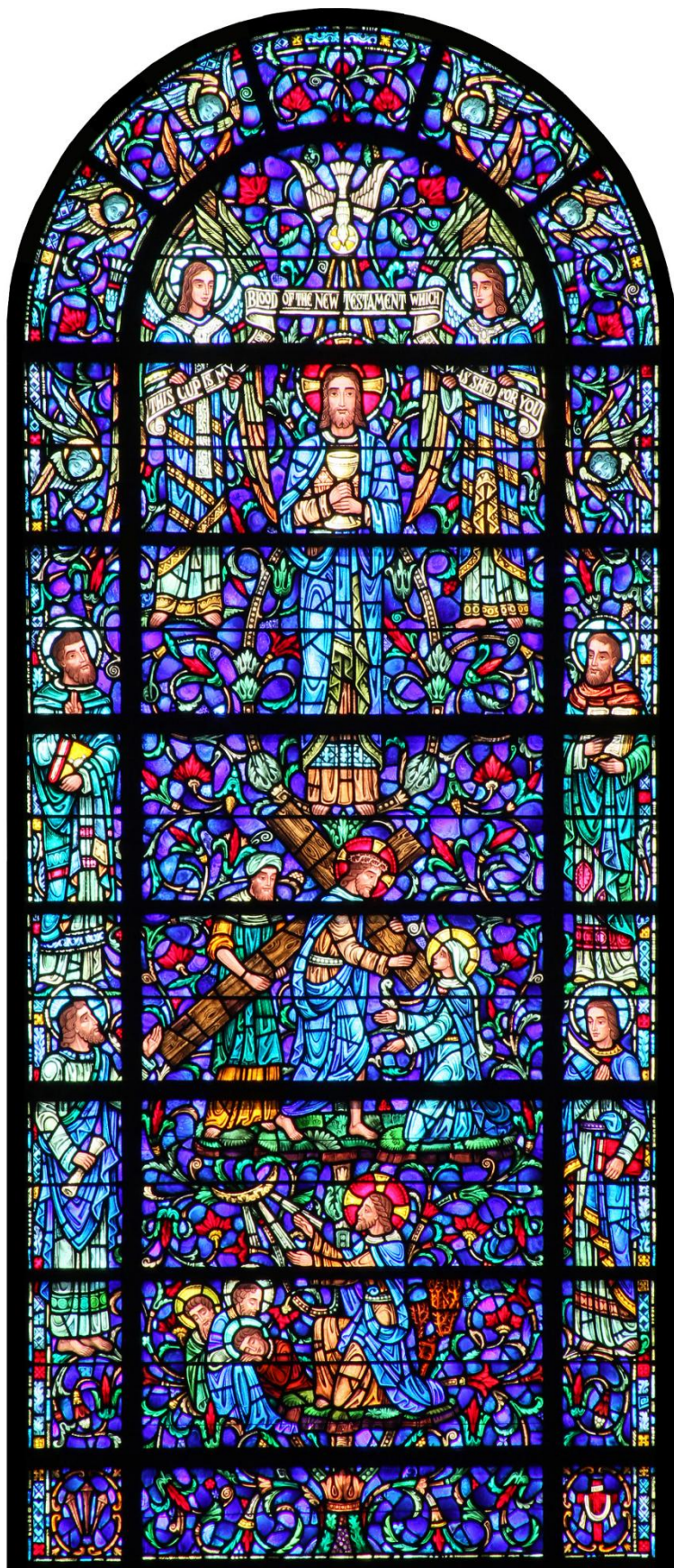




THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 2, 2026

10:00a

MYERS PARK
COVENANT
CHURCH

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.

We invite you to prepare for worship in silence while listening to the opening Voluntary.

Opening Voluntary

Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness

Flor Peeters

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organ

Call to Worship

Dane Jordan

Leader: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: **The LORD is good to all human beings, and has compassion over all that God has made.**

Leader: The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowing down.

People: **The LORD is near to all who call upon God, to all who call out of their deepest desires.**

Leader: The LORD is just in all things, and kind in all the ways God touches humans.

People: **My mouth will speak praise to the LORD, and all flesh will bless God’s holy name forever and ever.**

[adapted from Psalm 145]

Invocation

*Opening Hymn No. 25: “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

OLD HUNDREDTH
William Kethe

Welcome

Tim Moore

*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 (after Passing of the Peace)

We are one in the Spirit;
we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit;
we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity
may one day be restored:

REFRAIN:

And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love, by our love,
yes they'll know we are Christians
by our love.

We will walk with each other;
we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other;
we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news
that God is in our land:
[Refrain]

We will work with each other;
we will work side by side;
we will work with each other;
we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity
and save each one's pride.
[Refrain]

Gospel Reading – Matthew 16:20-28 (NRSV)

David Young

Then [Jesus] sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of [the Lord], and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Sermon Hymn No. 369: “Let Us Break Bread Together”

LET US BREAK BREAD
Carlton R. Young

Sermon

“Living What We Believe”

Tim Moore

Moment of Reflection

Church at Prayer

Dane Jordan

Invitation to Offering

Craig Hopewell, Deacon

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



Offertory Anthem

Hold to God's Unchangin' Hand

F.L. Eiland and Jennie Wilson; Arr. Paul Halley

Time is filled with swift transition,
And naught of earth unmoved can stand.
Build your hopes on things eternal,
And hold to God's unchanging hand.

REFRAIN:

(You better) Hold to His hand, God's unchangin' hand. (repeat)
Build your hopes on things eternal,
And hold to God's unchangin' hand.

Trust in Him, who will not leave you,
Whatsoever years may bring.
And if by earthly friends forsaken,
Oh, still more closely to Him cling.

[Refrain]

Oh, time is filled with swift transition,
Oh, and naught of this earth unmoved can stand.
Oh, build your hopes on things eternal,
And then hold, hold onto God's unchangin' hand.

[Refrain; Repeat]

Build your hopes on things eternal
Hold to God's unchangin' hand!

Bethany Wherry, vocal soloist; Chancel Choir; Fran Morrison, conductor
Claudio Olivera, piano; Jim Brock, drums; Paul Agee, electric bass

***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**

Craig Hopewell, Deacon

Communion

Tim Moore and Dane Jordan

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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.

Words of Institution

All are invited to participate in Communion. You may come forward to one of the stations at the front of the Sanctuary to receive bread and juice or pre-packaged, gluten-free elements. If you prefer to be served at your seat, please raise your hand and a Deacon will assist you.

Music During Communion

Jim Brock, Frame Drum

*An Affirmation of Faith

Dane Jordan

Reading of the Church Covenant found on page 8

*Closing Hymn No. 355: "Be Known to Us In Breaking Bread"

ST. FLAVIAN
James Montgomery

*Responding to the Word

Tim Moore

*Benediction

We invite you to remain in the Sanctuary following the service, reflecting in quiet prayer or contemplation as you listen to the closing Voluntary.

Closing Voluntary

March on the OLD HUNDREDTH Psalm Tune

Brenda Portman

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organ

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



Welcome to today's guest musicians:
Fran Morrison, conductor; Bethany Wherry, vocal soloist;
Jim Brock, drums and percussion; Claudio Olivera, piano; Paul Agee, electric bass



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



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.



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.

WE'RE GLAD YOU ARE HERE

CONNECT WITH US IN ONE EASY STOP

- 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 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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, August 2

9:45a-12p | Preschool Childcare | Cornwell Center
Childcare Room – Main Level

10a-11a | Worship | Sanctuary

11:15a-12:15p | Sermon Talk Back | Heaton Hall

11:15a-12p | Elementary Sunday School | Room 210

11:15a-12:15p | Senior Minister Search Committee
Meeting | Conference Room

TUESDAY, August 4

10a-12p | Mahjong Open Play | Room 255

10a-12p | Creative Friends | Room 32

12p-1:30p | Sage-ing Lunch | Heaton Hall

1:30p-2:30p | Hearing Assist | Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, August 5

11:30a-12:30p | Meditation | Zoom

THURSDAY, August 6

2p-4p | Mahjong Open Play | Room 255

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9 Sage-ing Sunday

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

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