



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND COMMUNION

Sunday, August 2, 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

Praise B. Lake, C. Moore, C. Brown, C. Carnes, P. Barrett, S. Furtick¹

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
I’ll praise in the valley, praise on the mountain
I’ll praise when I’m sure, praise when I’m doubting
I’ll praise when outnumbered, praise when surrounded
‘Cause praise is the waters my enemies drown in
As long as I’m breathing, I’ve got a reason to
Praise the Lord, oh my soul
Praise the Lord, oh my soul
I’ll praise when I feel it, and I’ll praise when I don’t
I’ll praise ‘cause I know, You’re still in control
‘Cause my praise is a weapon, it’s more than a sound
Oh, my praise is the shout that brings Jericho down
As long as I’m breathing, I’ve got a reason to
Praise the Lord, oh my soul
Praise the Lord, oh my soul
I won’t be quiet, my God is alive
So how could I keep it inside?
Praise the Lord, oh my soul
I’ll praise ‘cause You’re sovereign, praise ‘cause You reign
Praise ‘cause You rose and defeated the grave
I’ll praise ‘cause You’re faithful, praise ‘cause You’re true
Praise ‘cause there’s nobody greater than You

Welcome and Call to Worship Serenity Taylor

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

*House Of The Lord. P. Wickham and J. Smith²
(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 Courtney Shudak
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

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Still Waters L. Crawford, J. Gamble, J. M. Richards⁴

Great Aunt Maurine said at a hundred and three
Write scripture on your heart for when you need it
‘Cause anxiety hates Psalm 23
So just say it to yourself ‘til you believe it
And I’m feeling like I’m needing it right now
The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want
He leads me by still waters ‘til my fears are gone
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death
Oh, I know You are with me, my Father, my friend
Your goodness and mercy will follow me all of my days
I know by Your still waters, I’m safe
Lord, I believe You can set me at ease
Turn this broken piece in me to peace and quiet
I know there’s power in Your word
So I’ll say it over and over ‘til my soul’s reminded
Still waters run through any valley I could find
I’m laying fear down here at Heaven’s riverside
Your word has been true in every season of my life
I believe, yes, I believe still waters run through any valley I could find
I’m laying fear down here at Heaven’s riverside
Your word has been true in every season of my life
I believe, yes, I believe

ENCOUNTER GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading

John 10:11-18 New Testament, p. 97-98

Sermon

“Good to the Core” Bob Henderson
Sermon Series: *Encounters with Jesus*

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. 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

Trust In God. S. Furtick, C. Brown, B. Lake, M. Wong⁵

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine
He's been my fourth man in the fire, time after time
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood
And what He did for me on Calvary is more than enough
I trust in God, my Savior
The one who will never fail
He will never fail
I trust in God, my Savior
The one who will never fail
He will never fail
Perfect submission, all is at rest
I know the author of tomorrow has ordered my steps
So this is my story and this is my song
I'm praising my risen King and Savior all the day long
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered

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

Serenity Taylor, associate minister, congregational life

Courtney Shudak, pastoral resident, mission and outreach

Ricko Hill, assistant director of contemporary worship and arts

Sharing the Gifts of Music

Jackson Daisley (electric guitar), Paul Fisher (drums), Lois Frost (vocals), Katrina Heath (vocals), La Vita Hill (vocals), Cheryl Hoover (bass guitar and vocals), Eli James (keys), Phil Koonce (acoustic and electric guitar, 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.

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CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (As of July 29)

Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Charlotte and Richard Hunt on the birth of their
child Richard Frederick Hunt V on July 21.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Helen Davis Cathey
September 9, 1931- July 23, 2026

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

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Mari Ann Allen and her family on the death of
her father, Steve Christy on July 23.

Amy and Bill Cathey and their family on the death
of his mother, Helen Cathey on July 23.

Cathy and Jim Hamilton and their family on the death
of his mother, Sandra Hamilton on July 22.

Kathy and Buck Pressly and their family on the death
of his sister, Elizabeth Leigh Pressly on July 19.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Candace Carter-Johnson

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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