



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, June 21, 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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty D. Bish

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Mary Kate Sykes

*OPENING HYMN 339

Lift Every Voice And Sing LIFT EVERY VOICE

*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 living water, you offer more — more life, more hope, more joy — than we could ever ask or imagine, and yet we negotiate for lesser things. Invited into paths of life, we long for certainty instead of truth, comfort instead of change. Forgive our incessant need to categorize and define, to divide and objectify. Renew in us the hope of faith that transcends difference and recognizes beauty in the other. Revive our parched souls with your living water. Refresh our dry spirits with a fresh outpouring of your love, and set us on the path of reconciliation with you and all people. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 587 (*choir and congregation*)

Alleluia! CELTIC ALLELUIA²

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PASSING THE PEACE

¹You are invited to rise in body or spirit

ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM.....Grace Lindvall

Henry Woods Jacobs, child of Jessica and Joseph Jacobs

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 DISCIPLESGrace Lindvall

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 4, selected verses New Testament, p. 89-90

SERMON

"The Infinite Courtesy of God"..... Bob Henderson
Sermon Series: *Encounters with Jesus*

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 450

Be Thou My Vision..... SLANE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITHfrom "A Declaration of Faith"

God created human beings with a need for community and with freedom to enter into it by responding to their Maker with grateful obedience and to one another with love and helpfulness. We believe that we have been created to relate to God and each other in freedom and responsibility. We may misuse our freedom and deny our responsibility by trying to live without God and other people or against God and other people. Yet we are still bound to them for our life and well-being, and intended for free and responsible fellowship with them. Since every human being is made for communion with God and others, we must treat no one with contempt. We are to respect and love all other people and ourselves as well.

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

A Prayer For Humility M. Patterson³

Mighty God and gentle Lamb, Lord of all creation,
how we long to know you.
How we long to serve you,
help us now to love you even more.
Give us humble hearts to praise you
and listening ears to hear your voice,
willing hands to serve you, thankful spirits to rejoice.
Lord of all, we adore you and we bring this prayer before you.
Create in us humble hearts.

When our thoughts turn proud, remind us of the grace you freely give.
When we lose our way, Lord find us. Draw us close to you again.
Give us humble hearts to praise you
and listening ears to hear your voice,
willing hands to serve you, thankful spirits to rejoice.
Lord of all, we adore you and we bring this prayer before you.
Create in us humble hearts. Amen.

~ *Summer Choir* ~

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GO IN GOD’S NAME

***CLOSING HYMN 834**

Precious Lord, Take My Hand PRECIOUS LORD

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Festival Toccata P. Fletcher

Notes:

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister
Mary Kate Sykes, pastoral resident, education
Grace Lindvall, associate minister, education
Emily Floyd, director of traditional music
Suzanne Lowry, guest organist
Summer Choir
Lorna Graves, carillon

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the Jacobs Family

Siblings: Olivia and James; grandparents: Claire and Paul Hockham,
Moira and Dwight Jacobs, all of Charlotte, N.C.
Tom Coley stands as Elder with the Jacobs 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 June 17)*

Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Kelly Warlich and Austin Butler (Kennedy)
Bailey Ham

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Loretta Brown
Candace Carter-Johnson
Helen Cathey
Deloris Davis
Annabelle Dawson
Susie Irwin
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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