

RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

OFFERING

*Christmas Gloria*

Antonio Vivaldi  
arr., Patrick Liebergen

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

EURCHARISTIC PRAYER, *including Concerns and Celebrations*  
*The Lord be with you. And also with you.*

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\*HYMN 105                      "People, Look East"                      Basançon

\*BENEDICTION

\*SENDING HYMN 384                      "Soon and Very Soon"                      Andrae Crouch  
*(Verse 1)*                      Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.  
   Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.  
   Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.  
   Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

\*POSTLUDE                      *Basançon*                      arr., Lloyd Larson

All Music Rights Reserved. OneLicense.net #A714395                      \*denotes standing as able.  
MUSIC DIRECTOR: Aaron Carter-Enyi                      LITURGIST: Pam Knox  
ADULT CHOIR  
PRAISE BAND: Abby Horvath, Drums, Winnie Mburu, Flute

*Please join us in the fellowship hall for the  
Holiday Benevolence Market following worship!*



First Sunday of Advent

*December 3, 2023*  
*Covenant Presbyterian Church*  
*1065 Gaines School Road*  
*Athens, Georgia 30605*

# Covenant at Worship

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

Holy Communion  
GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE

PREPARATION      *Genevan 42*      Louis Bourgeois  
arr. Larry Shackley

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY      *Mary Did You Know*      Mark Lowry, Buddy Greene  
arr., Jack Schrader

\*CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY  
The world says, “All is lost.” God says, “All is loved.”  
The darkness says, “The light is dying.” The light says, “The fire is catching.”  
Fear says, “Cover your eyes and your ears.” Hope says, “Wait, watch, and listen.”

*(The candle of hope is lit.)*

As we light our first Advent candle,  
we pray for the holy hope of God.  
Come now, O Child of Mary.  
Come now, O Prince of Hope.

\*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 hope 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  
God-with-us, even in Advent, we confess that you can seem far away.  
In our hurt, doubt, and fear, we do not try to draw closer to you.  
Instead, we lash out— against you, our neighbor, even those we love.  
Forgive us, we pray, and come to save us!  
Let your face shine until our tears are dried,  
our sins are faded, and our hope is restored.  
After all, we belong to you, and in your hands, we can be made new.  
In Jesus’ name we pray. 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 64: 1-9

NEW TESTAMENT READING      Mark 13: 24-47

PROCLAMATION      Rev. Dana Waters

\*HYMN 769      “For Everyone Born”      FOR EVERYONE BORN