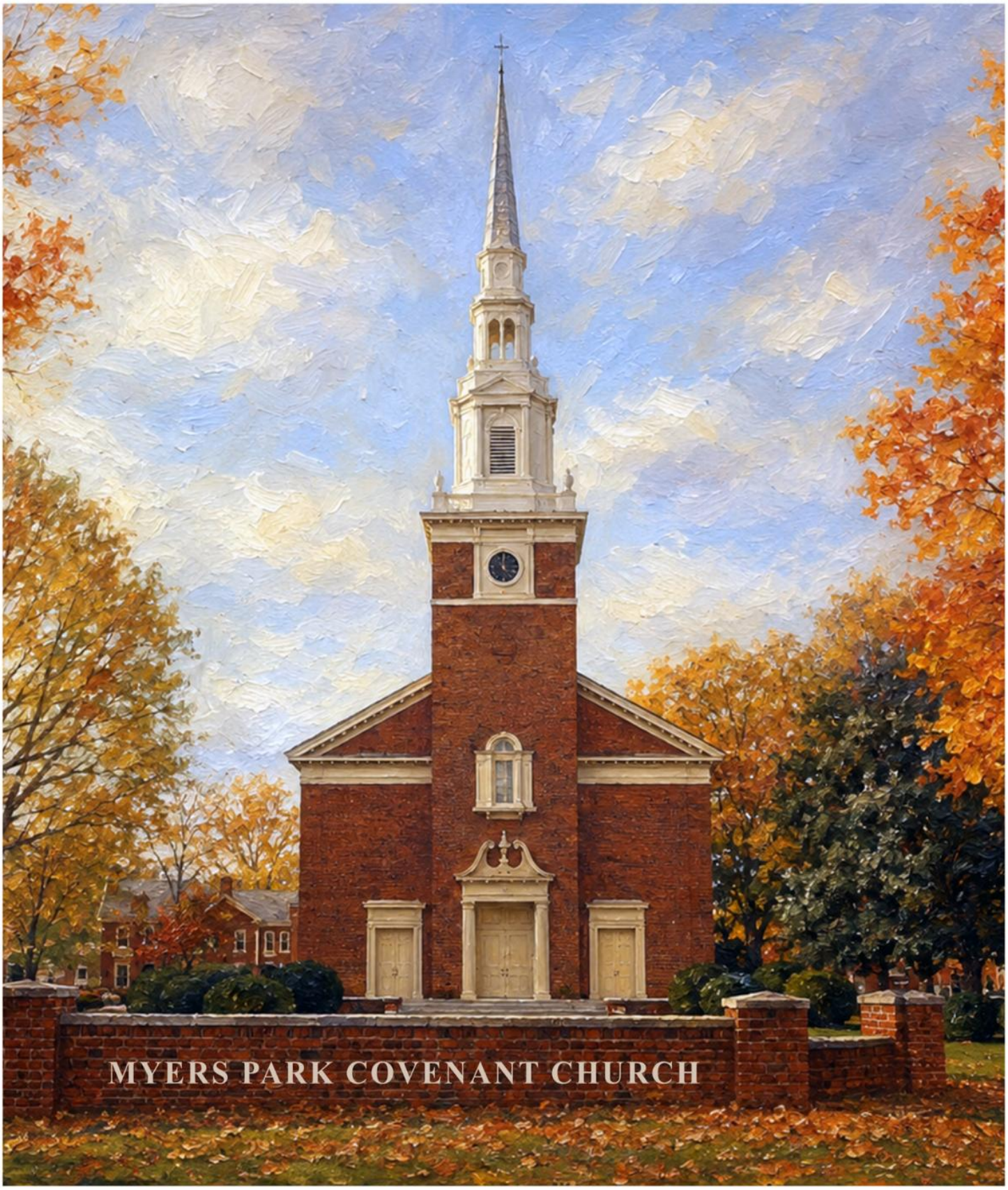


MYERS PARK
COVENANT
CHURCH

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 22, 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

Piano Quintet in G minor, Op. 49 – II. Allegretto Enrique Granados
String quartet; Claudio Olivera, piano

Call to Worship Tim Moore

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

People: Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

Leader: Know that the LORD is God. It is God who made us; we belong to God.

People: We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

Leader: Enter the Temple gates with thanksgiving and the courts with praise. Give thanks to God and bless God's holy name.

People: For the LORD is good; God's steadfast love endures forever and offers faithfulness to all generations.

[adapted from Psalm 100]

Invocation

***Opening Hymn No. 390** ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR
"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" Henry Alford

Welcome Dane Jordan

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

Ministry Moment Robin Buck, Room in the Inn

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

***Sing** DENNIS

"Blest Be the Tie that Binds" John Fawcett

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

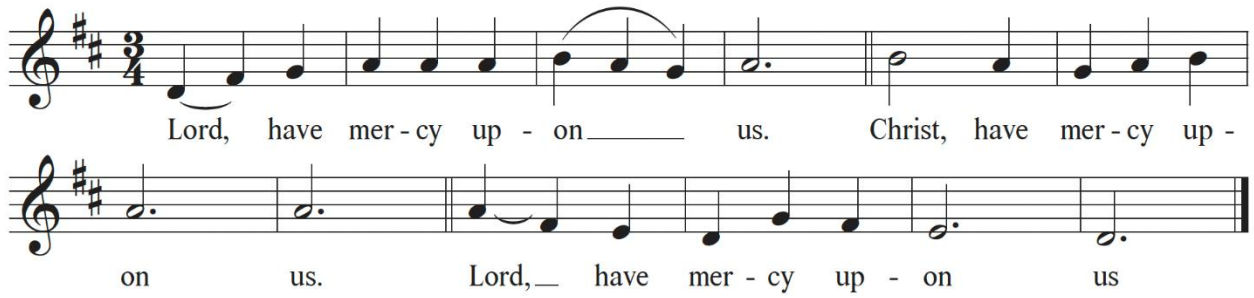
The Prayer of Confession Marina Luckhoo

O Lord our God, forgive us.
We confess that we want easy answers,
smooth roads and quick results.
Like spoiled children we want our way—now.
We want one key that will unlock all doors,
one elixir that will cure all ills,
one solution that will fix all problems.
And in our search for easy answers,
we leave you, O Lord, behind.
We confess that we have traded
reality for illusion,
vision for blindness,
wisdom for foolishness.
Forgive us.
Transform us.
For we pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.

[Adapted from *Be Thou Present*, by Peggy Haymes]

The Silent Confession

The Kyrie Eleison



The Assurance of Pardon

So, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! In Christ God was reconciling with world, not counting their sins against them.

[II Cor. 5:17-19]

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

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Gospel Lesson – Matthew 25:31-46 (NRSVUE) Mark Chatman and Deb Steiner

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** DIX

"God Your Blessings Overflow" Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

God, your blessings overflow! What can we begin to say?
How can we begin to show, All our gratitude this day?
God, we join to worship you, Giving thanks for all you do.

Sermon

"What are We Supposed to do in the Apocalypse?" 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 Rick Bahnson, Deacon

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

Offertory

Make Me an Instrument St. Francis of Assisi; Craig Courtney

O Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is doubt, faith,
Where there is despair, hope,
Where there is darkness, light,
Where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, Grant that we might not seek
To be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
It is in dying we are born to eternal life.

Amen, amen, amen, amen.

Chancel Choir; String Quartet; Claudio Olivera, 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** Rick Bahnson, Deacon

***Closing Hymn No. 392** LYONS
"Give Thanks To Our God" J. Daniel White

***Responding to the Word** Tim Moore and Paula Fricke

We welcome Salma Villarreal Siraj, Executive Director of ourBRIDGE for KIDS, as MOJO recognizes and supports the organization's important work serving refugee and immigrant children and families in our community. To learn more about their mission, visit www.joinourbridge.org.

***Benediction**

Postlude
Danza Ritual del Fuego from *El amor brujo* Manuel de Falla

Claudio Olivera, piano

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Audio/Video Team: Wes Cobb, Joe Kuhlmann,
Hannah Combs, Eric Roberts, and Jesmark Garcia.

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We welcome today's guest musicians:
Jenny Topilow and Cindy Burton, violins;
Kirsten Swanson, viola and Joy Payton Stevens, cello.

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The arrangement on the altar is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. William Dixon Cornwell, Sr. by their family.

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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.

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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.

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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

TUE, Nov 24	6pm | **Theology Pub** | Off Campus
WED, Nov 25	11:30am | **Just Breathe Meditation** | Online **Church Office Closed**
THU, Nov 26	**Church Office Closed**

COMING SOON

SUN, Nov 29 **Advent 1**	9am | **Spend Plan Listening Session** 10am | **Worship** | Sanctuary 11:15am | **Spiritual Growth** for all ages **Adults: Unlikely Saints** - Room 250 | **Queeries** - Room 254 | Heaton Hall Foyer **Children** (Grades K-5) Godly Play | Room 211

SAVE THESE DATES

TUE, Dec 1	12pm | **Sage-ing Lunch** | Heaton Hall
SUN, Dec 6	11am | **Congregational Meeting** | Sanctuary
SUN, Dec 13	7pm | **A Community Christmas – Lessons and Carols** | Sanctuary
WED, Dec 16	5pm | **Wednesday Supper Connection** | Heaton Hall