



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, June 14, 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

Hurting Times B. Bliss, N. Bliss¹

Have you ever loved so loud
Every part of you came pouring out
Bustin' the seams of things you've never felt
Have you ever hurt so deep
For another soul in need
That you forgot yourself, felt like you could barely breathe
It's a blessing, it's a curse
to love so much it hurts
I wish I could take your pain away
I hope you believe me when I say
I'd give you my heart, I'd give you my heart for the hurting times
I wish I could give you my heart, give you my
heart for the hurting times
I had never lost my ground
Not until you came around
Now suddenly everything is changing how I see
When you're smiling up at me
Full of curiosity
I just wanna hold you tight,
try and protect you from everything

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

Sacrament of Baptism Grace Lindvall

Elizabeth Maeve Comer, child of Megan and Mike Comer

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
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How endless is God's love for me**

Time with Young Disciples Grace 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.

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

I Will Wait M. Mumford, B. Lovett, T. Dwane, W. Marshall⁴

Well, I came home
Like a stone
And I fell heavy into your arms
These days of dust
Which we've known
Will blow away with this new sun
But I'll kneel down
Wait for now
And I'll kneel down
Know my ground
And I will wait, I will wait for you
And I will wait, I will wait for you
So break my step
And relent
Well, you forgave and I won't forget
Know what we've seen
And him with less

Now in some way, shake the excess
Now I'll be bold
As well as strong
And use my head alongside my heart
So tame my flesh
And fix my eyes
A tethered mind, freed from the lies

ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

John 3: 1-10..... New Testament, p. 88

Sermon

"Nic at Night"..... Bob Henderson
Sermon Series: *Encounters with Jesus*

*Song of Response

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)..... J. Myrin, M. Redman⁵
(*worship team and congregation*)

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Invitation and Benediction

*Benediction Response

**For I Know*..... R. Muchow⁶

Notes:

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister

Mary Kate Sykes, pastoral resident, education

Grace Lindvall, associate minister, education

Ricko Hill, assistant director of contemporary worship and arts

Sharing the Gifts of Music

Paul Fisher (drums), Katrina Heath (vocals), LaVita Hill (vocals), Cheryl Hoover (bass guitar and vocals), Phil Koonce (electric guitar), Zach Leitner (electric guitar), Phil Lyew (saxophone), Ginny Magrath (vocals), Bill Saunders (mandolin and vocals).

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism with the Comer Family

Sister: Emily; grandparents: Barry and Julie Comer of Atlanta, GA, Matt and Jamie Pate of Perry, GA; aunts and uncles: Hayley and Hank Clay of Nashville, TN, Daniel Comer of Los Angeles, CA, Mary Comer of Atlanta, GA.

Kim Moseley stands as Elder with the Comer family.

Flowers in the Sanctuary

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sara Hannon and William H. Meanor by their family.

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Beckett Nicholas Izzard by his family.

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, Communications Manager, at Lacy.King@covenantpresby.org.



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CONGREGATIONAL NOTES (As of June 10)

Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Richard Whelan

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Rita Adams Simpson

Elder Emerita

January 14, 1928 - June 3, 2026

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

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Loretta Brown

Candace Carter-Johnson

Helen Cathey

Annabelle Dawson

Deloris Davis

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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