



MYERS PARK
COVENANT
CHURCH

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 1, 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.

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.

THE GATHERING

Prelude

Adagio

Alessandro Marcello; trans. J. S. Bach

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, piano

PRAISING, THANKING, BLESSING, AWE, and DELIGHT

Call to Worship

Marina Luckhoo

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

People: Worship the Lord with gladness!
Come into God’s presence with shouts of joy.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God,
Our Maker, God’s own.
We are God’s people, the sheep of God’s pasture.

People: Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving,
God’s courts with praise.
Give thanks, Bless God’s name.

All: For the Lord is good,
God’s steadfast love endures forever,
God’s faithfulness to all generations.

Invocation

*Opening Hymn No. 39

“I’ll Praise My Maker While I’ve Breath”

OLD 113th

Issac Watts; Adapt. John Wesley

Welcome

Tim Moore

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**

**Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.**

DENNIS
John Fawcett

The Prayer of Confession

Marina Luckhoo

Leader: Let us enter into confession and lament.

**All: Before God, With the people of God,
We confess to our brokenness:
to the ways we wound our lives,
the lives of others,
and the life of the world.**

The Silent Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

Leader: May God forgive you; Christ renew you,
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

All: Amen

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Epistle Lesson – Hebrews 11:1-3; 12:1

Deb Steiner, Choir Member

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed by faith our forbears received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were created by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are unseen. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 5:1-9

Blessed are those who know their need of God, for theirs is the kingdom of God. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness and justice, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall behold God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the daughters and sons of God.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Reading of the Names, Lighting of the Candles, and Ringing of the Bell

Tim Moore

William Scott Hopewell	November 18, 2025
Hilda Belle Lee Hull	November 23, 2025
Sam Lee Slack	November 24, 2025
Donald Franklin Bynum	November 28, 2025
Barbara Brookshire Gray	April 8, 2026
Jane Stauffer Arronson	May 12, 2026
Olive Hazel Muir Kile	May 16, 2026
Walter "Wolf" Rackley	June 15, 2026
Laura Jane Petty	June 17, 2026
Marylyn Lentine Williams	July 20, 2026
Penny Howard Welling	August 14, 2026
Brenda Morris Bean	August 26, 2026
Doris Reece Walker	September 30, 2026
Laura Ruth Allison	October 6, 2026
Carolyn Jean DeVoy Holmes	October 9, 2026
Arliss Eugene Whiteside	October 28, 2026

Anthem

Come To Me

Christina Rossetti; Ivo Antognini

MUSIC NOTE: ***Come To Me*** is an expression of our longing to reunite with those beloved who have gone on before, whether in dreams or memories. For those of us remembering those we have lost, may this anthem form a deep space for your grief and longing.

Come to me in the silence of the night;
Come in the speaking silence,
come in the speaking silence of a dream;

Come with soft rounded cheeks and eyes as bright as sunlight
and eyes as bright as sunlight on a stream;
come back in tears, come back in tears,
O memory, hope, love of finished years.

Oh dream how sweet, too sweet, too bitter sweet,
Whose wakening should have been in Paradise,
Where souls brimful of love of love abide and meet;

Where thirsting longing eyes
 Watch the slow door
 That opening, letting in lets out no more.

Yet, come to me in dreams, that I may live
 My very life again tho' cold in death:
 Come back to me in dreams, that I may give
 Pulse for pulse, breath for breath:
 Speak low, lean low, as long ago, my love,
 how long ago, my love.

Come to me, come to me, come to me.

Vocal Ensemble

The Memorial Prayer

Tim Moore

*Sermon Hymn No. 346

HANOVER

"Rejoice In God's Saints"

Fred Pratt Green

Sermon

Steve Shoemaker

"For All the Saints"

The Silent Reflection

The Affirmation of Faith

Tim Moore

Leader: With the whole church

**All: We affirm
 that we are made in God's image,
 befriended by Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit.**

Leader: With people everywhere

**All: We affirm
 God's goodness at the heart of humanity,
 planted more deeply than all that is wrong.**

Leader: With all creation

**All: We celebrate
 the miracle and wonder of life;
 the unfolding purposes of God,
 forever at work in ourselves and in the world.**

The Prayers of the People and 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.**

THE OFFERING OF ONESELF TO GOD AND TO CHRIST'S SERVICE IN THE WORLD

Invitation to Offering

Dean Bowen

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



Offertory Anthem

"And God Shall Wipe Away All Tears" from *in paradisum*

Revelations 21:4

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;
and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying,
neither shall there be any more pain:
for the former things are passed away.

Dan Forrest

Chancel Choir; Dr. Matthew Manwarren, piano

*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

Mike Bowen

THE SENDING FORTH

*Recessional Hymn No. 344 | stanzas 1, 2, 4, and 6

SINE NOMINE

"For All the Saints"

William W. How

*Responding to the Word

Tim Moore

*Benediction

Steve Shoemaker

Postlude

Léon Boëllmann

Toccata from Suite Gothique

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organ

OUR MINISTERS

We welcome today's guest minister Rev. Dr. H. Stephen Shoemaker.

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

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

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

David Tang, Interim Minister of Music and Worship | dtang@mpcovenant.org



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.

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 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, Nov 3	10:00am Creative Friends Group Room 32 12pm Sage-ing Lunch Featuring Linda Colasanti, Founder, AI Consultant, and NLP Coach Heaton Hall
WED, Nov 4	11:30am Just Breathe Meditation Online 5:30pm November Hangout Suffolk Punch SouthPark
THURS, Nov 5	7pm Choir Rehearsal Berry Hall

COMING SOON

SUN, Nov 8	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 Important Issues in Worship Today – 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

THURS, Nov 19	6pm Mecklenburg Interfaith Thanksgiving Heaton Hall
SUN, Nov 22	12:15pm Stew-ependous Sunday Lunch by Youth Ministry Heaton Hall