



*For a day in your courts is better than a
thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper
in the house of my God, Than to dwell in
the tents of wickedness.*

Psalms 84:10 WEB

January 28, 2024

Covenant Presbyterian church

Athens, GA 30605

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COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: Green

January 28, 2024

11:00am Worship

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

Rain Down (Hymn 48)
Congregation singing on refrain

Jaime Cortez

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come! Let us give thanks to the Lord with our whole hearts.

Glory be to the One whose wonders are to be remembered.

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

The Lord feeds the righteous with truth.

Come! Let us give thanks to God!

*HYMN 327

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and all-powerful God, who comforts those in distress,
we confess that we are unable to do your will.

We protect what is familiar and reject what is unknown.

We admire those with courage but excuse ourselves when we falter from the truth.

We forget that you are always with us, and that with you all things are possible.

Forgive us, lead us, make us new. Remove our desire to heed false
prophets, and show us your way; in Jesus' name. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*PRAISE HYMN 435 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" IN BABILONE

(VERSE 1) **There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.**

There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.

There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM READING

Psalm 84: 1-10

NEW TESTAMENT READING

I Corinthians 3: 1-9

PROCLAMATION

Dana Waters

*HYMN 306

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

DENNIS

*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*

*"...Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**"*

OFFERING

Praise Him, Praise Him

Carol Tornquist

*DOXOLOGY "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 300

"We Are One in the Spirit"

Peter Scholtes

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 748

"Go With Us, Lord"

TALLIS' CANNON

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

*POSTLUDE

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