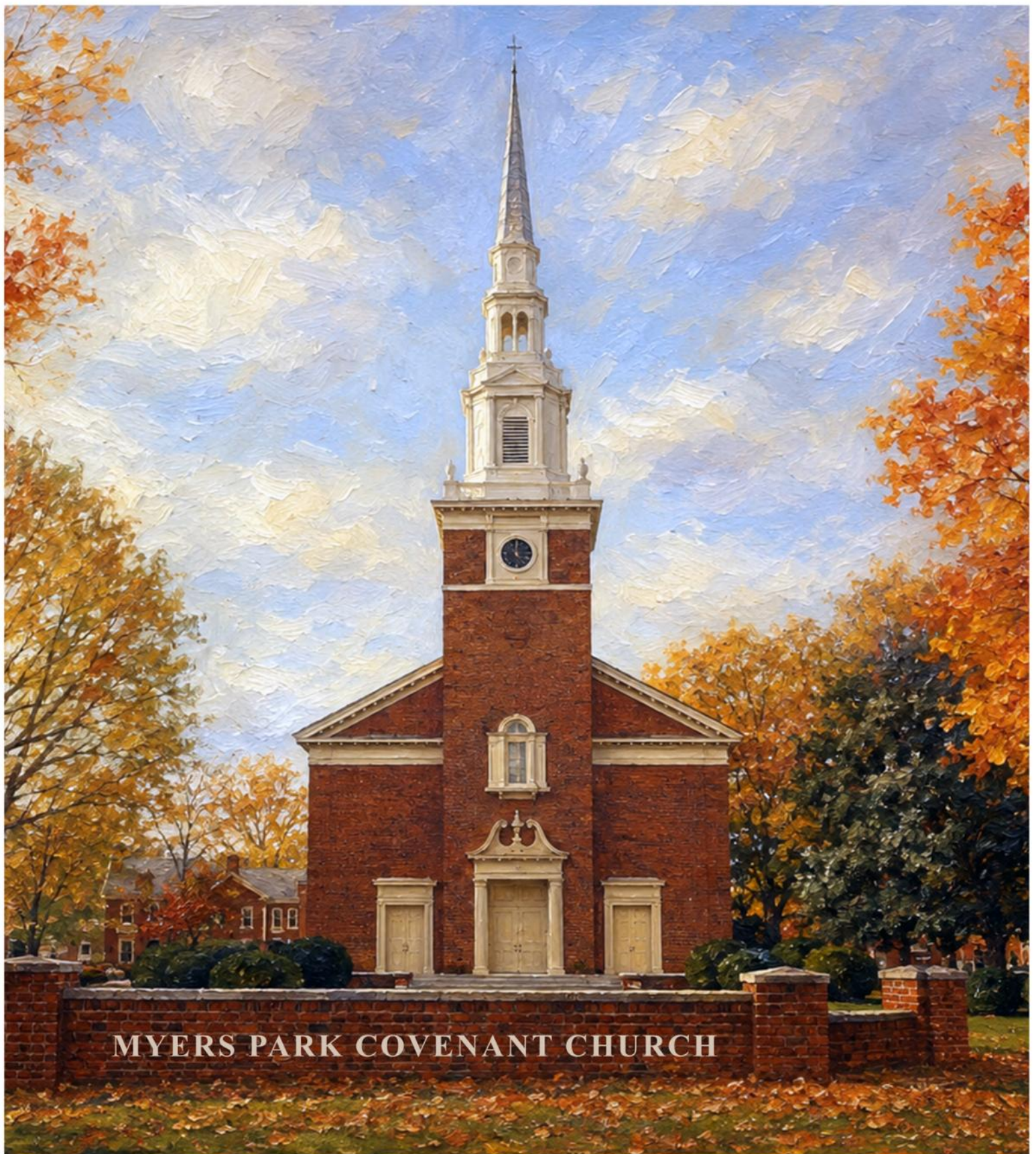




MYERS PARK COVENANT CHURCH



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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 25, 2026

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.

Worship activities for children are available in the Narthex.

Prelude

Air and Variation

Eric Thiman

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organ

Call to Worship

Tim Moore

Leader: LORD, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

People: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Leader: You turn us back to dust and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

People: For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, like a watch in the night.

Leader: We are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

People: Have compassion on us, your servants! Grant us your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

[adapted from Psalm 90]

Invocation

***Opening Hymn | No. 29 | stanzas 1-4**

"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"

LYONS

Robert Grant

Welcome

Marina Luckhoo

If you are our guest today, please scan the QR code below.



*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

Dane Jordan

O God of the ages, and of this present hour,
hear our prayer and forgive us.

We confess that we have hoarded our love, giving but the smallest portion.

We confess, O God, that we have not always loved our neighbors as we wished.
Too easily we grow impatient with them, too easily we dismiss them,
too easily we turn a deaf ear to them. Forgive us.

We confess, O God, that we have not always loved ourselves as we wished.

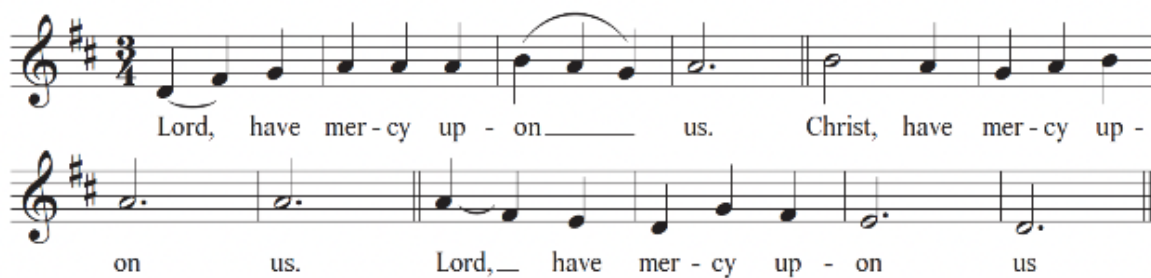
Too quickly we give up on ourselves, and too long we remember our failures.
We try to be more—and less—than You created us to be. Forgive us.

We confess, O God, that we have not always loved You as we wished. We have hidden
from You in our shame; we have ignored You in our indifference. Too often
we run here and there trying to give You everything, except that which You most
desire—our love. Forgive us.

Free us, O LORD, to love you with all that we are and to love our neighbors as ourselves.
Help us to live what we believe. In Jesus Christ, we pray, Amen.

The Silent Confession

The Kyrie Eleison



The Assurance of Pardon

I am the LORD and beside me, there is no savior. I am [the one] who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins. [Isaiah 43:11, 25]

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

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Gospel Lesson – Matthew 22:34-40 (NRSVU)

Jesmark Garcia

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?”

He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

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 Hymn | No. 176 | stanza 1**

"Come Down, O Love Divine"

DOWN AMPNEY

Bianco da Siena; Trans. Richard Littledale

Sermon

"It's Still the Greatest Commandment"

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 and Invitation to Offering

Cam Wester, Stewardship Speaker

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



Offertory

All of Me

Words and Music by Kyle Pederson

Look at my skin. Do you see only skin, or the soul within... do you see what's true?

And look who I love. Do you view me as less, like none of the rest of me matters to you?

REFRAIN:

Turn off the talk on the air,

and the voices who seem to just care about dividing and hiding us where you won't see. (ooh)

Look at my faith. Do you see my creed, and choose to believe that's all of me?

Look at my vote. On that alone are you likely to show contempt for me?

[Refrain]

You don't have to see. But if you take the time to look at me,

you'll see the same fears and a good heart, and the same tears that tear you apart.

See the same love, the same hope, the same need, the same joy.

So look at my skin. See the skin and the soul within. See what's true.

And look who I love. See my faith and my vote, but not those alone, seek to know me, too.

Turn up the voices of truth. Learn to let mercy through. Love will guide us to a world where we see.

Will you see all of me? (ooh)

Turn and see. Will you see? All of me.

Vocal Ensemble: Claudio Olivera, piano; Ben Still, tenor saxophone;

David Young, conductor

***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**

Dane Jordan

***Closing Hymn**

"I Am a Child of God"

I am a child of God; I know it's true!
You are a child of God. God loves you, too.
God's love is deep and wide. No one is left outside.
As we in love abide, what must we do?

We're neighbors in this land by God's design.
I am your neighbor here and you are mine.
God brings outsiders in; to harm them is a sin.
God's love will always win. May we be kind.

Christ taught us how to be neighbors and friends.
Here in community, God's love extends.
We're nearer, Lord, to you when we love others, too.
Then we will learn your truth: Love never ends.

BETHANY
Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

***Responding to the Word**

Tim Moore

***Benediction**

Postlude

Festiva Fanfara

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organ

Felix Bräuer

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



We welcome today's guest musicians:
Ben Still, tenor saxophone: David Young, conductor

OUR MINISTERS

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

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Audio/Video Team: 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@mpcovenant.org.



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



*We occasionally take photographs during our worship service. If you would prefer not to be included,
please contact Laura Geer | Communications Director | lgeer@mpcovenant.org.*

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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.



We are affiliated with
allianceofbaptists.org

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

TUES, Oct 27	6pm Theology Pub Hawthorne's Meridien Place
WED, Oct 28	11:30am Just Breathe Meditation Online
THU, Oct 29	7pm Choir Rehearsal Berry Hall

COMING SOON

SUN, Nov 1	9am – 12pm Childcare (Birth – 5 years) Cornwell Center Childcare Room 9am Faith and Community Coffee Hour Parlor 10am Worship Sanctuary 11:15am Spiritual Growth for all ages Adults: Conversations About Jesus and Christian Fellowship Series with Steve Shoemaker The Meaning of Christian Worship Heaton Hall 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

TUES, Nov 3	12pm Sage-ing Lunch with Linda Colasanti , Founder, AI Consultant and NLP Coach Heaton Hall
WED, Nov 4	5:30pm November Hangout Suffolk Punch South Park