

-Prayer of Ordination and Installation—

–Declaration of Ordination and Installation

—Charge to the Newly Ordained and Installed

OFFERING, *including Concerns and Celebrations*

OFFERTORY *Be Thou My Vision* arr., Joshua Evanovich

*PRAISE HYMN 709 “God, We Honor You” ABUNDANT BLESSING

God, we honor you. God, we trust in you.

God, we worship and adore you. Take what we bring, offered to you.

Teach us to show your abundant blessings. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*HYMN 726	"Will You Come and Follow Me"	KELVINGROVE
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***BENEDICTION**

SENDING HYMN 80 “You Shall Go Out with Joy” THE TREES OF THE FIELD

**You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands.**

**And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands
while you go out with joy.**

*POSTLUDE *I've Got the JOY!* arr. Pepper Choplin

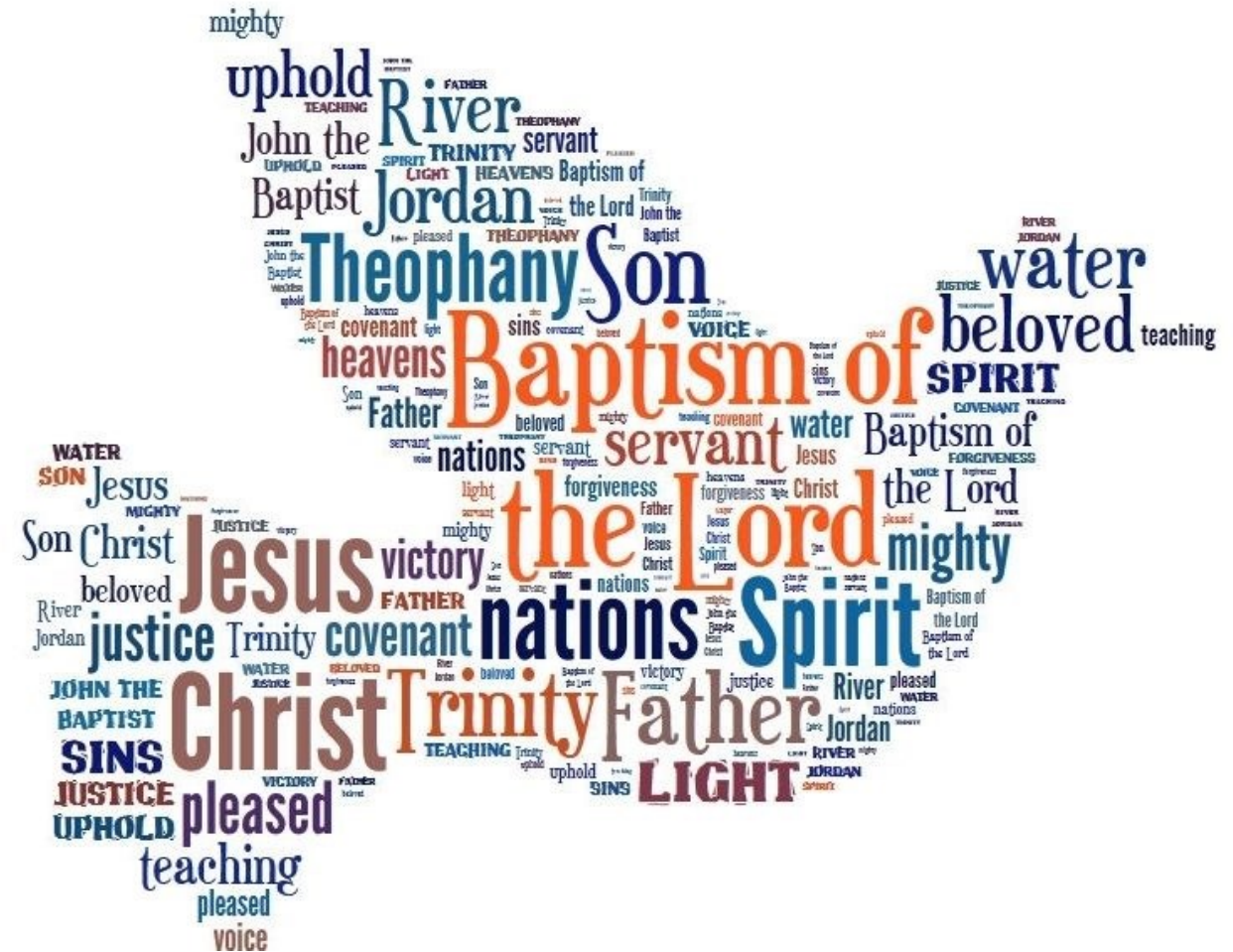
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ELDER REPRESENTATIVE: Valerie Frey Stone

* denotes standing as able.

LITURGIST: Warren Combs



January 8, 2023

***Covenant Presbyterian Church
1065 Gaines School Road
Athens, GA 30605***

COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: White Baptism of the Lord 11:00am Worship

Elder Ordination & Installation

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION

Like a River Glorious

arr., Bob Walters

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

*Down to the River to Pray
Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

arr., Mary McDonald

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In baptism God claims us and names us Beloved.

In baptism Christ joins us to himself and to one another.

In baptism the Spirit is poured out upon us.

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

Thanks be to God!

*HYMN 475

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

NETTLETON

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, you claim us and call us, you support us and uphold us,
you save us and free us from our sin.**

**Yet we slip into old habits, worshiping idols that have claimed our hearts,
disregarding our impact on the earth and our neighbors.**

Forgive us. Meet us at the water again, that we might know we belong to you.

Through Christ we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*PRAISE HYMN 435 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" IN BABILONE

(VERSE 1) **There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.**

There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.

There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 3: 13-17

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 4: 1-7, 11-16

PROCLAMATION

Dana Waters

*HYMN 490

"Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters"

BEACH SPRING

RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

ORDINATION and INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

-Sentences of Scripture

-Statement of Ordination

-Profession of Faith, including the 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.**