



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, August 9, 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

Hold To God's Unchanging Hand J. Wilson and F. L. Eiland¹

Time is filled with swift transition
Naught of Earth unmoved can stand
Build your hopes on things eternal
Hold to God's unchanging hand
Hold to God's unchanging hand,
hold to God's unchanging hand
Build your hopes on things eternal,
hold to God's unchanging hand
Trust in Him who will not leave you
Whatsoever years may bring
If by earthly friends forsaken
Still more closely to Him cling
Covet not this world's vain riches
That so rapidly decay
Seek to gain the Heavenly treasures
They will never pass away
When your journey is completed
If to God you have been true
Fair and bright the home in Glory
Your enraptured soul will view

Welcome and Call to Worship Bob Henderson

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

**Come Thou Fount* Robert Robinson, arr. Worship Circle²
(worship team and congregation)

*Prayer of Adoration

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

Call to Confession. Courtney Shudak

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 DisciplesGrace Lindvall
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.

Wherever I Go E. Holcomb, N. Dugger, B. Bannister⁴
God's going with me (God's going with me)
He's right beside me (He's right beside me)
Oh how He loves me (Oh how He loves me)
From my head to my toes
God's going with me (God's going with me)
And He's never gonna leave me
(And he's never gonna leave me)
And I don't ever have to walk alone
'Cause God is with me wherever I go
It doesn't matter if I'm high or low
No it doesn't matter if I'm fast or slow
God's always got me in the palm of His hand
Nothing I'm scared of is scary to Him
So I can climb any mountain (climb any mountain)
Or go down low to the valley
(Go down low to the valley)
(No) It doesn't matter if I'm high or low
'Cause God is with me wherever I go

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

Psalm 46 J. Turnbough⁵
The mountains may sink down into the raging sea
The earth and all its powers may give way
God is our hiding place; God is our rock of strength
So o'er the roaring waters we will say
There is a help in time of trouble; there is a hope that is near
There is a purpose in the rubble so we stand without fear
There is a stream through Zion running; God is there, God is there
The Lord of hosts is with his people everywhere
The nations ever rage; the kingdoms rise and fall
And history's greatest forces fade away
The God of Jacob speaks and granite melts like wax
But for his groaning people, morning breaks
Be still, be still, be still and know that He is God, that He is God
Be still, be still, be still and know He will be praised in all the earth
Come see what God has done; the works his hands have wrought

And know the night is brighter than it seems
Creation's darkest hour has met its brightest dawn
And now the Son is risen to redeem

ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

John 14: 1-7..... New Testament, p. 102

Sermon

"The Anatomy of a Closing" Mary Kate Sykes

Sermon Series: *Encounters with Jesus*

*Song of Response

Lord I Need You..... Reeves, Stanfill, Maher, Nockels, Carson⁶

(worship team and congregation)

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Invitation and Benediction

*Benediction Response

**For I Know* R. Muchow⁷

Notes:

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister

Mary Kate Sykes, pastoral resident, education

Courtney Shudak, pastoral resident, mission and outreach

Grace Lindvall, associate minister, education

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), Cheryl Hoover (bass guitar and vocals), Phil Koonce (electric guitar and vocals), Jamie Patrick (vocals), Lange Patrick (vocals), Brynn Turnbough (vocals), Emily Turnbough (vocals), Jonathan Turnbough (vocals), Kimberlee Turnbough (vocals), Nate Turnbough (vocals).

Flowers in the Sanctuary

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Helen Davis Cathey by her family.

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 August 5)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO
Amelia and Ben Petitto on the baptism of their child
Beatrice Ann Petitto today at 11:00 a.m.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Candace Carter-Johnson
Deloris Davis
Annabelle Dawson
Bucky Renner
Dottie Stowe

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