



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND COMMUNION

Sunday, June 7, 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.

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

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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

Be Thou My Vision H. Hopson

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Bob Henderson

*OPENING HYMN 509

All Who Hunger Gather Gladly HOLY MANNA

*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)

Holy God, you come to us in love over and over again, a love that seeks the lost, offers grace beyond measure, and makes all things new. Still, we cling to old habits. We hold tightly to what was meant to be shared. We try to earn the love that you freely give. We limit our imagination of what your love can do, settling for what feels practical rather than trusting the abundance of your grace. Forgive us, gracious God. Unleash us from the fear that keeps us from loving freely. Give us courage to be vessels of your grace in the world. Transform us by your love, that we might share it generously and receive it joyfully. In 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

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Mary Kate Sykes

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 15:12-17 New Testament, p. 103

SERMON

“No Greater Love” Grace Lindvall
Sermon Series: *Encounters with Jesus*

RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 754

Help Us Accept Each Other BARONITA

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Shine on Me W. James Abbingtion, Jr.³
I heard the voice of Jesus say
“Come unto me and rest. Lay down, thou weary one,
lay down thy head upon my breast.”
Refrain:
Shine on me, shine on me.
Let the light from the lighthouse shine on me.
Shine on me, shine on me.
Let the light from the lighthouse shine on me!
With pitying eyes the Prince of Peace beheld our helpless grief.
He saw, and oh, amazing love!
He came to our relief.
Refrain
Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind but now I see.
Refrain
~ *Covenant Choir; Lamar Davis, soloist* ~

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (responsive)

Liturgist: The Lord be with you;
People: And also with you.
Liturgist: Lift up your hearts;
People: We lift them to the Lord
Liturgist: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise...

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.**

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

You are invited to take communion by intinction. With the ushers' guidance, please come down the center aisle, take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup, and return to your seat by the side aisle. Gluten-free bread is available at the center station. Those wishing to be served in the pew may signal an usher.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Come, Let Us Eat B. Kwillia, L. Sateren⁴

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread;
Our Lord's body let us take together.

Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured;
Jesus' blood poured, let us drink together.
In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest;
in the presence of our Lord we gather.

~ *Covenant Choir; Emily Floyd, soloist* ~

Come Before the Table K. Marroli⁵

Come before the table, O come before the
table, O come before the Lord.

O come, come and share the love that makes us one.
O come, come with one spirit, come with
one hope, come with one song.

O come, come as you are, knowing we all belong.
Come and share the blessing, O come and share
the promise, O come and share the love.

O come, come with one mission, come with
one love, come with one voice.

Come all, all near and far, let all the world rejoice!
Come before the table, O come before the Lord!

Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, thee,
who at this blessed feast art pleased to be.

O come, come and share the love that makes us one.

~ *Covenant Choir* ~

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*CLOSING HYMN 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service BEECHER

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Toccata Giocosa G. Martin



THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister
Grace Lindvall, associate minister, education
Mary Kate Sykes, pastoral resident, education
Emily Floyd, director of traditional music
Sarah Abushakra, guest organist
Summer Choir
Ben Unger, carillon

Flowers in the Sanctuary

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Alexander Hamilton Cooke.

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 June 3)

Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Adelyn Anderson and Owen Lekki on the occasion of their marriage on June 6.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Alexandra Butler

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Beckett Nicholas Izzard

November 15, 2025 - June 1, 2026

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

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Anna Blair and Josh Izzard and their family on the death of their son, Beckett Nicholas Izzard on June 1.

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, 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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