

RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, *including Concerns and Celebrations*

*"...Loving God, **hear our prayer.**"*

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY 609 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high
and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word,
and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 744

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

FESTAL SONG

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 840 "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

Rankin/Tomer

**God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,
may the Shepherd's care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.**

*Refrain: **Till we meet again, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet.***

Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will immediately follow worship

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* denotes standing as able.

LITURGIST: Ansley Tweedell



September 17, 2023

Covenant Presbyterian Church

1065 Gaines School Road

Athens, Georgia 30605

COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: GREEN

September 17, 2023

11:00am Worship

16th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE

PREPARATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

arr., Mark Hayes

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We observe this day as the Lord’s Day, giving thanks to God,
who gives justice to the oppressed, who forgives us and redeems us,
and crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

Let us worship the One who is worthy of our praise!

*HYMN 20

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

ROYAL OAK

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Judge, we admit we have double standards.

We seek forgiveness for ourselves, but fail to forgive others.

We seek relief for ourselves, but fail to seek relief for others.

We seek leniency for ourselves, but fail to show that mercy to others.

Forgive us, mighty God, and help us to forgive,

showing others the same grace and mercy

that you have generously shown to us. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*RESPONSE HYMN 581

“Glory Be to the Father”

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING

Romans 14: 1-12

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18: 21-35

PROCLAMATION

Dana Waters

*HYMN 452

‘Open the Eyes of My Heart’

Paul Baloche