

RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 at 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, *including concerns and celebrations*

OFFERING

How Lovely Shines the Morning Star

J. S. Bach

*PRAISE HYMN 2251

“We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus”

OUIMETTE

(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!**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 48

“Rain Down”

RAIN DOWN

The choir will lead; the congregation will sing the refrain

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 600

“Amen”

AMEN

*POSTLUDE

We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder

arr., Mary Ellen Kerrick

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

PIANIST: Connor Austell

ADULT CHOIR under the direction of Betsy Burmeister

* denotes standing as able.

LITURGIST: Pam Knox



April 30, 2023
Covenant Presbyterian Church
1065 Gaines School Road
Athens, Georgia 30605

Covenant at Worship

Liturgical Color: WHITE 4th Sunday of Easter 11:00am Worship

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SUNDAY

GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE

PREPARATION *My King, My Shepherd* *Ruth Elaine Shram,
G.F. Handel*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* arr., John Carter

*CALL TO WORSHIP
We come to worship the risen Christ.
Praise to Christ, the good shepherd!
Alleluia, praise to Christ, the gate!
Alleluia, praise to Christ, the lamb!
Alleluia, praise to Christ, our savior!
Christ is risen still! Alleluia!

*Hymn 307 “God of Grace and God of Glory” CWM RHONDDA

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
**God, you call us to a world radically different from what we are used to.
You ask us to lay aside our ideas of “mine” and “yours.”
You show us a life where goods are shared, where all are loved,
and faithfulness is shown through generosity.
But we cling to our possessions, trusting them more than we trust you.
Forgive us, merciful God. Help us to truly believe in your just and peaceful
realm and to work to make it so. 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 23

GOSPEL READING John 10: 1-10

PROCLAMATION Dana Waters

*HYMN 441 “Hear the Good News of Salvation” NETTLETON