



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Pentecost Sunday

May 24, 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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Sunday, May 24, 2026

11:00 a.m.

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

As the Deer arr. L. Goss
~ Bryan Kraak & Michelle Kraak, trumpet; Mark Glaeser, organ ~

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Serenity Taylor

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 280

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us EBENEZER

*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)

Gracious and Merciful God, we do not know how to pray as we ought. We know too well our constant failures. We are a divided people and often take sides. We step away when we could mend divisions; continue the controversy when we could bring peace, and harbor hurt when we could bring healing. Spirit of the Living God, sweep us into your loving embrace, so that trusting you, we might serve as agents of peace, unity and hope. Through Christ our living Lord, 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 Serenity Taylor

Mateo Levi Kraak, child of Michelle and Bryan Kraak

Kooper Timothy Brown, child of Jennifer Cain-Brown and Kavanaugh Brown

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 Serenitye 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.

ANTHEM

Jubilate Deo P. Anglea³

Jubilate Deo, ommis terra.

Servite Domino in laetitia;

Introite in conspectu ejus in exultatione.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

Serve the Lord with gladness;

come before his presence with a song.

Quoniam suavis est Dominus; in aeternum misericordia ejus,
et usque in generationem et generationem veritas ejus.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting;

and his truth endureth to all generations.

~ Covenant Choir ~

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20: 19-23 New Testament, p. 108-109

SERMON

“Just Breathe” Bob Henderson

Sermon Series: *The (Great) Commission in a Pluralistic World*

RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

ANTHEM

Earth Song F. Ticheli⁴

Sing, be, live, see...

This dark stormy hour, the wind it stirs.

The scorched earth cries out in vain.

O war and power, you blind and blur.

The torn heart cries out in pain,

But music and singing have been my refuge,

And music and singing shall be my light.

A light of song shining strong: alleluia!

Through darkness, pain, and strife,

I’ll sing, be, live, see, peace.

~ Covenant Choir ~

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.

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Let Everything. A. Thomas⁵
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary.
Praise him in the firmament of his power.
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
Praise Him for his mighty acts.
Praise Him for his excellent greatness.
Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet.
Praise Him with the psaltery and harp.
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
Praise Him. Praise the Lord.
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
~ *Covenant Choir* ~

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***RECESSIONAL HYMN 295**

Go to the World!. SINE NOMINE

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Jubilance R. Haan

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister
Serenitye Taylor, associate minister, congregational life
Emily Floyd, director of traditional music
Mark Glaeser, guest organist
Covenant Choir
Lorna Graves, carillon

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the Kraak Family

Grandparents: William and Jeanne Kraak of Black Mountain, N.C., Linda Adams and Charlie Schleevoigt of Sheboygan, W.I.; cousins: Jacob and McKenna Adams of Gastonia, N.C., Silas Kraak of Black Mountain, N.C.; uncle: Nate Kraak of Black Mountain, N.C.
Vince DiSandro stands as Elder with the Kraak family.

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the Brown Family

Brother: Kameron; grandmothers: Susan Cain of Charlotte, N.C., Jennifer Bell of Charlotte, N.C.; great grandmother: Cora Vincent-Hayes of Charlotte, N.C.; great aunt and uncle: Ric and Ruth Cain of Albemarle, N.C.; family friend: Alfredo Solis of Charlotte, N.C.
Gene Wood stands as Elder with the Brown 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.

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 20)

Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Mary Fletcher and Seth Mullikin on the birth of their child Johnston Walker Mullikin on May 13.

Caroline White and Greg McDonald on their marriage on May 23 in Charlotte, N.C.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Linda Lee Hall
Elder

September 21, 1947 - May 7, 2026

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

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Katherine and Bill Kerr and their family on the death of Katherine's father Alexander Hamilton Cooke on May 17.

Michelle and Locke Beatty and their family on the death of Michelle's mother Laura Earp on May 16.

Meghan and Steven McKee and their family on the death of Meghan's father Wayne Robinson on May 15.

Agnes and Bud Smith and their family on the death of Agnes' sister Wilma Horne Kilgo on May 14.

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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