

AFFIRMATION OF FATH

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

HYMN 315  
(stanzas 1 & 4)

*In the Mist of New Dimensions*

NEW DIMENSIONS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE 765

*Song of Hope*

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# Covenant

PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

Athens, Georgia

September 19, 2021

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR ALL GOD'S PEOPLE

18th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

*O Come All Ye Faithful*



setting by John Carter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER:

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

***All: maker of heaven and earth.***

*O God, light of the hearts that know you,*

*Life of the souls that love you,*

*Strength of the thoughts that seek you:*

*To turn from you is to fall,*

*To turn to you is to rise,*

*And to abide in you is to stand fast forever.*

*Although we are unworthy to approach you,*

*Or to ask anything of you,*

*Grant us your grace and blessing*

*For the sake of Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.*

HYMN 39  
(stanzas 1 & 2)

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

INVITATION OF CONFESSION

*If we claim we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor:*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Do not cast us away from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*For as the heavens are high above the earth, so is the Lord's mercy great upon the God-fearing. As far as the east is from the west, so far has the LORD removed our sin from us. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*

RESPONSE 583

*Glory to God*

GLORIA (Taize)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

*God our helper, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds, that as the scriptures are read and your word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and taught your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 121

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

II Corinthians 1: 18-20

INTERLUDE

*O God, You Are My God*

STEP BY STEP

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 12: 1-4a, 9

PROCLAMATION

The Journey Ahead

Hilary Shuford

REFLECTION 450

(stanzas 1 & 2)

*Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATION

Prayers of the People

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN 309

(stanza 1)

*Come, Great God of All the Ages*

ABBOT'S LEIGH