COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A Service of Worship and Communion

All Saints' Sunday

Sunday, November 1, 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

Welcome and Call To Worship . . . . . Mary Kate Sykes

*Hymn of Praise 326

For All The Saints . . . . . SINE NOMINE

*Prayer of Adoration

Practices of Discipleship

*Call To Confession

*Silent Confession

*Corporate Prayer of Confession (unison)

Gracious God, we reside in your presence, and yet too often we get carried away by worldly desires that cannot satisfy the longings of our hearts. We recall your promise of presence, both now and forever, and yet we are filled with anxiety about what tomorrow may bring. Bring us back to you. Restore us to your Spirit of peace and strengthen us for the work you have called us to do. Renew our minds and help us to chase after righteousness. May we never grow tired of the challenge placed before us: to love, to hope, and to live as resurrected children. It is in Christ's name that we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of Grace

*Congregational Response 587 (unison)

Alleluia! . . . . . CELTIC ALLELUIA[1]

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Passing The Peace

Community Concerns and Celebrations

Prayers of the People

Minute for Ministry

Living Stones . . . . . Alan Morrow

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Offertory Anthem

Agnus Dei (from Requiem) . . . . . G. Faurè[2]

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world:
O grant them rest forevermore.
Hear us, hear us, O Lamb of God:

we pray thee, Savior of all the world.
O grant them eternal rest.
Light perpetual shine upon them,
Lord, we pray: with all the saints in endless glory,
for thy tender mercy's sake.
With all the saints in endless glory,
for thy mercy's sake.
Rest eternal grant them, Lord our God, we pray to thee:
and light perpetual forever shine on them.
~ Chapel Choir ~

Encounter God's Word

Scripture Reading

1 John 3:1-3 . . . . . New Testament, p. 225

Rev 7:13-17 . . . . . New Testament, p. 235

Sermon

"Dwelling in the Promise" . . . . . Serenitye Taylor
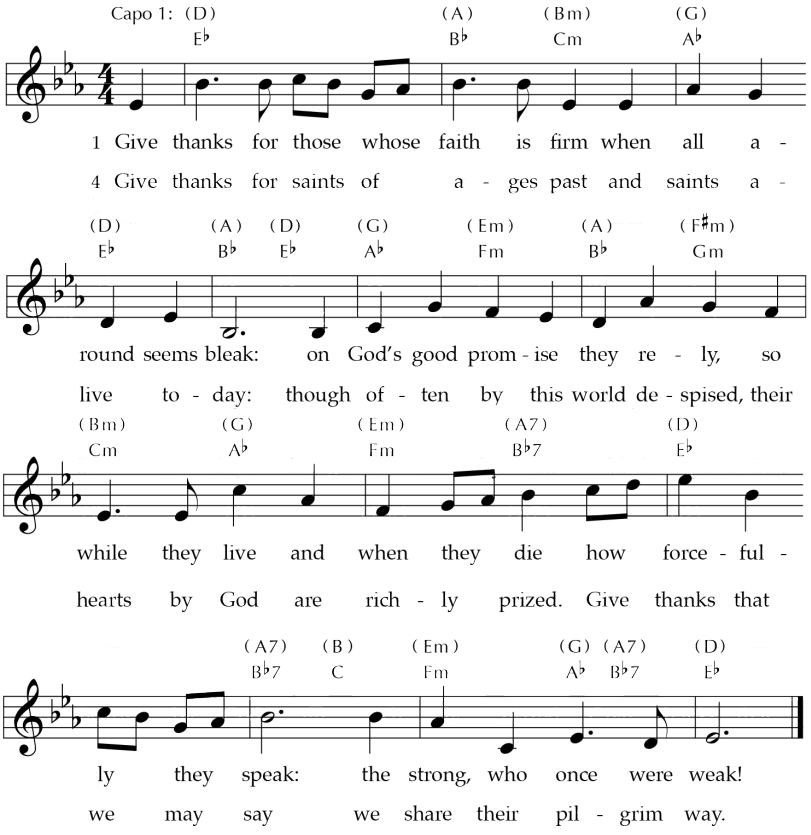
Sermon Series: *Building What Matters*

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Hymn of Preparation 731

Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith is Firm . . . . . REPTON



*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

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 and Time of Remembrance

You are invited to take communion by intinction and select a flower to put in the vase in memory of a loved one.

Go In God's Name

*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.

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Notes:

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Serenitye Taylor, associate minister, congregational life
Mary Kate Sykes, pastoral resident, education
Dr. Catherine Hicks, guest organist
Emily Floyd, director of traditional music
Lorna Graves, carillonneur
Chapel Choir

Flowers in the Chapel

All Saints' Day remembrance flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Covenant members who died in the last year.

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 28)*

Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Amaya and Michael Daly on the birth of their child Michael Cole Daly on October 19.

Olivia Bettis and Alex Mozingo on the occasion of their marriage in Chattanooga, TN on October 9.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Betsy Strowd

Ashley Grubbs

Nick Fischer

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Patricia Gilbert Herndon
October 30, 1950 - June 28, 2026

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

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Kaide Hardin and his family on the death of his brother Wildt Hardin on October 23.

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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