



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 18, 2026

8:45 a.m.

CHAPEL

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 (ages 6 weeks to Kindergarten) is offered in the Education Wing. See an usher for assistance.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

This is My Father's World A. Jordan

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Grace Lindvall

*HYMN OF PRAISE 20

All Things Bright and Beautiful ROYAL OAK

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, time and time again, you walk toward us with grace and reach out to us with love. And yet, distracted by our fears, we do not always recognize your presence. Forgive us for allowing fear to shape our vision, skepticism to harden our hearts, and uncertainty to keep us from reaching toward you and one another. Remind us that you are faithful when our faith falters, and that your love does not waver when ours does. Take hold of us again, O God, and draw us toward the hope found in you. In Christ we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 587 (choir and congregation)

Alleluia! CELTIC ALLELUIA¹

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PASSING THE PEACE

COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

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.

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Living Stones Susie and Brian Vincent

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

How Great Thou Art S. Hine²

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds
thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee.
How great thou art! How great thou art!
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How great thou art! How great thou art!*

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him
to die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my burden
gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin.

Refrain

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble
adoration, and there proclaim, “My God, how great thou art!”

Refrain

~ Ally Teeples, soloist ~

ENCOUNTER GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14:22-36 New Testament, p. 15-16

SERMON

“Catching Calm” Mary Kate Sykes
Sermon Series: *Building What Matters*

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness FAITHFULNESS

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty J. Walther

Notes:

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Mary Kate Sykes, pastoral resident, education
Grace Lindvall, associate minister, education
Emily Floyd, director of traditional music
Dr. Catherine Hicks, interim organist

Flowers in the Chapel

Given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Ellen Schubert and Tom Henry on October 17 in the Chapel.

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. We will gladly host meetings in the Welcome Center upon request.

Assistive listening devices are available from the ushers.
Audio-induction hearing loops are installed in the chapel 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, Director of Communications, at Lacy.King@covenantpresby.org.



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CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (As of October 14)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Lauren and John D'Ambrosio on the birth of their child
John Paul "JP" D'Ambrosio III on September 23.

Ally Teeple and Isaac Parker on the occasion
of their marriage on October 1.

Ellen Schubert and Tom Henry on the occasion of
their marriage in the Chapel on October 17.

Dani Brown and David Rekhtman on the occasion
of their marriage on October 17.

Lauren Vandermore and Josh Little on the occasion of
their marriage in the Sanctuary on October 17.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Charlie Dillon
Mallory Matheny

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Mindy and Don Upton and their family on the death of
her sister Lucinda (Cindy) Martin on October 8.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Candace Carter-Johnson
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 Katherine.Kerr@CovenantPresby.org. A pastor remains on call for emergency situations (death, sudden hospitalizations, etc.). Please call 704-333-9071.

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