



COVENANT

presbyterian church

*To the Greater Glory of God*

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 18, 2026

9:30 a.m.

SANCTUARY

*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 and children's programs (ages 6 weeks to fifth grade) are offered in the Education Wing. Infant soothing spaces with live video of the worship service are available in the Welcome Center and parlor. See an usher for assistance.*

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## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

### Gathering Music

*Unity Hymn* ..... M. Donehey, K. Pipkin<sup>1</sup>

Christ come have mercy on us  
Come and mend what we separate  
We are divided over things  
That are not Your heart  
Spirit come show us the way  
O Hallelujah Christ is with us  
In God we live  
And move and breathe  
So with this breath  
Inside our lungs now  
And forever we will sing  
We will sing  
Jesus we come for forgiveness  
We have surrendered  
To fears of our day  
Turning brothers and sisters  
To enemies  
Jesus we need Your grace  
Your love unites us  
Your love unites us Lord  
Oh what can separate us from

*Welcome and Call to Worship* ..... Serenity Taylor

## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

*\*Make Us One* ..... C. Quilala, R. Jackson, R. Jackson, J. Silverberg<sup>2</sup>  
(worship team and congregation)

*\*Prayer of Adoration*

## PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

*Call to Confession*

*Prayer of Confession*

*Eagle's Wings* ..... R. Morgan<sup>3</sup>

(worship team and congregation)

Come live in me, All my life take over  
Come breathe in me, And I will rise  
On eagle's wings

*\*You are invited to rise in body or spirit*

Assurance of Grace

Time with Young Disciples . . . . . Courtney Shudak  
*Following Time with Young Disciples, children are invited to remain in worship with their families or attend Sunday School. Children going to Sunday School should be accompanied by a parent/guardian to the Education Wing.*

Congregational Life and Concerns

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

Living Stones . . . . .Susie and Brian Vincent

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

*All My Mistakes . . . . . T. Lassen, J. Cohen, A. Ejsmont<sup>4</sup>*  
Who is to say who wins or who loses?  
I sing to myself at the end of the day  
When I know what the blues is  
All my mistakes have become masterpieces  
I was born in the goodness of grace  
Because of faith, because of courage  
Because of forgiveness  
All my mistakes have become masterpieces  
There comes a time  
You must stay in the moment while your heart’s still bleedin’  
There comes a time  
When you must walk away though your heart’s still beatin’

**ENCOUNTER GOD’S WORD**

Scripture Reading

Matthew 14:22-36 . . . . . New Testament, p. 15-16

Sermon

“You’ve Got This” . . . . . Agnes Norfleet  
Sermon Series: *Building What Matters*

\*Song of Response

*In Christ Alone. . . . . K. Getty, S. Townsend<sup>5</sup>*  
*(worship team and congregation)*

**GO IN GOD’S NAME**

\*Invitation and Benediction

\*Benediction Response

*\*For I Know . . . . . R. Muchow<sup>6</sup>*

# THE WORSHIP SERVICE

## Leading Worship this Morning

Agnes Norfleet, guest minister  
Serenity Taylor, associate minister, congregational life  
Courtney Shudak, pastoral resident, mission and outreach  
Jessica Borgnis, director of contemporary music and worship arts  
Ricko Hill, assistant director of contemporary worship and arts

## Sharing the Gifts of Music

Jessica Borgnis (piano and vocals), Lucas Arambula (bass guitar),  
Jackson Daisley (electric guitar), Paul Fisher (drums),  
Phyllis Fulton (vocals), LaVita Hill (vocals), Mollie James (vocals),  
Phil Koonce (acoustic and electric guitar, vocals), Brooke McCarthy  
(vocals).

## Welcome Agnes Norfleet

Agnes Norfleet is a graduate of Davidson College, Union seminary in Richmond, and earned her Doctor of Ministry in bible and preaching from Columbia seminary. She served the Central and North Decatur Churches in Atlanta; Shandon Presbyterian in Columbia, SC, and retired last year as Senior Pastor at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church in Pennsylvania. Agnes retired and moved to Montreat with her husband Larry Arney, an architect whose career focused on affordable housing. They are proud parents of young adult sons, James and Winston.

## Flowers in the Sanctuary

Given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Lauren Vandermore and Josh Little on October 17 in the Sanctuary.

## 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](mailto: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 sanctuary 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](mailto:Lacy.King@covenantpresby.org).



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**CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (As of October 14)**  
*Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:*

**CONGRATULATIONS TO**

Lauren and John D'Ambrosio on the birth of their child  
John Paul "JP" D'Ambrosio III on September 23.

Ally Teeples and Isaac Parker on the occasion  
of their marriage on October 1.

Ellen Schubert and Tom Henry on the occasion of  
their marriage in the Chapel on October 17.

Dani Brown and David Rekhtman on the occasion  
of their marriage on October 17.

Lauren Vandermore and Josh Little on the occasion of  
their marriage in the Sanctuary on October 17.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Charlie Dillon  
Mallory Matheny

**OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO**

Mindy and Don Upton and their family on the death of  
her sister Lucinda (Cindy) Martin on October 8.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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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