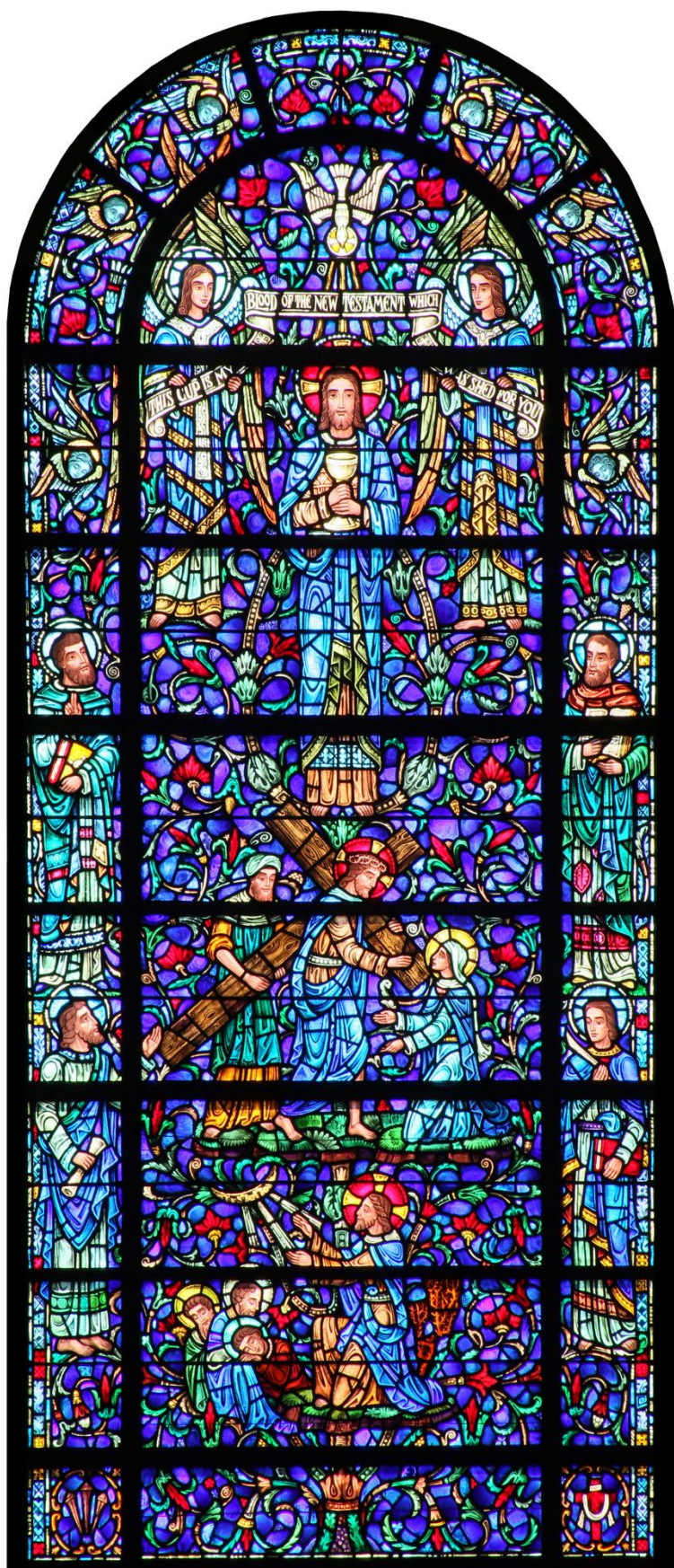




THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 30, 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 prelude.

Opening Voluntary

Now Thank We All Our God

Robert Hobby

Jane Cain, organ

Call to Worship

Tim Moore

Leader: Test me, O LORD, for I have walked with integrity, and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

People: Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and mind.

Leader: I do not listen to complainers, nor mingle with hypocrites. I seek the company of those who follow you.

People: For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you.

Leader: When I enter this sanctuary, I desire to tell of your wondrous deeds and sing songs of thanksgiving.

People: O LORD, we love to worship in this house, among your people and surrounded by your glory and presence.

[adapted from Psalm 26]

Invocation

***Opening Hymn: “Alleluia! Laud and Blessing” see p. 6**

WEISSE FLAGGEN

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 (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:**

THEY’LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

Peter Scholtes

REFRAIN:

**And they’ll know we are Christians
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]

Epistle Lesson – Romans 8:31-39 (NRSV)

Mac Sasser, Deacon

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? [God] who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than victorious through [God who loves] us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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: "Open My Eyes, That I May See" see pg. 7, stanzas 1 and 2

OPEN MY EYES

Sermon

"Nothing Separates Us from the Love of God"

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.

Invitation to Offering

Anna-Catherine Fowler, Deacon

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



Offertory:

“You’ll Never Walk Alone” from *Carousel*

Oscar Hammerstein II; Richard Rodgers

When you walk through a storm,
Keep your chin up high
And don’t be afraid of the dark.

At the end of the storm
is a golden sky
And the sweet silver song of a lark.

Walk on through the wind,
Walk on through the rain,
Tho’ your dreams be tossed and blown,

Walk on, walk on, with hope in your heart,
And you’ll never walk alone,
You’ll never walk alone!

Madeline Olivera, mezzo-soprano; Janice Bradner, piano

*Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology

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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

Anna-Catherine Fowler, Deacon

*Closing Hymn No. 291: “O God of Love, O King of Peace”

QUEBEC
Henry Baker

*Responding to the Word

Tim Moore

*Benediction

Closing Voluntary

John Rutter

Toccata in Seven

Jane Cain, organ

All are welcome to join us in the Chapel for a special youth baptism ceremony before Talk Back. Come celebrate and support our young people as they take this meaningful step in their faith journey.

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

We welcome today's guest organist, Jane Cain and thank Janice Bradner for also accompanying the soloist.



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.



Alleluia! Laud and Blessing

(Psalms 111 and 112)

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Laud and bless-ing to our God, whose Word is sure;
2 Al - le - lu - ia! God sus-tains us; match-less are the gifts we share;
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Ho - ly Par - ent, all your chil-dren now re-claim;

by whose grace we find re - demp-tion, in whose love we live se - cure.
light in dark-ness, hope in con - flict, an-sw-ers to our deep-est prayer.
may our lives re - flect your jus - tice, heirs to your most sa - cred name.

Righ-teous-ness and rich com-pas-sion shall at-tend us all our days;
Ours to give as we are giv-en: arms to lift when oth-ers fall;
Fill our hearts with un-der-stand-ing, brace our weak-ness by your might;

may God's prom-ise to be faith-ful ech-o through our songs of praise!
im - ag - es of God's great good-ness, faith-ful ser - vants to God's call.
awe - some hon-or, born in wis-dom; your great glo-ry, our de-light!

Psalms 111 and 112 are appropriately brought together in this paraphrase. Both form acrostics: each poetic line begins with a letter of the Hebrew alphabet in order. In addition, both psalms begin with "hallelujah," and they share much vocabulary as well as a theme of praise.

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Open My Eyes, That I May See



1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see Glimp-ses of truth Thou
2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear Voi - ces of truth Thou
3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear Glad - ly the warm truth



hast for me; Place in my hands the won-der-ful key
send - est clear; And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
ev' - ry - where; O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare



That shall un - clasp and set me free; Si-lent-ly now I
Ev' - ry - thing false will dis - ap-pear: Si-lent-ly now I
Love with Thy chil - dren, thus to share: Si-lent-ly now I



wait for Thee, Re - ady, my God, Thy will to see;
wait for Thee, Re - ady, my God, Thy will to see;
wait for Thee, Re - ady, my God, Thy will to see;



O - pen my eyes, il - lu - mine me, Spi - rit di - vine!
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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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, August 30

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

10a-11a | Worship | Sanctuary

11a-11:15a | Youth Baptism | Chapel

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

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

TUESDAY, September 1

10a-11:30a | Creative Friends | Room 32

10a-12p | Service for Brenda Bean | Sanctuary
followed by reception in Heaton Hall

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

WEDNESDAY, September 2

11:30a-12p | Meditation | Zoom

SUNDAY, September 6

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

10a-11a | Worship | Sanctuary

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

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

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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