

COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A Service of Worship and Communion

All Saints' Sunday

Sunday, November 1, 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

Home . . . . . S. Bareilles[1]

I am one day older than my father was, than he ever got to be
I was 10 years old when I grew up, cause he died at 53
I stared across the great divide, at my mother who was left
The dinner table stretched oceans wide, like the hollow in our chests
I never asked hard questions, I thought they'd cause more pain
I hadn't yet learned life's holiest lesson:
"That what is broken cannot heal until it's known and loved by name"
So tell me your story, I'll tell you mine
You don't need to worry, everything's already alright
You'll be the universe, nothing to hide
Anywhere you ever need to go, I can carry us home
I was taught to bury with the dead the presence of my grief
I see it now, but didn't then, that silence is a thief
It made strangers out of friends
Robbed me of saving graces offered in unlikely places
I thought I could outrun it in the end
When a shattered heart is desperate,
the only respite is to let somebody in
When I speak his name, my voice gives out
Even after all these years
But I want my son to know now
So my son will see my tears, my son will see my tears.

Welcome and Call to Worship . . . . . Cedric Lundy

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

**For All The Saints* . . . . . W. Walsham How, R. Vaughan Williams[2]

(worship team and congregation)

*Prayer of Adoration

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eagle's Wings . . . . . R. Morgan[3]

(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 . . . . . Katherine Kerr

Following Time with Young Disciples, children are invited to remain in worship with their families or go to Childcare. Children going to Childcare should be accompanied by a parent/guardian to the first floor of the Education Wing. Children ages 6-11 are invited to The Gathering Place Room on the 2nd floor of the Education Wing. Children must be signed in/out by a parent/guardian.

Congregational Life and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Minute for Ministry

Living Stones . . . . . Alan Morrow

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Arlington . . . . . T. Mehta[4]

Where do you go little bird
When it snows
When the world turns to sleep
Do you know
Is there something in the wind
Breathes a chill in your heart and life in your wings
Does it whisper 'start again'
Where is the sun in the night
Is it cold
Does it feel left behind
All alone
Does it wander through the dark
Does it wait for the dawn, wish on a star
Does it stray very far
Where is your home restless wind
Is it there, is it here
Do you search for a place to belong
Search in vain, search in fear
Or is your spirit everywhere
Is your voice every tree
Your soul of the air
If there's no home is there no death

ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

1 John 3:1-3 . . . . . New Testament, p. 225

Rev 7:13-17 . . . . . New Testament, p. 235

Sermon

"Dwelling in the Promise" . . . . . Serenitye Taylor

Sermon Series: *Building What Matters*

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to The Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

You are invited to take communion by intinction and select a flower to put in the vase in memory of a loved one. With the ushers' guidance, please come down the center aisle, take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup, and return to your seat by the side aisle. Gluten-free bread is available at the center station. Those wishing to be served in the pew may signal an usher.

Music at Communion

We Will Feast In The House Of Zion . . . . . S. McCracken, J. Moore[5]

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more
We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord, our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up
In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning Oh how long
O God of Jacob, be my strength
Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the faithful One
and from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom

Shall We Gather At The River . . . . . R. Lowry[6]

Shall we gather at the river?
Where bright angel feet have trod
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God
Yes, we'll gather at the river
The beautiful, the beautiful river
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God
Soon we'll reach the shining river
Soon our pilgrimage will cease
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Invitation and Benediction

*Benediction Response

**For I Know* . . . . . R. Muchow[7]

*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
Cedric Lundy, seminary intern
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), Kelsey Arambula (vocals), Jackson Daisley (electric guitar), Paul Fisher (drums), Steve Johnstone (acoustic guitar), Phil Koonce (electric guitar), Zach Leitner (vocals), Ginny Magrath (vocals), Amanda Shanks (vocals), Dennis Spring (violin), Henry Trexler (bass guitar).

Flowers in the Sanctuary

All Saints' Day remembrance flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Covenant members who died in the last year.

Flowers in the Narthex

Given to the glory of God, in thanksgiving for and in memory of Cathryn Partlow Keith (November 1, 1922 – November 3, 1996), by her family.

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.

Giving a financial gift makes Covenant's programs and ministries possible. You are invited to give generously at www.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 October 28)*

Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Amaya and Michael Daly on the birth of their child Michael Cole Daly on October 19.

Olivia Bettis and Alex Mozingo on the occasion of their marriage in Chattanooga, TN on October 9.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Betsy Strowd

Ashley Grubbs

Nick Fischer

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Patricia Gilbert Herndon

October 30, 1950 - June 28, 2026

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

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Kaide Hardin and his family on the death of his brother Wildt Hardin on October 23.

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. 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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