

## RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith*

**In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah**

**chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.**

**Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel  
from the house of bondage.**

**Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.**

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,**

**like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, *including Concerns and Celebrations*

*“...God of hosts, hear our prayer.”*

OFFERING

*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

Chris Tomlin

\*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 817

“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

DUNLAP’S CREEK

\*BENEDICTION

\*SENDING HYMN 600

“Amen”

AMEN

**Amen, amen.  
Amen, amen, amen.**

\*POSTLUDE

*Reprise of Amen*

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\* denotes standing as able.

PIANIST: Aaron Carter-Enyi

LITURGIST: Warren Combs & Eli Stone

ADULT CHOIR under the direction of Aaron Carter-Enyi

PRAISE BAND: Donny Whitehead, sax, Bill Rigsby, bass, John Knox, keyboard

MUSCIAN: Anna Murphy, voice, ukelele

*October 08, 2023*

*Covenant Presbyterian Church*

*1065 Gaines School Road*

*Athens, GA 30605*

# COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: GREEN

October 08, 2023

11:00am Worship

**19th Sunday after Pentecost**

**GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

PREPARATION

*Sanctuary*

arr., Marianne Kim

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

VOLUNTARY

*I Feel the Spirit*

arr., Don Besig

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us come to learn.

**Let us come to witness.**

Let us come to change.

**Let us come to repent.**

Let us come to worship.

\*HYMN 463

“How Firm a Foundation “

FOUNDATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Beautiful Savior, you have made your law clear:**

**Love one another. Owe one another nothing but love.**

**Do no wrong to a neighbor. But we have not mastered what it is to love.**

**We have fallen short, causing harm to others through careless action  
and thoughtless lack of action. Forgive us. Teach us how to love more fully,  
more perfectly, as generously as you love,  
following your law and fulfilling your will. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*RESPONSE HYMN 586

“Alleluia”

ALLELUIA 7

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM READING

Psalms 80: 7-15

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21: 33-46

PROCLAMATION

Dana Waters

\*HYMN 223

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

HAMBURG