



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, June 14, 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

In Christ There Is No East or West G. Martin

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Courtney Shudak

*OPENING HYMN 20

All Things Bright and Beautiful ROYAL OAK

*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.

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Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

We come before you this morning confessing our shortcomings and our sin. Called to be profligate in love, we choose a posture of self-protection. Invited to extend hospitality to the least and the lost, we opt for the ease of familiarity. Called to walk in the footsteps of the Prince of Peace, we cause conflict and choose war. Forgive us, we pray, for the myriad of ways we fall short. Remind us of your grace, renew us with your spirit and send us out again, so that we might be bearers of your light and love today and always. 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 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.

ANTHEM

Walk in the Light A. Thomas³

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light,
come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the light of the world.
Hark, the herald angels sing, Jesus the light of the world;
glory to the newborn king, Jesus the light of the world.
We'll walk in the light, beautiful light,
come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the light of the world.
Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace, Jesus the light of the world;
Christ the everlasting Lord, Jesus the light of the world.
We'll walk in the light, beautiful light,
come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the light of the world.

~ Covenant Choir ~

SCRIPTURE READING

John 3: 1-10 New Testament, p. 88

SERMON

"Nic at Night" Bob Henderson

Sermon Series: *Encounters with Jesus*

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 488

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry WATERLIFE

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

Lord of the Small. D. Forrest⁴

Praise to the Lord of the small, broken things,
who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing,
who loves the lame child and the wretch in the street,
who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet.
Praise to the Lord of the faint and afraid,
who girds them with courage and lends them his aid;
he pours out his spirit on vessels so weak
that the timid can serve and the silent can speak.
Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill,
who heals their afflictions and carries them

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

till they leave this tired frame and to paradise fly,
to never be sick, and never to die.
Praise Him all ye who yet live,
who've been given so much and can so little give.
Our frail, lisping praise God will never despise.
He sees his dear children through mercy-filled eyes.
~ Covenant Choir ~

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***RECESSIONAL HYMN 547**

Go My Children With My Blessing AR HYD Y NOS

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Rondo J. Bull

Notes:

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister
Courtney Shudak, pastoral resident, mission and outreach
Serenitye Taylor, associate minister, congregational life
Emily Floyd, director of traditional music
Sarah Abushakra guest organist
Covenant Choir
Katie Cornwell, carillon

Flowers in the Sanctuary

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sara Hannon and William H. Meanor by their family.

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Beckett Nicholas Izzard by his 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 June 10)*

Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Megan and Mike Comer on the baptism of their child
Elizabeth Maeve Comer today at 9:30 a.m.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Richard Whelan

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Rita Adams Simpson
Elder Emerita
January 14, 1928 - June 3, 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, 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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