



To the Greater Glory of God
A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 20, 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

How Firm a Foundation R. Hobby

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Mary Kate Sykes

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 463

How Firm a Foundation FOUNDATION

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

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.

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, We want to trust you fully with our whole hearts,
and yet we sometimes fail to see what you are doing here and now,
in our midst. Forgive us when we doubt your power at work in our
lives and in this world. Forgive us when we create division out of
comfort. Forgive us when we hoard out of fear of the unknown.
Grant us grace for the journey ahead. Help us to hold firmly
to the foundations of our faith. As we hold up a mirror to our
brokenness, allow your Spirit to turn us around. May our gaze
remain fixed on the kingdom of God and on the work you have
called us to do. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (choir and congregation)

God Is So Good GOD IS SO GOOD

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM.....Mary Kate Sykes

Charlotte Catherine Comer, child of Carter and Mark Comer

Baptism Response (*choir and congregation*)

*Children of the Heavenly Father.....*Swedish Folk Tune

**Children of the heavenly Father, safely in God's bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge éer was given.**

**Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;
Unto them God's grace he showeth and their sorrows all God knoweth.**

ANTHEM

All Things Bright and BeautifulV. Hancock Wright²

All things bright and beautiful,
all things great and all things small,
all things wise and wonderful,
God our maker, created them all.

Each little flower that opens;
each little bird that sing;
God made their glowing colors.
God made their tiny wings.

God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God almighty,
who doeth all things well.

All things bright and beautiful,
all things great and all things small,
all things wise and wonderful,
God our maker created them all.

~ *Chorister Choir & Jubilate Choir* ~

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 3:1-6..... New Testament, p. 205-206

SERMON

"Like a Master Builder"Serenitye Taylor
Sermon Series: *Building What Matters*

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 838

Standing on the PromisesPROMISES

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND CONCERNS

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

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

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Lord is My Shepherd H. Goodall³
The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil.
For you are with me. You will comfort me.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
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Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
~ Covenant Choir ~

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 301

Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome) TWO OAKS

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Partita on “At the River” J. Spong

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Mary Kate Sykes, pastoral resident, education
Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational care
Serenitye Taylor, associate minister, congregational life
Emily Floyd, director of traditional music
Dr. Catherine Hicks, interim organist
Covenant Choir
Ben Unger, carillon

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the Comer Family

Brother: Miles; grandparents: Glenn and Mary Barnett of Richmond, VA, Bob and Colleen Comer of Conover, N.C.
Katie Coley stands as Elder with the Comer family.

Flowers in the Sanctuary

Given to the glory of God, and in thanksgiving for the ministry of Courtney Shudak.

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 September 16*)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Sarah and Chip Cromer (Cooper and Wyatt)
Sydney Slaven and Jack Voelker

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Rebecca DiSandro
Candace Carter-Johnson
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 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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