



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 12, 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

Fantasy on "Pisgah" D. Wood

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Mary Kate Sykes

*OPENING HYMN 13

The Mighty God with Power Speaks KINGSFOLD

*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)

God of mercy and love, you call us to lives marked by grace, abundant in service, and overflowing with love. Yet too often we answer that call with fear, excuses, and pride. You invite us to love with intention and to remain open to the movement of your Spirit, but we cling to boundaries that divide, to habits that control, and to the comfort of what we know. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Open our eyes to recognize the signs of new life all around us. Lift us up by your mercy and give us the courage to walk boldly into the future, proclaiming your justice, extending your compassion, and sharing your love. In the name of 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

Gracie Rae Boster and Wesley Charles Boster, children of Emily and Kyle Boster

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 Courtney Shudak

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 5:1-15 New Testament, p. 90

SERMON

"Comfortably Numb"Serenitye Taylor

Sermon Series: *Encounters with Jesus*

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 792

There is a Balm in Gilead BALM IN GILEAD

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

Grant Us Thy Peace F. Mendelssohn³

Grant us Thy peace, almighty Lord,

Thou source of every blessing.

Feeble and frail, trust we Thy word,

All things in Thee possessing.

In Thee is our hope and safety

~ *Summer Choir* ~

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*CLOSING HYMN 796

We Come to You for Healing, LordLAND OF REST

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Hymn to Joy G. Young

Notes:

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Serenitye Taylor, associate minister, congregational life
Mary Kate Sykes, pastoral resident, education
Courtney Shudak, pastoral resident, mission and outreach
Lamar Davis, conductor
Linda McKechnie, guest organist
Summer Choir
Sherry Ward, carillon

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the Boster Family

Grandparents: Bob & Laura Dougherty of Cornelius, N.C., Perry & Tina Boster of Stafford, VA; aunts and uncles: Laura and Chase Boster of Ashburn, VA, Ryan Dougherty of Charlotte, N.C.; cousins: Luke and Noah Boster of Ashburn, VA; family friends: Eric, Elizabeth, Paige, Lillian, and Heidi Bolyard of Charlotte, N.C. Ellen Holloway stands as Elder with the Boster family.

WELCOME TO COVENANT

We are happy that you are worshipping 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 July 8)*

Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Loretta Brown

Candace Carter-Johnson

Helen Cathey

Deloris Davis

Annabelle Dawson

Jim Leathers

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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