

## Guidelines for Gathering inside Covenant Presbyterian Church

- ⇒ All adults who enter our facility are to be fully vaccinated.
- ⇒ Wear a mask at all time while on the property.
- ⇒ Maintain six feet social distancing at all times
- ⇒ Children are welcome but must remain in the company of their parents/guardians
- ⇒ Other than household members (who may sit together), please leave 6 feet or more between you and others' chairs in the Fellowship Hall
- ⇒ We will encourage a contact-free experience for all. Please refrain from hugs, hand shakes, etc. We encourage you to wave or use prayer hands to greet those around you.
- ⇒ There will be congregational singing, with masks.

*Please do not plan to attend in person events if: you are feeling ill in any way; have been recently diagnosed with COVID-19 or recently exposed to anyone that has.*

*Bring a hearty supply of patience for yourself and those around you.  
The new adventure continues.*

## CHURCH STAFF

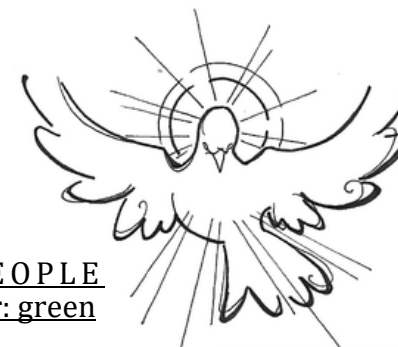
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# Covenant

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Athens, Georgia November 14, 2021

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR ALL GOD'S PEOPLE  
10:00am Worship Service Liturgical color: green



24th Sunday after Pentecost

PREPARATION

*Contemplation*

Karen Lakey Buckwalter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 96: 1, 2

One: O sing to the Lord a new song;

**All: sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

One: Sing, and give praise to God's name;

**All: tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.**

\*HYMN 307  
(vs. 1, 2 & 4)

"Grace of God and Glory of God"

CWM RHONDDA

CALL TO CONFESSION

Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weaknesses, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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 neighbor 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 compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us 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. Amen**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Amen.**

\*HYMN 581 (GTG)

*Gloria Patri*

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord our God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to your will and live always for your glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 12: 41-44

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

Prayers of the People

INTERLUDE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Ruth 3: 1-5; 4: 13-17

PROCLAMATION

*“To Tend the Lonely in Distress”*

Glenn Doak

MUSICAL REFLECTION

*We Give Thee but Thine Own*

SCHUMANN

RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*His Eye is on the Sparrow*

arr., Douglas E. Wagner

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

a Brief Statement of Faith

**In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in God whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.**

**In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen!**

\*HYMN 336

“We Gather Together”

KREMSER

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Shout to the North*

arr., Phillip Keveren

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PIANIST: Kim McClain

LITURGIST: Warren Combs

COVENANT HANDBELL CHOIR under the direction of David Boardman

HYMN LEADERS