(As of July 29)*

Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Charlotte and Richard Hunt on the birth of their
child Richard Frederick Hunt V on July 21.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Helen Davis Cathey
September 9, 1931- July 23, 2026

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

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Mari Ann Allen and her family on the death of
her father, Steve Christy on July 23.

Amy and Bill Cathey and their family on the death
of his mother, Helen Cathey on July 23.

Cathy and Jim Hamilton and their family on the death
of his mother, Sandra Hamilton on July 22.

Kathy and Buck Pressly and their family on the death
of his sister, Elizabeth Leigh Pressly on July 19.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Candace Carter-Johnson

Deloris Davis

Annabelle Dawson

Jim Leathers

Bucky Renner

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 Grace.Lindvall@CovenantPresby.org. A pastor remains on call for emergency situations (death, sudden hospitalizations, etc.). Please call 704-333-9071.

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