



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 31, 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

Celebration J. Mansfield

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP..... Mary Kate Sykes

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!..... DARWALL'S 148TH

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

CHORAL CALL TO CONFESSION 288

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)

**Holy God, hear our prayer:
for the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness;
for the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair
around us; for the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed
to persist; for the reconciliation of the world, whose division
condemns us; we pray for the courage to admit our fault,
the strength to amend our actions, and the hope that your grace
awaits us. Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 587 (*choir and congregation*)

Alleluia! CELTIC ALLELUIA²

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PASSING THE PEACE

ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM..... Mary Kate Sykes

Margaret Mae D'Ambrosio, child of Lauren and John D'Ambrosio

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.**

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. Children ages 6-11 are invited to The Gathering Place Room on the 2nd floor of the Education Wing. Children must be signed in/out by a parent/guardian.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 2:1-12 New Testament, p. 87

SERMON

“Party On” Bob Henderson

Sermon Series: *Encounters with Jesus*

RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 250**

In the Bulb There Is a Flower PROMISE

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

For Whom Shall We Pray E. Rentz³

For whom shall we pray with hope today,
though sunshine is veiled, though dreams delayed;
For light in the night through the dark and pain,
until the joy returns again?

For comfort and healing we pray today.
For God’s blessed peace all along the way.
For whom shall we pray God’s blessing and strength?

We pray for miracles to see you through.
For where two or three are gathered in the name of God,
the Spirit dwells and gently tethers.
Where two or three are gathered in the name of God,

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

the Spirit dwells and gently tethers our hearts
in love, in prayer, in praise, and unity.

For whom shall we pray with hope today,
that God's Holy Spirit will guide the way,
for light in the night, 'til light shines bright?

We pray for you.

We pray for you.

We pray for you.

~ *Covenant Choir* ~

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 744

Arise, Your Light Has Come FESTAL SONG

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Postlude on DARWALL'S 148th. C. Callahan

Notes:

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister
Mary Kate Sykes, pastoral resident, education
Serenity Taylor, associate minister, congregational life
Emily Floyd, director of traditional music
Sarah Abushakra, guest organist
Covenant Choir
Sherry Ward, carillon

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the D'Ambrosio Family

Grandparents: Roy & Tina Wiggins of Charlotte, N.C., John Sr. & Elizabeth D'Ambrosio of Bayport, N.Y.; great-grandmother: Margaret Bailey of Mooresville, N.C.; great uncle & aunt: Tom & Rachel Wiggins of Winston-Salem, N.C.; first cousins once removed: Douglas & Carrie Wiggins of Winston-Salem, N.C.; family friends: Les & Suzanne Grattan of Charlotte, N.C.
Jordan Schriefer stands as Elder with the D'Ambrosio family.

Flowers in the Sanctuary

Given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Menke Gray and Ben Mallicote.

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 May 27)

Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Jacqueline and Mark McAlister on the birth of their child Mary Elizabeth McAlister on May 25.

Menke Gray and Ben Mallicote on the occasion of their marriage on May 30 at Covenant.

NEW MEMBERS

Tommy Cirino

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Janet Page Gleeson

July 13, 1945 - May 28, 2026

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

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Loretta Brown

Candace Carter-Johnson

Helen Cathey

Annabelle Dawson

Deloris Davis

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](https://CovenantPresby.org), 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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