

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

Angels All Around various carols/arr., Cristi Cary Miller

*DOXOLGY 607 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here
below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 106 "Prepare the Way, O Zion" BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 384 "Soon and Very Soon" Andrae Crouch
Verse 1: **Soon and very soon, we are gonna see the King** (3x)
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we are gonna see the King!
Verse 2: **No more cryin' there, we are gonna see the King** (3x)
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we are gonna see the King! *(repeat Verse 1)*

POSTLUDE

What a Wonderful Child arr., Carter-Enyi

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*denotes standing as able.

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Aaron Carter-Enyi

LITURGIST: Warren Combs

ADULT CHOIR

Animal Carol Pageant by the children of Covenant

MUSICIANS: Winnie Mburu, flute; Katy Terry, clarinet; Jerry Shannon, Warren Combs,

Micah Shannon, trumpets; Chris Wilson, trombone; Abby Horvath, drums



Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023

Covenant Presbyterian Church

1065 Gaines School Road

Athens, Georgia 30605

Covenant at Worship

Liturgical Color: PURPLE Second Sunday of Advent 11:00am Worship

GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE

PREPARATION *Adeste Fidelis* arr., Carter-Enyi
 E Je Ka Jo Yo Aina/arr., Carter-Enyi

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY *Animal Carol* Igbo Traditional/Emeka Nwokedi

*CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY
A voice cries out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord.”
A choir sings in the silence, “Come, Emmanuel.”
Every valley shall be filled. Every heart shall be made whole,
for peace is stronger than turmoil, and love is louder than hate.

(The candle of peace is lit.)

As we light our second Advent candle,
we pray for the holy peace of God.
Come now, O Child of Mary.
Come now, O Prince of Peace.

*HYMN 126 “Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child” WONDERFUL CHILD
Jesus, Jesus, O what a wonderful child. Jesus, Jesus,
so holy, meek and mild;
new life, new PEACE the child will bring. Listen to the angels sing:
“Glory, glory, glory!” Let the heavens ring.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Faithful God, we confess that we have not led lives of holiness.
We suffer from impatience, apathy, and greed; we have not been at peace.
We repent of these offenses and turn to you in love.
Forgive our iniquity and pardon our sins,
that we may walk in righteousness to the glory of your name. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*RESPONSE HYMN 583 “Glory to God” GLORIA
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

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 40: 1-11

GOSPEL READING Mark 1: 1-8

PROCLAMATION Rev. Dana Waters

*HYMN 88 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” VENI EMMANUEL