



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 13, 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

Gabriel's Oboe E. Morricone

*DOXOLOGY 606

**Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF ADORATION Courtney Shudak

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 401

**Gather Us In* GATHER US IN

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

CHORAL CALL TO CONFESSION

Spirit of the Living God LIVING GOD¹

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

~ Covenant Choir ~

SILENT CONFESSION Katherine Kerr

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, our mouths sing praise for the gift of this new day
and for your abundant gifts. Yet we confess to singing other words
as well, words of doubt, fear, shame, and even vengeance.

Forgive us, we pray. Repair our brokenness, restore our wholeness,
and set us on the way to life, making praise our very breath, and
love our singular path. Through Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (*choir and congregation*)

God Is So Good GOD IS SO GOOD²

God is so good. God is so good.

God is so good. God's so good to me.

*PASSING THE PEACE

ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Serenity Taylor

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

The Lord is My Shepherd..... J. Rutter³
~ Covenant Choir; Delaine Leonard, harp; Teil Talisein, oboe ~

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 1:3-11 New Testament, p. 185

SERMON

“Keeping It Simple” Bob Henderson
Sermon Series: *Building What Matters*

RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 100

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout .. STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

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

Liz Clasen-Kelly Roof Above

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Love..... E. Hagenberg⁴
O love, O love, O love that will not let me go,
O love, I rest my weary soul in thee.
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thy ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.
O joy, O joy, O joy that seeks me through the pain,
O joy, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain.
That morn shall tearless be.
O love, O love, O love that will not let me go.
O love, I rest my weary soul in thee.
I give thee back the life I owe,
and in thy ocean depths its flow
shall richer, fuller be.
That morn shall tearless be.
O love, that will not let me go.
~ Covenant Choir ~

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*CLOSING HYMN 432

How Clear Is Our Vocation, LordREPTON

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

You Can’t Always Get What You Want M. Jagger, K. Richards

Please join us in the Sanctuary at 12:20 p.m. today as we celebrate Bob Henderson’s ministry and retirement. Light refreshments will be available in the Narthex before the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

After the program, we’ll gather for a buffet lunch in the Welcome Center, with tables available throughout the campus. All are welcome!

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister
Courtney Shudak, pastoral resident, mission and outreach
Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational care
Serenitye Taylor, associate minister, congregational life
Emily Floyd, director of traditional music
Mark Glaeser, guest organist
Covenant Choir
Katie Cornwell, carillon

Flowers in the Sanctuary

Given to the glory of God, in recognition of Bob Henderson's 38 years of ministry, including 18 years at Covenant, and with gratitude for Bob, Suzanne, and their family by Bright Stars of Bethlehem.

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 9)*

Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Will and Sayde Winn on the birth of their child

Robert Arthur Winn on September 6.

Sommer and Joseph Gaither on the baptism of their
child Collins Hunt Gaither today at 8:45 a.m.

Lucia Mulherin Palmer and John Wesley Gibson on the
baptism of their children Quinn McCoy Palmer-Gibson
and John David Palmer-Gibson today at 9:30 a.m.

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Donna Whitley on the death of her husband, and to
Farah Lisa and Thomas Walker and their family on the
death of her father, Kacem Sebti on September 8.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Candace Carter-Johnson

Deloris Davis

Rebecca DiSandro

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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