



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 13, 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

Nothing But Love T. Booth, J. Glennie, L. Gott, M. Hunter, S. Davies¹

Nothing but love gives the world some meaning

Nothing but love is the drug of healing

Lover be soft, lover be bold

Earthquake, avalanche, volcano

Nothing but love

I've got nothing but love

Nothing but love stops the mind from grinding

Nothing but love flushes hearts from hiding

Deeper we dive, nowhere to hide

Earthquake, avalanche and goodbye

Nothing but love fills the hole I'm hiding

Nothing but love from the well we're drinking

Into the highs deal with the lows

Earthquake, avalanche, volcano

For all, there's no answers only dancers

For all, love me now, I'll pay the cost

When It's All Been Said And Done J. Cowan²

When it's all been said and done

There is just one thing that matters

Did I do my best to live for truth

Did I live my life for You

When it's all been said and done

All my treasures will mean nothing

Only what I've done for love's reward

Will stand the test of time

Lord Your mercy is so great

That You look beyond our weakness

And find purest gold in miry clay

Making sinners into saints

I will always sing Your praise

Here on earth and ever after

For You've shown me Heaven's my true home

When it's all been said and done

You're my life when life is gone.

Welcome and Call to Worship Mary Kate Sykes

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

**Revelation 19* J. La Valley³

(worship team and congregation)

**Prayer of Adoration*

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

Call to Confession Grace Lindvall

Prayer of Confession

Eagle's Wings. R. Morgan⁴

(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 Grace Lindvall

*Quinn McCoy Palmer-Gibson and John David Palmer-Gibson,
children of Lucia Mulherin Palmer and John Wesley Gibson.*

Children of the Heavenly Father. Public Domain

(worship team and congregation)

Children of the Heavenly Father

Safely in God's bosom gather

Nestling 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 Serenity Taylor

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.

Minute for Ministry

Liz Clasen-Kelly Roof Above

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Three Little Birds B. Marley⁵

Don't worry about a thing,

'Cause every little thing gonna be all right.

Singin': Don't worry about a thing,
'Cause every little thing gonna be all right
Rise up this mornin', smile with the risin' sun,
Three little birds
Pitch by my doorstep
Singin' sweet songs
Of melodies pure and true,
Sayin: "This is my message to you"
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ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Philippians 1:3-11 New Testament, p. 185

Sermon

"Keeping It Simple" Bob Henderson
Sermon Series: *Building What Matters*

*Song of Response

To The Ends Of The Earth. J. Houston and M. Sampson⁶
(worship team and congregation)

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Invitation and Benediction

*Benediction Response

**For I Know* R. Muchow⁷

Please join us in the Sanctuary at 12:20 p.m. today as we celebrate Bob Henderson's ministry and retirement. Light refreshments will be available in the Narthex before the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

After the program, we'll gather for a buffet lunch in the Welcome Center, with tables available throughout the campus. All are welcome!

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister

Mary Kate Sykes, pastoral resident, education

Grace Lindvall, associate minister, education

Serenity 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), Flay Blalock (acoustic guitar and vocals), Amber Brown (vocals), Megan Comer (vocals), Jackson Daisley (electric guitar), Paul Fisher (drums), Phyllis Fulton (vocals), Daniel Heath (vocals), Katrina Heath (vocals), LaVita Hill (vocals), Ricko Hill (vocals), Ariana Hindman (vocals), Jessica Hindman (vocals), Cheryl Hoover (bass guitar and vocals), Mollie James (vocals), Phil Koonce (acoustic guitar, electric guitar and vocals), Anne Lafferty (flute), Noelle Lewis (vocals), Ginny Magrath (vocals), Leigh Marsh (violin), Syl Potter (vocals), Jolene Powell (vocals), Christi Pringle (vocals), Kym Randall (vocals), Bill Saunders (mandolin, trumpet and vocals), Ben Thomas (keys), Tameka Thomas (vocals), Henry Trexler (upright bass), John Watson (vocals), Shea Watts (acoustic guitar and vocals).

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the Palmer-Gibson Family

Grandmother: Joye Palmer of Charlotte, N.C.; step-grandmother and grandfather: Cathy Cartledge of Charlotte, N.C. and David Palmer of Marietta, GA; grandfather: John Gibson of Asheville, N.C.

Amanda Abrahm stands as Elder with the Palmer-Gibson family.

Flowers in the Sanctuary

Given to the glory of God, in recognition of Bob Henderson's 38 years of ministry, including 18 years at Covenant, and with gratitude for Bob, Suzanne, and their family by Bright Stars of Bethlehem.

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, Director of Communications, at Lacy.King@covenantpresby.org.



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CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (As of September 9)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Will and Sayde Winn on the birth of their child
Robert Arthur Winn on September 6.
Sommer and Joseph Gaither on the baptism of their
child Collins Hunt Gaither today at 8:45 a.m.

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Donna Whitley on the death of her husband, and to
Farah Lisa and Thomas Walker and their family on the
death of her father, Kacem Sebti on September 8.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Candace Carter-Johnson
Deloris Davis
Rebecca DiSandro
Dottie Stowe

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