

OFFERTORY

God Liveth Still

J. S. Bach

*PRAISE HYMN 2251 “We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus”

(verse 3)

**Glory be to our creator, glory be to Christ, the Son;
glory to the Holy Spirit, ever three and ever one.**

**As it was in the beginning, glory now resounds again
in a song that has no ending. Amen!**

OUIMETTE

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 697

(verses 1-4)

“Take My Life”

HENDON

***BENEDICTION**

*SENDING HYMN 600

“Amen”

AMEN

*POSTLUDE

All Glory Be to God On High
Variation 4

Jan Pieterzsoon Sweelinck

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Hymn numbers 2000 + in the small hymnals, *Sing the Faith*

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Covenant Presbyterian Church

1065 Gaines School Road

Athens, Georgia 30605

Covenant at Worship

Liturgical Color: WHITE Stewardship Sunday 11:00am Worship

GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE

PREPARATION *All Glory Be to God On High* *Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck*
Theme, Variations 1 and 2

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY *Lift High the Cross* S. H. Nicholson,
arr., Faye Lopez

*CALL TO WORSHIP
The good news resounds:

Christ is risen! Alleluia!
We celebrate the God who is our refuge.
In God’s presence there is gladness and rest.
God is always before us;
we shall not be shaken.

*HYMN 240 “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks!” ALLELUIA NO. 1

CALL TO CONFESSION
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
**God, you pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, imbuing us with
the grace and patience that you have shown to us time and again.
We experience your presence but are quick to judge those
who do not believe as we do. We look down on those who ask for proof.
We scorn those who scoff at our faith. Forgive us and soften our hearts.
Remind us of our own human doubts, that we might have compassion
for all and freely share your grace. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*RESPONSE HYMN 591 “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!” HALLE, HALLE
Refrain: **Halle, halle, hallelujah!**
 Halle, halle, hallelujah!
 Halle, halle, hallelujah!
 Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
PSALM READING Psalm 16
EPISTLE READING I Peter 1: 3 –9
PROCLAMATION Dana Waters

RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

*HYMN 246 “Christ Is Alive!” TRURO
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, *including concerns and celebrations*

OFFERING AND PRESENTING OUR PLEDGES
–Litany adapted from the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand

For many years we have had the mistaken notion
that all the problems of the world can be solved with a few dollar bills.
In Jesus' time the Pharisees came to ask him if they should pay taxes.
Jesus, looking at a silver coin, asked whose face and name were engraved on it.
"The Emperor's," they said.
"Well then, pay to the Emperor what is his," Jesus replied.
When the Pharisees heard this, they were astonished.
Has God's face ever been on a coin?
We are the coin that bears the living likeness of God.
Giving of ourselves with whatever that may include
is the only legal currency of the kingdom of heaven.

Note: Worshipers are invited to place their pledge card in the offering plate today. We are grateful for those who have previously turned in their pledges.