



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 20, 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

How Firm a Foundation R. Hobby

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Grace Lindvall

*HYMN OF PRAISE 463

How Firm a Foundation FOUNDATION

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, We want to trust you fully with our whole hearts, and yet we sometimes fail to see what you are doing here and now, in our midst. Forgive us when we doubt your power at work in our lives and in this world. Forgive us when we create division out of comfort. Forgive us when we hoard out of fear of the unknown. Grant us grace for the journey ahead. Help us to hold firmly to the foundations of our faith. As we hold up a mirror to our brokenness, allow your Spirit to turn us around. May our gaze remain fixed on the kingdom of God and on the work you have called us to do. 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

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Alleluia from “Exultate, Jubilate” Mozart²
Alleluia
~ Chapel Choir; Lauren Russell, soprano ~

ENCOUNTER GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 3:1-6..... New Testament, p. 205-206

SERMON

“Like a Master Builder” Serenitye Taylor
Sermon Series: *Building What Matters*.

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 838

Standing on the Promises PROMISES

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Partita on “At the River” J. Spong

Notes:

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Grace Lindvall, associate minister, education
Serenitye Taylor, associate minister, congregational life
Emily Floyd, director of traditional music
Dr. Catherine Hicks, guest organist
Lauren Russell, soprano
Chapel Choir

WELCOME TO COVENANT

We are happy that you are worshipping 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.



Giving a financial gift makes Covenant's programs and ministries possible. You are invited to give generously at covenantpresby.org/ways-to-give or by scanning the QR code to give online or by texting a dollar amount to 704-312-7616. We're grateful for your support.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (As of September 16)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO
Carter and Mark Comer on the baptism of their child
Charlotte Catherine Comer today at 11:00 a.m.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
Sarah and Chip Cromer (Cooper and Wyatt)
Sydney Slaven and Jack Voelker

PRAYERS FOR HEALING
Rebecca DiSandro
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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