



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 20, 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

The Solid Rock E. Mote, W. Bradbury, N. Drake¹

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name
When darkness veils God's lovely face
I find my rest in Jesus' grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
On Christ the solid rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
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God's oath and covenant and blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
Christ then is all my hope and stay
When Jesus comes with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed In God's righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

Welcome and Call to Worship Mary Kate Sykes

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

**Firm Foundation (He Won't)* A. Davis, C. Moore, C. Carnes²

(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 Katherine Kerr
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

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts
Great Is Thy FaithfulnessPublic Domain⁴
Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Savior
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be
Summer and winter and springtime and Harvest
Sun moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness mercy and love
Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me
Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

ENCOUNTER GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading
Hebrews 3:1-6.New Testament, p. 205-206
Sermon
“Like a Master Builder”Serenity Taylor
Sermon Series: *Building What Matters*

*Song of Response
The Solid RockE. Mote, W. Bradbury, N. Drake⁵
(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

Serenitye Taylor, associate minister, congregational life

Mary Kate Sykes, pastoral resident, education

Katherine Kerr, senior associate minister, congregational care

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), Phyllis Fulton (vocals), Jessica Hindman

(vocals), Cheryl Hoover (bass guitar and vocals), Steve Johnstone

(acoustic guitar), Phil Lyew (tenor saxophone), Jacquelyn McAbee

(vocals), Amanda Shanks (vocals).

Flowers in the Sanctuary

Given to the glory of God, and in thanksgiving for the ministry of Courtney Shudak.

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 16)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO
Carter and Mark Comer on the baptism of their child
Charlotte Catherine Comer today at 11:00 a.m.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
Sarah and Chip Cromer (Cooper and Wyatt)
Sydney Slaven and Jack Voelker

PRAYERS FOR HEALING
Rebecca DiSandro
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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