



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 17, 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

Sheep May Safely Graze J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Courtney Shudak

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 620

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven LAUDA ANIMA

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(adapted from "The Iona Community Worship Book")

Liturgist: Trusting in God's loving forgiveness, let us in silence confess our failings and acknowledge our part in the pain of the world.

Silence

Liturgist: Before God, with the people of God, I confess to turning away from God in the ways I wound my life, the lives of others and the life of the world.

All: May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

Liturgist: Amen.

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Liturgist: May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

All: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 587 *(choir and congregation)*

Alleluia! CELTIC ALLELUIA¹

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PASSING THE PEACE

ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Grace Lindvall

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

“I Have Other Sheep Not of this Fold...” Bob Henderson
Sermon Series: *The (Great) Commission in a Pluralistic World*

RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 187

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us BRADBURY

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Psalm 23

**The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

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.**

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Psalm 150 C. Franck

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
Oh praise ye the Lord, praise God in his temple,
Praise ye the Lord in the firmament of his power.
Oh praise him for his might, praise ye him for his mighty acts.
Oh praise him, oh praise him according to his majesty.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord with the lute and the harp.
Praise ye him with the timbrel, praise ye him with the dance,
praise him with the organ and stringed instruments.
Praise ye him, praise ye him upon the loud cymbals.
Praise ye him, praise ye him upon the high sounding cymbals.
Let everything that hath breath,
let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.
Oh, praise ye the Lord, praise God in his temple,
oh praise ye the Lord in the firmament of his power.

Oh praise him for his might. Praise ye him for his mighty acts.
Praise ye him, praise ye him according to his majesty.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord with the sound of the cymbals.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord with the lute and the harp.
Praise ye him with the timbrel. Oh praise ye the Lord. Hallelujah!
~ *Covenant Choir* ~

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***CLOSING HYMN 766**

The Church of Christ Cannot Be BoundMC KEE

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Fanfare..... J. Lemmens

Notes:

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister
Courtney Shudak, pastoral resident, mission and outreach
Grace Lindvall, associate minister, education
Emily Floyd, director of traditional music
Jane Cain, guest organist
Covenant Choir
Sherry Ward, carillon

Flowers in the Sanctuary

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Stephen F. Martin
by his family.

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.

Masks are optional in the sanctuary and 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 May 13)

Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Erin and Aaron Hines on the birth of their child

Laurel Eliza on May 10.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

2026 Quest Confirmation Class

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

John Murray Fadial

December 10, 1932 - May 13, 2026

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

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Jerusha Fadial and her family on the death of her husband Murray Fadial on May 13.

Walker and Robin Doermann and Art and Katie Howson and their family on the death of Walker and Art's mother Anne Curlee Howson on May 4.

Debbie and David Enna and their family on the death of Debbie's mother Phyllis Jacobson on April 30.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Loretta Brown

Candace Carter-Johnson

Helen Cathey

Deloris Davis

Jim Leathers

Carolyn Renner

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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