



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 26, 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

Alive Again J. Pankow¹

Yesterday I would not have believed
That tomorrow the sun would shine
Then one day you came into my life
I am alive again I am alive again
All the empty yesterdays have disappeared
Now that you have filled my life with love
No one else could ever mean so much to me
Every day my high lasts longer
As our love grows ever stronger
When you gave your love to me you changed my life
Dreams that once seemed hopeless come with ease
Thank you God for loving me the way I am
I would never want to leave You
All I live for is to love you
I'm feeling alive
I'm feeling alive again
Don't you know I'm feeling alive

Welcome and Call to Worship Serenity Taylor

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

**Across The Lands* S. Townend, K. Getty²
(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

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 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

Second ChancesG. A. Isakov, I. G. Isakov⁴
All of my heroes sit up straight
They stare at the ground
They radiate
Me, I’m mumbling in the kitchen for the sun to pay up
Lonely as a ring on a cold coffee cup
I’m some sick hound
Digging for bones
If it weren’t for second chances, we’d all be alone
My hands they were strangers lost in the night
Oh they’re waving around in the dusty light
I’m waiting in the wings while the trees undress
Cupping my ear to hear the wind confess
I’m a ghost in the garden
Scaring the crows
If it weren’t for second chances, we’d all be alone
I’m running from nothing, no thoughts in my mind
Oh my heart was all black
But I saw something shine
Thought that part was yours, but it might just be mine
I could share it with you, if you gave me the time
I’m all bloody knuckles, longing for home
If it weren’t for second chances, we’d all be alone
I’m a shot through the dark
I’m a black sinkhole
If it weren’t for second chances, we’d all be alone

ENCOUNTER GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading

John 11, selected verses New Testament, p. 98-99

Sermon

“Signs, Signs, Everywhere There’s Signs” Bob Henderson
Sermon Series: *Encounters with Jesus*

*Song of Response

Rise Up (Lazarus) E. Hulse, L. Cain, M. Cain, T. Cain, N. Schwarz⁵
(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

Bob Henderson, senior minister

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), Jackson Daisley (electric guitar), Paul Fisher (drums), LaVita Hill (vocals), Cheryl Hoover (bass guitar and vocals), Phil Koonce (electric guitar), Phil Lyew (saxophone), Bill Saunders (mandolin and vocals).

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



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CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (As of July 22)

Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Frank Weller Cassard Timson
August 25, 1938 - July 20, 2026

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

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Anne Walker and Tim Shelton on the death of Tim's
sister, Jane Rebecca Shelton, on July 18.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Loretta Brown
Candace Carter-Johnson
Helen Cathey
Deloris Davis
Annabelle Dawson
Jim Leathers
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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