



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND COMMUNION

Sunday, October 4, 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

Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona South African Freedom Song¹
Hallelujah! We sing your praises;
all our hearts are filled with gladness.
Hallelujah! We sing your praises;
all our hearts are filled with gladness.
Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread.
I am wine, I am bread; give to all who thirst and hunger.
Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,
strong in faith free of doubt. Tell to all the joyful gospel.
~ Chapel Choir ~

Let Us Break Bread Together J. Carter

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP. Serenity Taylor

*HYMN OF PRAISE 66

Every Time I Feel the Spirit PENTECOST²
~ Refrain: congregation; Verses: soloist ~

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*SILENT CONFESSION

*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Mighty God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have considered ourselves better than others and believed we could save ourselves. We have been careless and sometimes cruel with what we have said. We have turned away from those in need and gathered more for ourselves than we could ever use. Forgive us, we pray, for how we have strayed from your will. Cleanse us from all unrighteousness and restore us to full and faithful relationship with you, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 587 (unison)

Alleluia! CELTIC ALLELUIA³
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PASSING THE PEACE

RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Hark, I Hear the Harps EternalA. Parker⁴
Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore.
As I near those swollen waters with their deep and solemn roar.
Hallelujah, hallelujah praise the Lamb.
Hallelujah, hallelujah glory to the great I Am.
And my soul though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day,
passes quickly o’er those waters to the city far away.
Hallelujah, hallelujah praise the Lamb.
Hallelujah, hallelujah glory to the great I Am.
~ Chapel Choir ~

ENCOUNTER GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 58:5-1 Old Testament, p. 596-597
James 1:27 New Testament, p. 215

SERMON

“Follow”Katherine Kerr
Sermon Series: *Building What Matters.*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

HYMN OF PREPARATION 526

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ LINSTEAD

1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
shout of joy: bread is bro - ken; the wine is poured;
Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard. Je - sus lives a - gain;
earth can breathe a - gain; pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (responsive)

Liturgist: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Liturgist: Lift up your hearts;

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Liturgist: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise...

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 306

Blest Be the Tie That Binds DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Notes:

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational care
Serenitye Taylor, associate minister, congregational life
Dr. Catherine Hicks, guest organist
Emily Floyd, director of traditional music
Chapel Choir

World Communion Sunday

On the first Sunday in October each year, Christians around the world celebrate World Communion Sunday. It is a day to commemorate our shared faith in Jesus Christ, and to recognize unity among all people who share the bread and cup of holy communion. We extend special thanks to the worship arts team for their creative contributions to the table.

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 September 30)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Richard Greene

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Rebecca DiSandro

Candace Carter-Johnson

Dottie Stowe

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Stay up to date by visiting covenantpresby.org/congregational-notes

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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