



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 17, 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

Sheep May Safely Graze J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Mary Kate Sykes

*HYMN OF PRAISE 620

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven LAUDA ANIMA

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(adapted from "The Iona Community Worship Book")

Liturgist: Trusting in God's loving forgiveness, let us in silence confess our failings and acknowledge our part in the pain of the world.

Silence

Liturgist: Before God, with the people of God, I confess to turning away from God in the ways I wound my life, the lives of others and the life of the world.

All: May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

Liturgist: Amen.

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Liturgist: May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

All: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 587 *(choir and congregation)*

Alleluia! CELTIC ALLELUIA¹

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM

The Road Home S. Paulus²

Tell me where is the road I can call my own,
that I left that I lost, so long ago?

All these years I have wandered oh when will I know
 there's a way there's a road that will lead me home?
 After wind, after rain, when the dark is done,
 as I wake from a dream in the gold of day,
 through the air there's a calling from far away,
 there's a voice I can hear that will lead me home.
 Rise up, follow me, come away is the call,
 with love in your heart as the only song,
 there is no such beauty as where you belong,
 rise up, follow me, I will lead you home.
 ~ East Mecklenburg High School Chamber Choir ~

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

Home By Another Road M. Miller³

You taught my heart what love can be,
 so I'm headed back home by another road.

I once was bound, but now am free,
 so I'm headed back home by another road.

The lights are on, the welcome warm,
 as we're headed back home by another road.

There's room for every person born
 as we're headed back home by another road.

Refrain:

*Join me now, the road is wide, all God's children side by side,
 where justice will shine and love abide,
 we're headed back home by another road,
 yes we're headed back home by another road.*

God's people on the move again,
 and we're headed back home by another road.

The power of love has made us kin,
 and we're headed back home by another road.

Refrain

Still worshipping, we're on the way,
 and we're headed back home by another road.

We'll hold each other's hearts this day,
 as we're headed back home by another road.

Refrain

~ East Mecklenburg High School Chamber Choir ~

ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:11-18 New Testament, p. 97-98

SERMON

"I Have Other Sheep Not of this Fold..." Bob Henderson
Sermon Series: *The (Great) Commission in a Pluralistic World*

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 187

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us BRADBURY

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Fanfare J. Lemmens

Notes:

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister

Mary Kate Sykes, pastoral resident, education

Emily Floyd, director of traditional music

East Mecklenburg High School Chamber Choir

Lamar David, director, East Mecklenburg High School Chamber Choir

Jane Cain, guest organist

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



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CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (As of May 13)

Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Erin and Aaron Hines on the birth of their child

Laurel Eliza on May 10.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

2026 Quest Confirmation Class

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

John Murray Fadial

December 10, 1932 - May 13, 2026

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

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Jerusha Fadial and her family on the death of her
husband Murray Fadial on May 13.

Walker and Robin Doermann and Art and Katie Howson
and their family on the death of Walker and Art's
mother Anne Curlee Howson on May 4.

Debbie and David Enna and their family on the death
of Debbie's mother Phyllis Jacobson on April 30.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Loretta Brown

Candace Carter-Johnson

Helen Cathey

Deloris Davis

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 Grace.Lindvall@covenantpresby.org. A pastor remains on call for emergency situations (death, sudden hospitalizations, etc.). Please call 704-333-9071.

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