



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 25, 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.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music

Sweet Seasons C. King, T. Stern¹

Sometimes you win, sometimes you lose
And sometimes the blues get a hold of you
Oh, just when you thought you have made it
All around the block, people will talk (oh, people will talk)
I wanna give it all that I've got
I just don't want, I don't want to waste it
Talkin' 'bout sweet seasons on my mind
Sure does appeal to me
You know we can get there easily
Just like a sailboat sailin' on the sea
Sometimes you win, sometimes you lose
And most times you choose between the two
Ah, wonderin', wonderin' if you have made it
But I'll have some kids and make my plans
And I'll watch the seasons running away
And I'll build me a life in the open, a life in the country.

Welcome and Call to Worship Katherine Kerr

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

**Mighty To Save* B. Fielding, R. Morgan²
(worship team and congregation)

*Prayer of Adoration

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eagle's Wings R. Morgan³
(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

Assurance of Grace

Time with Young Disciples Mary Kate Sykes
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 StonesMeagan Lineberger

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Psalm 121 (I Lift My Eyes)K. Getty, J. Kauflin, M. Merker, M. Papa⁴

I lift my eyes up to the hills
From where does my help come?
My help comes from the Maker of
The heavens and the earth.
God does not let my foot be moved
And keeps my journey safe.
O my soul, praise the Lord most high
Strong to save, God upholds my life
Forevermore, God will be my light
I lift my eyes, up to the Lord most high
God is the shade at my right hand
My shelter in the storm
No sun by day, nor moon by night
Shall ever bring me harm
God does not slumber, does not sleep
And watches all my ways
I lift my eyes up to the hills
From where does my help come?
My help comes from the Maker of
The heavens and the earth.
The God of Israel is my guide
Wherever I may go
And in this strength I will abide
Until I make it home

ENCOUNTER GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading

Psalm 121 Old Testament, p. 539

Matthew 15:29-31 New Testament, p. 16

Sermon

“On the Ground”Agnes Norfleet
Sermon Series: *Building What Matters*

*Song of Response

Abide. J. Fauber, A. Keyes, A. Williams, D. Wilson⁵
(worship team and congregation)

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*Invitation and Benediction

*Benediction Response

**For I Know* R. Muchow⁶

Notes:

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Agnes Norfleet, guest minister

Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational care

Mary Kate Sykes, pastoral resident, education

Jessica Borgnis, director of contemporary music and worship 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), Phil Koonce (acoustic and electric guitar, vocals), Phil Lyew (saxophone), Ginny Magrath (vocals), Bill Saunders (trumpet, vocals), Amanda Shanks (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.

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 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.



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CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (As of October 21)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Cary Hall Titus

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Pat Viser on the death of her son and Marty Viser on the death of her brother Casey Viser on October 17.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Candace Carter-Johnson

Dottie Stowe

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Stay up to date by visiting covenantpresby.org/congregational-notes

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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