



To the Greater Glory of God
A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 27, 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

Battle Belongs B. Johnson, P. Wickham¹

When all I see is the battle, You see my victory

When all I see is the mountain, You see a mountain moved

And as I walk through the shadow, Your love surrounds me

There's nothing to fear now, for I am safe with You

So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees

With my hands lifted high

Oh God the battle belongs to You

And every fear, I lay at Your feet

I'll sing through the night

Oh God the battle belongs to You

And if You are for me, who can be against me

For Jesus there's nothing impossible for You

When all I see are the ashes, You see the beauty

When all I see is a cross, God, You see the empty tomb

So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees

With my hands lifted high

Oh God the battle belongs to You

And every fear, I lay at Your feet

I'll sing through the night

Oh God the battle belongs to You

Almighty Fortress, You go before us

Nothing can stand against the power of our God

You shine in the shadow, You win every battle

Nothing can stand against the power of our God

So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees

With my hands lifted high

Oh God the battle belongs to You

Welcome and Call to Worship Grace Lindvall

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

**This Is Amazing Grace* J. Farro, J. Riddle,, P. Wickham²

(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 attend Sunday School. Children going to Sunday School should be accompanied by a parent/guardian to the Education Wing.

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

Living Stones..... Daniel Presa

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

The Lord Will Provide B. Younker, C. Davenport, J. Cates⁴

Look at the flowers
In all of their beauty
I don't have to wonder
You know what You're doing
So why would I worry at all
You're faithful to supply
Everything I need
My Savior has it
Every single time
The Lord will provide
My Savior has it
Look at the sparrow
Lacking for nothing
No fear of tomorrow
And what it will bring
If I have you I have enough
Cause Your love will satisfy
Seek first the kingdom
And its treasures
Everything else it will be added
All that I'm needing
I know the Lord will provide

I know my God's not empty handed
You give us blessings upon blessings
I'm still believing
I know the Lord will provide

ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 5:8-10 Old Testament, p. 596

Acts 11:1-18 New Testament, p. 122

Sermon

"The Greatest Adventure" Adrian Bird
Sermon Series: *Building What Matters*

*Song of Response

I Surrender All J. Wheeler Van DeVenter, W. Scott Weeden⁵
(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

Adrian Bird, guest minister

Grace Lindvall, associate minister, education

Jessica Borgnis, director of contemporary music and worship arts

Ricko Hill, assistant director of contemporary worship and arts

Welcome Adrian Bird

Dr. Adrian Bird serves as University Chaplain at Queens University, bringing extensive experience in higher education, ministry, international service, and interfaith engagement. He holds a Ph.D. and Master of Theology from the University of Edinburgh and a Master of Theological Studies from Brite Divinity School. Dr. Bird teaches in the Philosophy and Religion Department at Queens and has served in correctional ministry and interfaith organizations, including Interfaith Partners of South Carolina and MeckMIN. His international ministry includes service with the Church of South India in Kerala, India, and Voluntary Service Overseas in Zimbabwe. Dr. Bird is married to Rev. Julie Walkup-Bird, senior pastor at Sharon Presbyterian Church, and they have two young adult children.

Sharing the Gifts of Music

Jackson Daisley (electric guitar), Paul Fisher (drums), Phyllis Fulton (vocals), Katrina Heath (vocals), Jessica Hindman (vocals), Cheryl Hoover (bass guitar and vocals), Zach Leitner (acoustic and electric guitar), Noelle Lewis (vocals), Phil Lyew (tenor saxophone).

WELCOME TO COVENANT

We are happy that you are worshiping 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 23)
Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Grace and Charlie Rogers on the birth of their child
Hugh Hammond Rogers on September 17.
Katie and Walker Robinson on the birth of their child
Lucy Walker Robinson on September 23.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Lamar Davis
Carolyn Kirby
Glenn and Ben King (Wellington)

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Linda Gayle Stowe
February 12, 1944 – June 25, 2026

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

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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