

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister
Grace Lindvall, associate minister, education
Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational care
Emily Floyd, director of traditional music
Dr. Catherine Hicks, interim organist
Summer Choir
Emily Reinicker, carillon

WELCOME TO COVENANT

We are happy that you are worshipping 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 August 26)*

Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

English Steele Tsumas and Charlie Blanton on the baptism of their child, Tatum Lynn Blanton on August 30, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Tony and Amber Brown and their family on the death of Tony’s father Danny Brown on August 24.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Candace Carter-Johnson
Deloris Davis
Bucky Renner
Dottie Stowe

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To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, August 30, 2026

11:00 a.m.

SANCTUARY

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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Sunday, August 30, 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

Suite de 3 moreaux, Op. 116, No. 1. B. Godard

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP. Grace Lindvall

*OPENING HYMN 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above MIT FREUDEN ZART

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

CHORAL CALL TO CONFESSION

For the Troubles and the Sufferings. . . PELAS DORES DESTE MUNDO¹

For the troubles and the sufferings of the world, God, we call upon your mercy; the whole creation’s laboring in pain!

Lend an ear to the rising cry for help from oppressed and hopeless people; Come! Hasten your salvation, healing love!

We pray for peace, the blessed peace that comes from making justice, to cover and embrace us. Have mercy, Lord!

We pray for power, the power that will sustain your people’s witness; until your Kingdom come, Kyrie Eleison.

~ Andrew Peters, Soloist; Summer Choir ~

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

L: God who meets us where we are—
there is nowhere we can go that you are not.

P: You were with Jesus at his baptism.
You were with him in the wilderness, and even in between you were there, saying aloud, “This is my Beloved.”

L: We know that you are with us too—in the good, the bad, and everything in between—but so often we act like we are alone.

P: Instead of coming to you with our hurt,
we hold it in or cast it onto others. Instead of coming to you with our joy, we credit ourselves and offer you nothing.

L: How can we long for a deeper relationship with you while living like you are nowhere to be found?

P: Forgive our self-centered ways. Remind us that in every breath, in every step, you are there.

L: You are the God who meets us where we are.

P: Before and behind, above and below, within and around. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 658 (choir and congregation)

God Is So Good. GOD IS SO GOOD

God is so good. God is so good.

God is so good. God is good to me.

*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.

ANTHEM

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need M. Wilberg²

My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name.

In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.

He brings my wandering spirit back, when I forsake his ways,

and leads me for his mercy’s sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay.

One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.

Thy hand in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread.

My cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; O may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise!

There would I find a settled rest while others go and come,

no more a stranger nor a guest; but like a child at home.

~ Summer Choir; Amy Orsinger Whitehead, flute; Jennifer Dior, flute ~

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 71:1–6 Old Testament, p. 503-504

L: In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

P: In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
incline your ear to me and save me.

L: Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.

P: Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

L: For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

P: Upon you I have leaned from my birth;
it was you who took me from my mother’s womb.
My praise is continually of you.

Luke 4:14-21. New Testament, p. 57

SERMON

“Fulfilled In Your Hearing” Bob Henderson

Sermon Series: Encounters with Jesus

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 824

Near to the Heart of God MC AFEE

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

Life Groups Walker Robinson

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Simple Gifts. M. Wilberg³

‘Tis the gift to be simple, ‘tis the gift to be free, ‘tis the gift to come down where you ought to be, and when you find yourselves in the place just right, ‘twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend we shan’t be ashamed. To turn, turn will be our delight, ‘til by turning, turning we come ‘round right.

‘Tis the gift to be simple, ‘tis the gift to be true, ‘tis the gift to labor ‘til the day is through. And when you find yourself in the place so fine, ‘twill be in the cool of the birch and the pine.

When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend we shan’t be ashamed. To turn, turn will be our delight, ‘til by turning, turning we come ‘round right.

‘Tis the gift to joyful, ‘tis the gift to be free, ‘tis the gift, ‘tis the gift, ‘tis the simple gift to be! And when you find yourself filled with pure delight, the gift to be simple has led you a-right.

When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend we shan’t be ashamed. To turn, turn will be our delight, ‘til by turning, turning we come ‘round right.

~ Summer Choir; Jennifer Dior, piccolo; Amy Orsinger Whitehead, flute ~

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*CLOSING HYMN 819

Be Still, My Soul FINLANDIA

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Tuba Tune in D C.S. Lang