COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A Service of Worship

Sunday, November 8, 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.

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Sunday, November 8, 2026
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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

House Of The Lord . . . . . J. Smith, P. Wickham[1]

We worship the God who was
We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors
He parted the raging sea
My God He holds the victory yeah
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise
We sing to the God who heals
We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
'Cause He hung up on that cross
Then He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away
('Cause) We were the beggars
Now we're royalty
We were the prisoners
Now we're running free
We are forgiven accepted
Redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise
There is joy in this house oh yeah
And we won't be quiet
We're gonna shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
We're gonna shout out Your praise
There is joy surely in this place
We won't be quiet
We shout Your praise
There is joy in this house today
We shout out Your praise

Welcome and Call to Worship . . . . . Katherine Kerr

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

**10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)*. . . . . J. Myrin, M. Redman[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

Sacrament of Baptism . . . . . Katherine Kerr

Shepherd Andrew Burch, child of Heather and Marty Burch

Children of the Heavenly Father. . . . . Public Domain

(worship team and congregation)

Children of the Heavenly Father
Safely in God's bosom gather
Nesting bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'r was given
Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord his children sever
Unto them God's grace to showeth
And their sorrows all God knoweth
How wide how long how high how deep
How endless is God's love for me
How wide how long how high how deep
How endless is God's love for me

Time with Young Disciples . . . . . Ed McLeod

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. . . . . Serenitye Taylor

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. . . . . Ed McLeod

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Wildflowers (Seek Ye First). . . . . O. Lane, J. Reeves[4]

Consider how the wildflowers grow
They do not spin or labor, still, I know
Even Solomon, in all his splendor was never
dressed as beautiful as these
They're here today, tomorrow, they are gone
But His love for you goes on and on and on
Don't fret about what lies ahead
Just lift your eyes to heaven, and you'll see
Oh, seek ye first the Kingdom of God
No need to fear or wonder what you'll eat
Just think about the ravens, how they feed
They do not sow or reap, but still our Father
keeps them safe within His hands
All of His peace, all of His goodness be added unto you
All of His mercy, all His forgiveness be added unto you
All of His love, all His provision be added unto you
All of His blessing, now and forever, be added unto you.

ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Matthew 23:1-12 . . . . . New Testament, p. 24

II Corinthians 4:1-7 . . . . . New Testament, p. 169-170

Sermon

"Preaching is Easy" . . . . . Ed McLeod

*Song of Response

The Blessing . . . . . S. Furtick, C. Brown, K. Jobe, C. Carnes[5]
(worship team and congregation)

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Invitation and Benediction

*Benediction Response

**For I Know* . . . . . R. Muchow[6]

Notes:

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Ed McLeod, interim senior minister
Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational care
Serenitye Taylor, associate minister, congregational life
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), Megan Comer (vocals), Jackson Daisley (electric guitar), Paul Fisher (drums), Phyllis Fulton (vocals), Cheryl Hoover (bass guitar and vocals), Phil Koonce (electric guitar), Phil Lyew (saxophone), Bill Saunders (mandolin, trumpet, vocals).

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the Burch Family

Sisters: Prentiss, Dryden, and Greer; grandparents: Lisa Hasty and Andrew Smith of Atlanta, GA; Deborah Burch of Durham, N.C.; aunts and uncles: Prentiss and Sam Yarborough of Charlotte, N.C., Ashley and Geoff Burch of Kernersville, N.C.; cousins: Annie Yarborough of Charlotte, N.C., Aubrey Burch of Kernersville, N.C., Walker, Robin, Teddy, and Neal Doermann, all of Charlotte, N.C. Ellen Henry stands as elder with the Burch 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.

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CONGREGATIONAL NOTES *(As of November 4)*
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
Linda Collins
Ginny and Mark Lawson

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Mary Ann Tilley
Elder
September 29, 1932 – November 3, 2026

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

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 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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