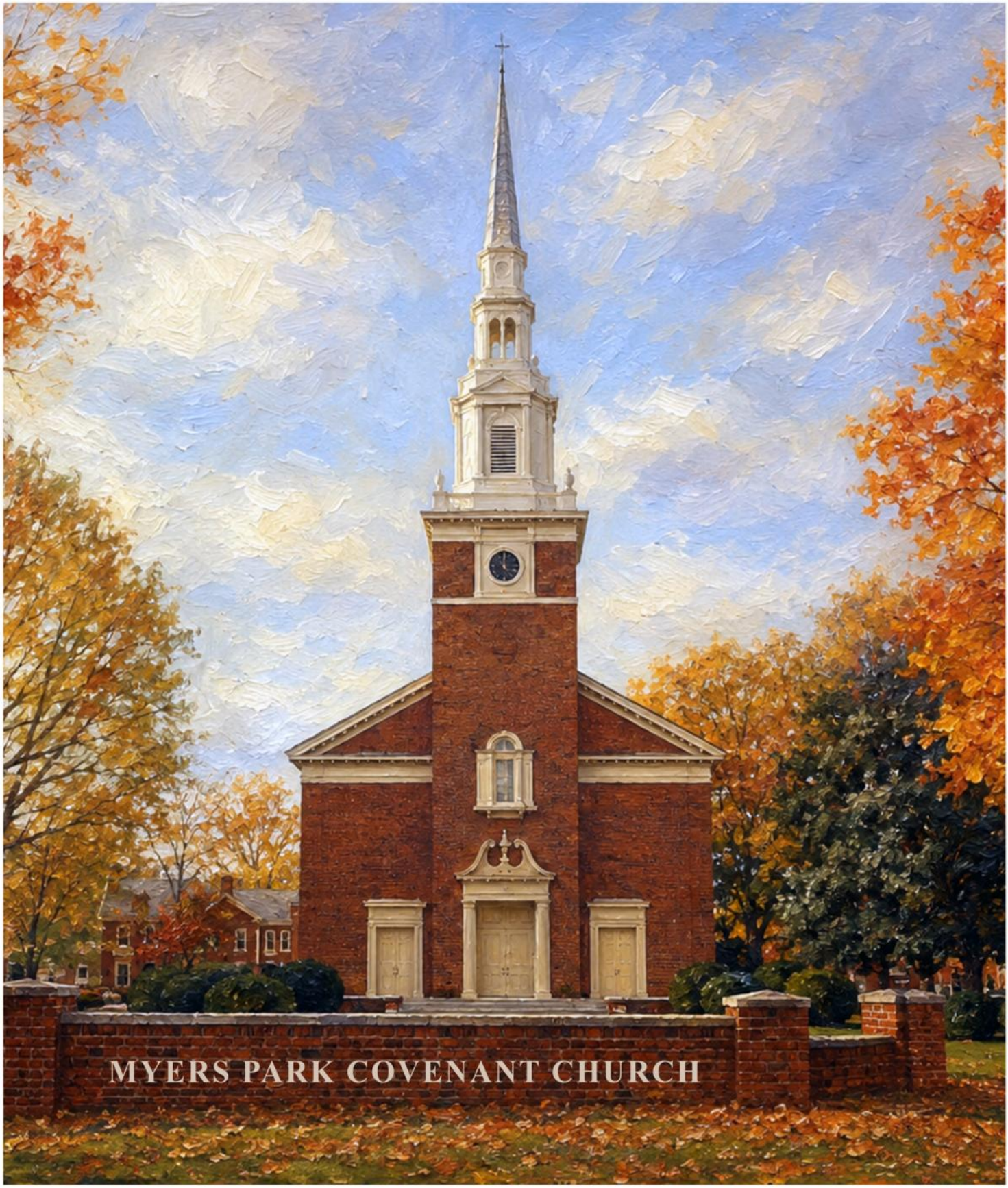


MYERS PARK
COVENANT
CHURCH

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 8, 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.

Prelude

Now Thank We All Our God Michael Burkhardt

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organ

Call to Worship Tim Moore

Leader: Give ear, my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

People: **The LORD speaks in parables; God utters ancient sayings of old, things that our ancestors have told us.**

Leader: Do not hide them from your children; tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord and the wonders that God has done.

People: **Let us teach the wisdom of God's parables to our children, so that the next generation, children yet unborn, would be wise in this world.**

Leader: Friends, the steadfast love of the LORD endures forever.

People: **Praise the LORD for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

[adapted from Psalm 78]

Invocation

***Opening Hymn | No. 51** NUN DANKET

"Now Thank We All Our God" Martin Rinkhart; Trans. Catherine Winkworth

Welcome Dane Jordan

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** DENNIS

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

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

The Prayer of Confession

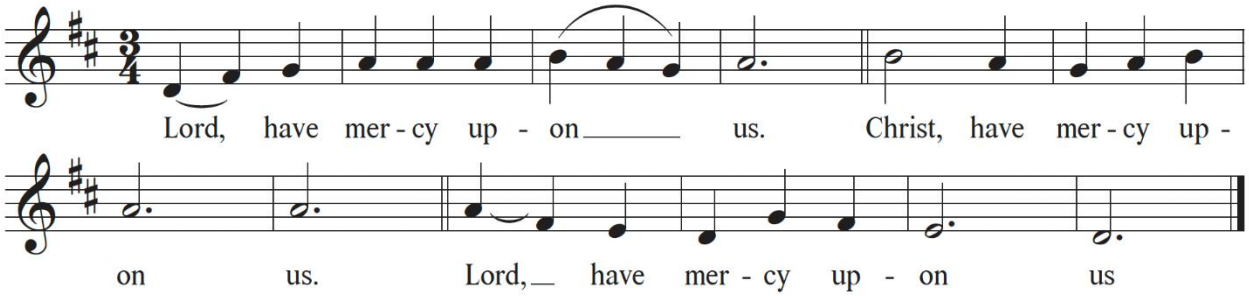
Tim Moore

O God,
Gladly we live and move and have our being in you.
Yet, in the midst of this creation-glory,
We see sin's shadow and feel death's darkness:
around us in the earth, sea, and sky,
the abuse of matter;
beside us in the broken, the hungry and the poor,
the betrayal of one another;
and often, deep within us,
a striving against your Spirit.
O Trinity of love,
forgive us that we may forgive one another,
heal us that we may be people of healing,
and renew us that we also may be
makers of peace.
In Christ Jesus we pray, Amen.

[The Confessional Prayer was adapted from *The Iona Abbey Worship Book.*]

The Silent Confession

The Kyrie Eleison



The Assurance of Pardon

Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. [Matthew 11:28-30]

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

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Gospel Lesson – Matthew 25:1-13 (NRSVU)

Mark Chatman and Amelia Meena

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** FOREST GREEN

O Lord, remind us that your Day will come with great surprise. Carolyn Winfrey Gillette
So may we faithfully obey as people who are wise.
For deeds of justice, words of prayer and acts of kindness, too,
Are ways we daily can prepare as we wait here for you.

Sermon

"When the Tornado Strikes" Tim Moore

A Moment to Reflect

Church at Prayer Dane Jordan

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 Sofia Bartholomew, Stewardship Speaker

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

Offertory

I Sing Because I'm Happy Civilla Martin; Charles Gabriel; Arr. Kenneth Paden; Adapt. Rollo Dilworth

I sing because I'm happy. I sing because I'm free.
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me. (Repeat)

I sing (Oh yes, I sing) because I'm happy.
I sing (Oh yes, I sing) because I'm free.
For his eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me. (Repeat)

I'm so happy, yes! I'm so happy, yes, I am! (repeat)
For his Eye Is on the Sparrow and I Know He Watches Me

Chancel Choir; Mark Chatman, vocal solo
Claudio Olivera, piano; Mat Tully, drums

***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 No. 83** LANCASHIRE
"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" Laurentius Laurenti; Trans Sarah Findlater

***Responding to the Word** Tim Moore

***Benediction**

Postlude
Toccata on *Old Hundredth* Michael Burkhardt

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organ

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.

One License A-729324 | WorshipCast License CCS # WC-12779 | CVLI Video License #504 239 870

OUR MINISTERS

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.

❖

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.

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.



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, Nov 9	10am | **The RoundTable with Foster Village Executive Director Becky Santoro** | Shalom Hall
WED, Nov 11	11:30am | **Just Breathe Meditation** | Online
THU, Nov 12	7pm | **Choir Rehearsal** | Berry Hall
FRI, Nov 13	9am | **Greenway Biking Group** | If interested email frickepj@aol.com

COMING SOON

SUN, Nov 15	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: Unlikely Saints** - Room 250 | **Queeries** - Room 254 **Youth** (Grades 6-12) Youth Hall **Children** (Grades K-5) Godly Play | Room 211 4:30 pm | **Youth to Par-tee at Top Golf**| Off Campus

SAVE THESE DATES

WED, Nov 18	5pm | **Wednesday Supper Connection with Troubadour Books and Children's Author, Dawn Anthony** | Shalom Hall
SUN, Nov. 22	12:15pm | **Stew-pendous Sunday Lunch** | Heaton Hall