

**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**

Glenn Doak, Bridge Pastor	<i>Travis Williams, Neighborhood Ministries</i>
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**Covenant**  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Athens, Georgia    November 21, 2021

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



**CHRIST THE KING**

**PREPARATION**                      *The God of Abraham Praise*                      adapt. By Meyer Lyon

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**                      Psalm 118: 1a, 28-29

One: O Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**ALL: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;**

One: You are my God, I will extol you.

**ALL: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,**

One: for his steadfast love endures forever.

**\*HYMN 41(GTG)**                      “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above”                      LYONS  
(stanzas 1,3,5)

**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

**Almighty God: In love you spread good gifts before us, more than we need or deserve. You feed, heal, teach, and save us. We confess that we always want more; that we never share as freely as you give. We resent what we lack, and are jealous of neighbors. We misuse what you intend for joy. God, forgive our stubborn greed, and our destructiveness. In mercy, help us to take such pleasure in your goodness that we will always be thanking you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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* Greatorex

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 Psalm 93

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS *(see insert)* Prayers of the People

INTERLUDE

SECOND SCRIPTURE 2 Timothy 4: 9-22

PROCLAMATION *“Come Before Winter”* Glenn Doak

MUSICAL REFLECTION

RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Thanksgiving Cannon* arr., Anna Laura Page

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles’ Creed

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and  
buried; he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall  
come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

\*HYMN 643 (GTG) “Now Thank We All Our God” NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT  
(stanzas 1-3)

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* Paul M. Vasile

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PIANIST: Kim McClain LITURGIST: Luanne Rigsby

HYMN LEADERS

## LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Give thanks to the Lord who is good.

**God's love is everlasting.**

Come, let us praise God joyfully.

**Let us come to God with thanksgiving.**

For the good world;

for things great and small, beautiful and awesome;

for seen and unseen splendors;

**thank you, God.**

For human life;

for talking and moving and thinking together;

for common hopes and hardships shared

from birth until our dying;

**thank you, God.**

For work to do and strength to work;

for the comradeship of labor;

for exchanges of good humor and encouragement;

**thank you, God.**

For marriage;

for the mystery and joy of flesh made one;

for mutual forgiveness and burdens shared;

for secrets kept in love;

**thank you, God.**

For family;

for living together and eating together;

for family amusements and family pleasures;

**thank you, God.**

For children;

for their energy and curiosity;

for their brave play and startling frankness;

for their sudden sympathies;

**thank you, God.**

For the young;

for their high hopes;

for their irreverence toward worn-out values;

for their search for freedom;

for their solemn vows;

**thank you, God.**

For growing up and growing old;

for wisdom deepened by experience;

for rest in leisure;

and for time made precious by its passing;

**thank you, God.**

For your help in times of doubt and sorrow;

for healing our diseases;

for preserving us in temptation and danger;

**thank you, God.**

For the church into which we have been called;

for the good news we receive by Word and Sacrament;

for our life together in the Lord;

**we praise you, God.**

For your Holy Spirit,

who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and love;

who prays in us and prompts our grateful worship;

**we praise you, God.**

Above all, O God, for your Son Jesus Christ,

who lived and died and lives again for our salvation;

for our hope in him;

and for the joy of serving him;

**we thank and praise you, Eternal God,**

**for all your goodness to us.**

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.

**God's love is everlasting.**

—The Worshipbook (1970)