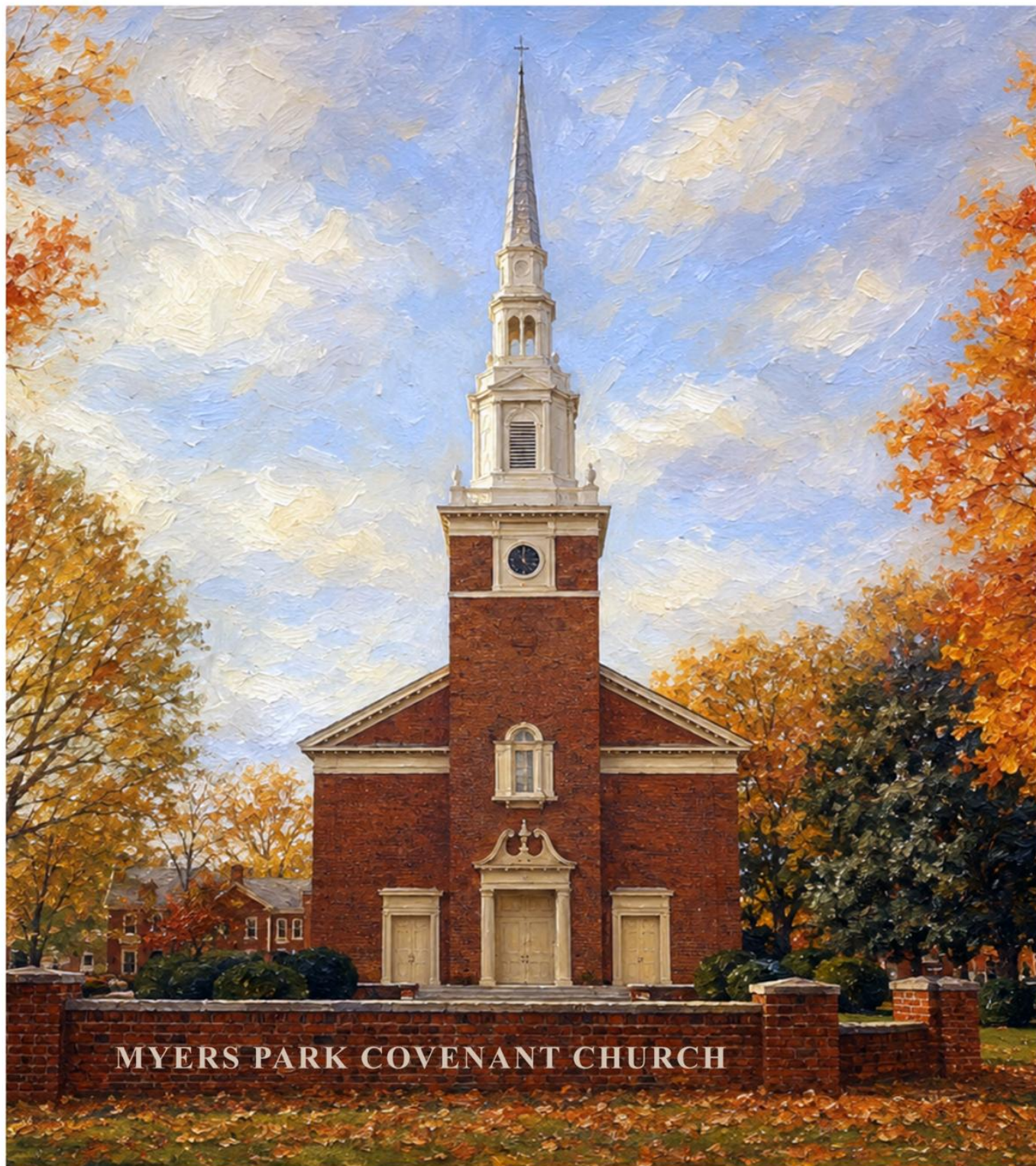




MYERS PARK
COVENANT
CHURCH

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE SUNDAY

OCTOBER 11, 2026 | 10:00 a.m.

Inspired by the bold and boundless hospitality of Jesus, we are “open to all,” which means we welcome and accept all people into the life of our Church without regard to race, gender, sexual orientation, age, economic status, political affiliation, physical or mental capacity, or religious belief. We believe that God’s call is given to all people, and we embrace the Spirit that continues to cross boundaries in order to unite the world.

**Childcare is available for birth – kindergarten in the childcare room located in the Cornwell Center (on main level). Please see a greeter for more information.
Worship activities for children are available in the Narthex.**

Prelude

This Is My Father’s World

arr. Dale Wood

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organ

Land Acknowledgment

Dane Jordan

We gather today on land long cared for by the Catawba Nation and other Indigenous peoples of the Piedmont. For generations, the Catawba lived in a deep reciprocal relationship with these lands, waters and all that inhabited them.

As followers of Jesus and stewards of God’s creation, we acknowledge the displacement that our presence caused, and offer our gratitude to the Catawba people who are still here today. We will celebrate their continued existence and ongoing example of stewardship in a ceremony at the serviceberry bush, near the persimmon tree, both of which were recently planted by the Environmental Justice group in honor of the Catawba people at the end of the service.

A Unison Prayer

Holy One,

**We have learned so much
about this beautiful Earth.**

**We can measure the warming seas,
watch glaciers retreat,
trace carbon through the atmosphere,
and see storms gathering from space.**

Do not let knowledge end in knowing.

**Give us courage
to be changed by what we see.**

**Where we have caused harm,
teach us repair.**

**Where change carries a cost,
teach us to bear it together.**

**Where fear tells us
that another way is impossible,
awaken our imagination.**

**May knowledge become wisdom,
wisdom become courage,
and courage become care
for this living world
we share.**

Amen.

The Choir will sing the first stanza once, then the congregation is invited to join and sing stanzas one and three.

MUSIC NOTE (From "Glory to God" The Presbyterian Hymnal) | "Heleluyan, We Are Singing"

The following Muscogee hymn is a Trail of Tears song, a testimony that their Christian faith was more powerful than their mistreatment by those who took away their ancestral homelands. Revered and cherished, it remains the most popular Muscogee hymn sung in churches in Oklahoma.

Welcome

Marina Luckhoo

*If you are our guest today, please scan the QR code below
so we may offer you our gratitude for joining us today.*



***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

***Sing**

"I'm glad I'm Yours Lord"

Traditional Haitian Creole

**I'm glad I'm yours Lord, so glad I'm yours.
I'm glad your mercies have followed me
I'm glad you found me and set me free
I'm glad I'm yours Lord, so glad I'm yours**

The Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, who knows us better than we know ourselves, hear our confession:

We see the dangers of the world, and we want to build brick walls to protect us.

We study the history of our nation, and we want to whitewash the parts that make us uncomfortable.

We read dire forecasts for the future and try to think how we can give our children and grandchildren an advantage.

We doom scroll on our devices and begin our days inviting despair into our lives rather than to live into our faith.

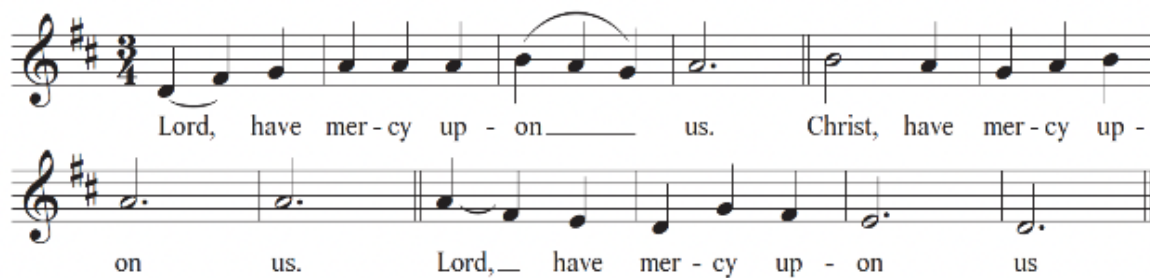
Forgive us, O Lord, when in our weakness we choose preservation over faithfulness, and look for protection plans to save us rather than to you, our refuge and strength.

Save us from the selfishness of fear through your love that casts out all fear.

Help us to live what we believe. In Jesus Christ, we pray, AMEN

The Silent Confession

The Kyrie Eleison



The Assurance of Pardon

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is [God's] steadfast love toward those who [revere God]; as far as the east is from the west, so far [God] removes our transgressions from us. [Psalm 103:8, 11-12]

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

New Testament Reading – Philippians 4:1-9 (NRSVU)

Elaine Price-Hudson, Deacon

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Music

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Robert Robinson; NETTLETON;
Arr. Paul Halley and Theresa Thomason

Dawn Anthony, soloist; Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organ

Sermon

"Joyful Scrolling"

Tim Moore

A Moment to Reflect

Church at Prayer

Marina Luckhoo

The Lord's Prayer

Our God who is in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

Ministry Moment

Bob Thomason, Chair of Senior Minister Search Committee

Invitation to Offering

Scott Crowder, Life Deacon

*You are invited to give by scanning the QR code below or
dropping your offering in the plate.*



Offertory

Freedom Trilogy

Arr. Paul Halley

Halleluya! Pelo tsa rona: Sesotho, collected by Anders Nyberg

Halleluya! Pelo tsa rona, di thabile kaofela.

Halleluya! our hearts are all happy.

Ke Morena Jeso, ya re dumeletseng,

It is the Lord Jesus, who commissioned us,

ya re dumeletseng ho tsamaisa evangedi.

who commissioned us to spread the gospel.

Amazing Grace: Words by John Newton: NEW BRITAIN

Amazing grace!

How sweet the sound,

That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost

But now am found,

Was blind but now I see.

Kyrie: Greek 3rd century

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy

Dawn Anthony, vocalist; Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organ; Claudio Olivera, piano;
Paul Agee, bass; Rick Dior, drums; Jim Brock, percussion; Chancel Choir

***Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures, here below.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts.

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication**

Scott Crowder, Life Deacon

***Closing Hymn | see pg. 11**

LACQUIPARLE (Dakotan)

"Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works"

Joseph R. Renville, 1842; trans. Philip Frazier, 1929, alt.

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MUSIC NOTE (From "Glory to God" The Presbyterian Hymnal) | "Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works"

First came the evocative Dakota chant, bearing a French name ("the lake that speaks") for the site of a Native American mission in western Minnesota. That was where the original seven-stanza text was based on Jeremiah 10:12-13 was written in the Dakota language to fit the tune.

***Responding to the Word**

Tim Moore

***A Prayer for the Earth**

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Life-giver, Pain-bearer,
Source of all that is and ever shall be, you have
Showered us with abundance. With the food we need
For today, feed us. For the hurt we cause, forgive us.
As we lose our way, restore us. Enlarge within us
the sense of fellowship with all living creatures, all
part of the family of God. Tune our hearts to live
in harmony with Christ, with the Earth, with all
creatures, and with our human neighbors. Now
and forever. Amen

***Congregational Procession**

Jim Brock

Please follow our pastors and musicians outside as we continue and conclude our service together.

If you are our guest today, please connect with a minister after worship and receive a Welcome Bag.



We welcome today's guest musicians:
Dawn Anthony, vocalist; Claudio Olivera, piano;
Paul Agee, bass; Rick Dior, drums; Jim Brock, percussion



OUR MINISTERS

Rev. Dane Jordan, Interim Minister of Youth | djordan@myersparkbaptist.org

Rev. Dr. Marina Luckhoo, Associate Minister | mluckhoo@myersparkbaptist.org

Rev. Dr. Tim Moore, Interim Senior Minister | tmoore@myersparkbaptist.org

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Audio/Video Team Members are Wes Cobb, Joe Kuhlmann,
Hannah Combs, Eric Roberts, and Jesmark Garcia.

**Myers Park Covenant Church is a faith community on a journey
seeking a welcoming, loving, and just world**



HOW TO JOIN MYERS PARK COVENANT CHURCH

Becoming a member of Myers Park Covenant Church begins by filling out a joining card.

To receive a card or learn more, contact Rev. Marina Luckhoo at

mluckhoo@myersparkbaptist.org



**To learn more about upcoming events, our church portal,
social media pages, and weekly newsletter, simply scan the QR code below.**

A graphic with a dark blue background featuring a faint, light blue circular logo with a cross-like design. At the top, a light blue banner contains the text "WE'RE GLAD YOU ARE HERE". Below this, the text "Connect with Us in one easy stop" is displayed. A list of links is provided, each preceded by a small white circle. To the right of the list is a large QR code. At the bottom, a short paragraph explains the purpose of the QR code.

WE'RE GLAD YOU ARE HERE

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- EVENTS
- GUESTS
- GIVE
- PRAY
- WEBSITE
- MEMBER PORTAL

Learn more about us and how to get involved.
Just point the camera on your mobile phone at
the QR Code to access the items listed above.



Our new logo is made up of a “mark,” the new church name and a tag line.

The mark is inspired by the compass star in Heaton Hall. The entwined compass rose and circle represent directional points that evoke guidance and vision. The four points play two roles: creating an abstract cross and calling out the four pillars of Myers Park Covenant Church: spirituality, inclusivity, community and justice.

The design is symmetrical and looping, always connected, much as Myers Park Covenant Church is connected to the community and its journey of faith. The tagline’s role is to quickly show MPCOV’s identity and ties to the Covenant. PROGRESSIVE FAITH. WORKING FOR JUSTICE.



Our Name Change to Myers Park Covenant Church

On Friday, June 26, 2026, Myers Park Baptist Church officially announced the results of the congregational election to change our name to **Myers Park Covenant Church**.

As we begin this exciting new chapter, you may notice a mix of our old and new names across our website, printed materials, signage, and other communications over the next few months. We are working diligently to update everything as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your patience, understanding, and continued support during this transition. We are excited for all that lies ahead and look forward to embracing this new season together.



At Myers Park Covenant Church, we strive for inclusive language. However, there are times due to the historical nature or context of the text that we choose to leave language unchanged as initially presented.

Be assured that Myers Park Covenant Church holds God as non-gender-specific;
God's essence encompasses all.

Heleluyan, We Are Singing

Refrain



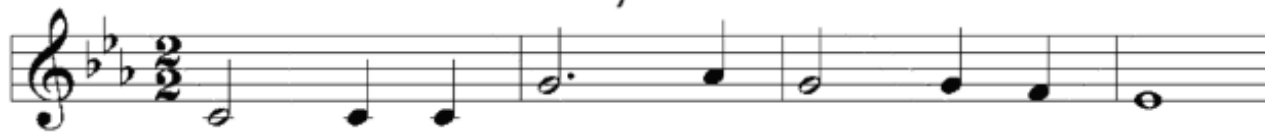
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Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works



1 Man - y and great, O God, are thy works,
2 Grant un - to us com - mu - nion with thee,



Mak - er of earth and sky. Thy hands have
thou star - a - bid - ing One. Come un - to



set the heav - ens with stars; thy fin - gers spread the
us and dwell with us. With thee are found the



moun - tains and plains. Lo, at thy word the
gifts of life. Bless us with life that



wa - ters were formed. Deep seas o - bey thy voice.
has no end, e - ter - nal life with thee.



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Our Covenant

We, the members of the Myers Park Covenant Church, are a people on a journey of faith. By God's grace we are experiencing love through Jesus Christ and in the community of the faithful. We are discovering in this experience our freedom to become new creatures and our responsibility to be faithful stewards of our lives and of this world.

We will be open to all new light, strengthened by God and each other in our faith. We will sustain a critical examination of Scripture, belief and ritual as interpreters of God's active presence in the world. We will accept controversy as a reality of life together and an opportunity for growth toward maturity. We covenant to be a community of God's New Creation and affirm that we are open to all and closed to none.

We covenant together to nurture this church as a community of faith and as an instrument for reconciliation in the world: by worship, by Christian education, by the dedication of our personal and material resources and by all the other ways we express the significance of our lives with God and one another.

We covenant together to be priests celebrating God's presence in community and in the world, believing we are participants in God's kingdom on Earth.

GET INVOLVED AT MPCOVENANT

NEXT WEEK

MON, Oct 12	9:45am Roundtable Meeting Parlor
TUES, Oct 13	8am Roof Above Meal Prep Kitchen
WED, Oct 14	11:30am Just Breathe Meditation Online
THU, Oct 15	10am Cuppa Community Amélie's Park Road Shopping Center 7pm Choir Rehearsal Berry Hall
SAT, Oct 17	3-8pm Community Fall Festival Front Lawn of the Cornwell Center

COMING SOON

SUN, Oct 18	9am – 12pm Childcare (Birth – 5 years) Cornwell Center Childcare Room 9am Faith and Community with Ed Hinson Parlor 10am Worship Sanctuary 11:15am Spiritual Growth for all ages Adults: Unlikely Saints – Room 250 Queeries – Room 254 The Journey Begins, The Covenant Path – Parlor Youth (Grades 6-12) Youth Hall Children (Grades K-5) Godly Play Room 211 4:30 pm Youth Fellowship Youth Hall
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SAVE THESE DATES

WED, Oct 21	5pm Wednesday Supper Connections with Grey Seal Puppets Heaton Hall
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