

RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.33*
In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming,
the church sees the promise of God’s renewal of human life in society
and of God’s victory over all wrong.
The church follows this pattern in the form of its life
and in the method of its action.
So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, *including Concerns and Celebrations*
“Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**”

OFFERING *Sing Unto the Lord a New Song* J.S. Bach

*PRAISE HYMN 708 “We Give Three but Thine Own” SCHUMANN
**We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 712 “As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought” FOREST GREEN

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 540 “Farewell, Good Friends!” SHALOM, CHAVERIM
**Farewell, good friends! Farewell, good friends! Shalom, shalom!
Till we meet again, till we meet again, shalom, shalom.**

*POSTLUDE *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* Jamaican Folk Tune,
arr., John Carter

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Hymn numbers 2000 + in the small hymnals, *Sing the Faith*
PIANIST: Connor Austell LITURGIST: Pam Knox

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Covenant Presbyterian Church
1065 Gaines School Road
Athens, Georgia 30605

Covenant at Worship

Liturgical Color: GREEN 3rd Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am Worship

GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE

PREPARATION *Fantasia* Tomas de Sancta Maria

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY *Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me* arr., Mark Hayes,
Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson

*CALL TO WORSHIP
We come together in the sure knowledge:
God does not pass us by.
We gather to worship knowing this truth:
God fulfills promises.
Even when we cannot muster belief:
God is faithful to us.

*HYMN 367 “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God of our salvation, incline your ear to us.
You have given us power: power to heal, to bring hope, to comfort, to restore.
But we ignore that power, choosing to live our own lives.
At worst, we abuse that power, storing up riches for ourselves
without an eye for the needs of others. Forgive us. Remind us of our call
to proclaim your good news, and to welcome each other
as we would welcome you. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*RESPONSE HYMN 583 “Glory to God” GLORY (Taize)
Glory to God, glory to God,
glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God,
alleluia, alleluia!

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Matthew 9: 35—10:4

SECOND READING Matthew 10: 5—15

PROCLAMATION Dana Waters

*HYMN 36 “For the Fruit of All Creation” AR HYDY NOS