



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 10, 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

Variations on HYFRYDOL B. Price

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Katherine Kerr

*HYMN OF PRAISE 63

The Lord Is God AZMON

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, we come to you acknowledging the ways we have grieved your Spirit. Knowingly and unknowingly, we have acted without first seeking you. We have ignored and discounted the ways you show up in our lives, and we continue to be distracted by worldly desires and earthly gains. Have mercy on us, Lord. Restore to us an awareness of your Spirit. Remind us that the pleasures we are tempted by can never fully restore us. Slow us down. Help us to notice the signs of your grace and your power at work. In Christ's name 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.**

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

How Great Thou Art C. Courtney²

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
consider all the works 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!
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.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee:
how great Thou art! How great Thou art!
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!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee:
how great Thou art! How great Thou art!

~ Lauren Russell, soprano ~

ENCOUNTER GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 7:13-14 Old Testament, p. 598

Matthew 28:18-20 New Testament, p. 32

SERMON

“I Am With You” Serenitye Taylor
Sermon Series: *The (Great) Commission in a Pluralistic World*

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 298

Lord, You Give the Great Commission. ABBOT’S LEIGH

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Festive March in E Flat G.F. Handel

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Serenitye Taylor, associate minister, congregational life

Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational care

Emily Floyd, director of traditional music

Lee Northcutt, guest organist

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, Communications Manager, at Lacy.King@covenantpresby.org.



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CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (As of May 6)

Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Mary and Jon Sutton on the baptism of their child

Mark Francis Sutton today at 9:30 a.m.

Jessica and Joseph Jacobs on the birth of their
child Henry Jacobs on April 27.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Lauren and John D'Ambrosio (Maggie May)

Beth Mask and Michael Warden

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Susan and Kevin McCarter and their family on the death
of Kevin's father Harold Dean McCarter on May 3.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Candace Carter-Johnson

Helen Cathey

Deloris Davis

Murray Fadiel

Jim Leathers

Carolyn Renner

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 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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