



*February 18, 2024*  
*Covenant Presbyterian Church*  
*Athens, Ga 30605*  
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# COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: Purple

February 18, 2024

11:00am Worship

## **First Sunday in Lent GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

PREPARATION

*In Christ Alone  
Above All  
10,000 Reasons*

by Getty & Townend  
by Le Blanc & Baloché  
arr., Phillip Keveren

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

*Just Beyond the Manger*

Joseph M. Martin

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

From water to wilderness:

**God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.**

On stone and in hearts:

**God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.**

From the ancestor of nations to the Son lifted up:

**God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.**

We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,

**for where he is, we would be also.**

\*HYMN 518

"Lamb of God"

Twila Paris

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of mercy, we begin this Lenten season in confession.**

**We do not live according to your ways, but according to our own.**

**We condone violence, participate in systems of injustice,  
and use power to our own advantage at the expense of others.**

**Forgive us when we are tempted to follow paths  
other than those you set before us.**

**In covenantal love, remember us, we pray,  
and be for us an ark of safety and new life.**

**In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*RESPONSE HYMN 434      "Restore In Us, O God"      BAYLOR  
**Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;  
renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.**

**LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING      Genesis 9:8-17

GOSPEL READING      Mark 9: 1-5

PROCLAMATION      Dana Waters

\*HYMN 701      "Lord, Prepare Me"      SANCTUARY

## 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

### OFFERING

*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

arr., Phillip Keveren

### \*DOXOLOGY 469

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Ken Medema

**Lord, listen to your children praying.**

**Lord, send your Spirit in this place.**

**Lord, listen to your children praying.**

**Send us love; send us power; send us grace.**

### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### \*HYMN 729

"Lord, I Want to be a Christian"

African American Spiritual

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*SENDING HYMN 541 "God Be With You Until We Meet Again"

RANDOLPH

(verse 1) **God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold  
you, with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.**

### \*POSTLUDE

*Above All (reprise)*

arr., Aaron Carter-Enyi

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\* denotes standing as able.

MUSIC DIRECTOR/PIANIST: Aaron Carter-Enyi

LITURGIST: Warren Combs, Owen Barnett

ADULT CHOIR

CONDUCTOR: Betsy Burmeister

PRAISE BAND

Mary Barnett, Anna Murphy, Quintina Carter-Enyi, voices

Donny Whitehead, saxophone Nderitu Kiragu, guitar Bill Rigsby, bass Abby Horvath drums