

## RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith*

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ  
in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"  
With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing  
in life or in death can separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, *including Concerns and Celebrations*

OFFERING

*My Savior's Love*

arr., Carol Tornquist

\*PRAISE HYMN 697

"Take My Life"

HENDON

(verse 1) **Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\*HYMN 694

"Great God of Every Blessing"

AURELIA

\*BENEDICTION

\*SENDING HYMN

"This Little Light of Mine"

Traditional Gospel

1. **This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine ...**
2. **Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine...**  
(interlude)
3. **Everywhere I go I'm gonna let it shine...**

\*POSTLUDE

*This Little Light of Mine*

Traditional Gospel

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\* denotes standing as able.

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TENOR/SAX: Donny Whitehead, KEYBOARD: John Knox, BASS: Bill Rigsby



*August 13, 2023*

*Covenant Presbyterian Church*

*1065 Gaines School Road*

*Athens, Georgia 30605*

# COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: GREEN

August 13, 2023

11:00am Worship

**RALLY DAY!**

**GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE**

PREPARATION

*Above All*

arr., Carol Tornquist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

*We Are Marching in the Light of God*

SIYAHAMBA

*Congregation sings Refrain: **We are marching in the light of God...***

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

O give thanks to the Lord!

**Sing to God! Tell of God’s wonderful works!**

Remember all the things God has done!

**We glory in God’s holy name!**

Seek the Lord, our strength and refuge:

**we come to be in God’s presence.**

\*HYMN 301  
(verses 1,2 & 5)

“Let Us Build a House”

TWO OAKS

CALL TO CONFESSION

*Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, it is easy to confess with our lips that you are Lord,  
but it is much harder to believe with our hearts,  
to live in a way that puts you first.**

**We are quick to trust in idols.**

**We depend on what we can see, touch, and control,  
instead of waiting to hear your still, small voice.**

**Forgive us, Lord, and help our unbelief, so that what we confess  
with our lips we may truly believe in our hearts. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*RESPONSE HYMN 587

“Alleluia!”

CELTIC ALLELUIA

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM READING

Psalms 23

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 2: 42-47

PROCLAMATION

*Devoting Ourselves*

Rev. Margaret Fulghum Davis

\*HYMN 700

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

I’M GONNA LIVE