



# WELCOME TO FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026

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## **Volunteer with Freedom School Partners**

This summer, Covenant is partnering with Freedom School Partners to provide literacy enrichment and cultural empowerment for elementary-age students at Highland Renaissance Academy (June 22–July 31). Freedom School nurtures a love of reading, builds academic confidence, and connects children to their heritage through joyful, community-centered learning. Volunteer opportunities include Family Night (June 25), the Great Day of D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read, July 8), or serving as a Harambee leader on a morning that works for you! Write “Freedom School” on your WRC for more information.

## **Katherine Kerr Sabbatical**

Katherine Kerr, Senior Associate Minister for Congregational Care, will be on sabbatical May 17 – August 7. Personnel has approved a sabbatical for Katherine and she has gratefully chosen to take that time this summer. From Katherine: “As I am preparing to step away from the regular rhythms of ministry, I am deeply grateful to you as individuals and as a community both for the joy of serving alongside you as well as this gift of sabbatical rest. I hope to balance my time between personal renewal and time with family. Please know that I will hold you all in my heart and my prayers throughout this time. I will look forward to reconnecting with you at the end of the summer.”

## **Steeple Repairs**

After 70 years of exposure to the elements, portions of the interior structure of Covenant’s steeple have deteriorated and need repair. Upon consultation with a respected structural engineering company and their roofing partner, we have a plan for repairs that will be completed in 2 phases. Phase one begins this summer and will include replacing the upper-level wood deck with metal grating and adding steel supports. We expect the repairs to take several weeks to complete. The second phase is planned for 2027. After the completion of repairs, it is our vision that the steeple will continue to be a beacon to the city, inviting all into a vibrant and transformative faith community.

## **Recreation Ministry Summer Camps**

We have a broad spectrum of fun and educational camps that include computer programming, creative arts, basketball and other sports, plus exciting field trips off campus. Explore all the camps and sign up on our website, [www.covenantpresby.org/recreation-ministry](http://www.covenantpresby.org/recreation-ministry)

## **Confirmation Sunday**

*Sunday, May 17 at 9:30 a.m.*

This year, confirmands have been on a journey called Quest to learn more about what we believe and how we live as disciples. 26 of our eighth graders have made the monumental decision to claim their faith for themselves and join Covenant as full members. During our 9:30 a.m. worship on May 17, some of our Questers will be baptized and the others will have their baptisms reaffirmed. Please come enthusiastically to welcome them into the life of our faith community!

## **Volunteer in the Welcome Center**

The Front Desk Receptionists need friendly faces to man the Welcome Center desk when our regular receptionist must be away. Volunteer hours are 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. or 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., M-Th; Fridays can be split into two shifts, 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Write "WC Volunteer" on your WRC to sign up.

## **Youth End-of-Year Cookout**

*Sunday, May 31 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Covenant Fellowship Hall Patio*

To celebrate the end of the school year, the Middle School and High School Youth will enjoy a cookout with hamburgers and barbecue. Youth and parents are invited to attend and bring a dish to share. Write "Youth Cookout" on your WRC to RSVP and sign up for a dish.

## **Third Quarter Gathering**

*Sunday, May 17 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Brawley's on 4620 Park Road*

Join the Third Quarter gang as we kick off with a gathering at Brawley's. Enjoy fellowship and light bites. We will share plans for the upcoming year and ask for suggestions for future events. Third Quarter is designed for folks aged 50-75 or anyone who connects with this season of life. We don't check ID! No RSVP necessary.

## **Mobile Food Pantry at Highland Renaissance Academy - Volunteers Needed!**

*Tuesday, May 19 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.*

Come join us and partner with Second Harvest Mobile Food Pantry to help distribute groceries to families at Highland Renaissance Academy. We need 10 volunteers from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. to help pack food bags and load them into cars. Great workout and great fun! Write "Mobile Food Pantry" on your WRC to sign up.

## **Watch Live Services on Our Website & YouTube**

If you watch our services on Facebook, you might have noticed the live stream is not starting at all, starting late, or cutting off prematurely. Sadly, this is a Facebook/Meta issue and is beyond our control. We recommend you watch our live stream services on our Covenant website or on our YouTube Channel.

You can find these live streams at the following links:

[www.covenantpresby.org/live](http://www.covenantpresby.org/live)

[www.youtube.com/@covenantpresbyterianchurch1297](https://www.youtube.com/@covenantpresbyterianchurch1297)