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Covenant Presbyterian Church
Athens, Ga 30605
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COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: Purple

February 25, 2024

11:00am Worship

Second Sunday in Lent GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley Spiritual/arr., Carter-Enyi

*CALL TO WORSHIP

People of the covenant:

God does not remember us according to our sins and transgressions.

God remembers us according to God's own steadfast love!

The God of our salvation teaches us right paths and leads us in truth.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness;

we put our trust in God.

*HYMN 49

"The God of Abraham Praise"

LEONI

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not been sincere Christians.

We claim to follow Jesus, but have not taken his path of sacrificial love.

We profess to be disciples, but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship.

We affirm the virtue of self-denial,

but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain.

**Forgive us, we pray. Free us for sincere repentance
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 17: 1-7, 15-16

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 4: 20—5:5

PROCLAMATION

Dana Waters

*HYMN 39

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from a Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, including Concerns and Celebrations

*"...Holy God, **hear our prayer.**"*

OFFERING

He Hideth My Soul

Fanny J. Crosby/Wm J. Kirkpatrick

*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 838

"Standing On The Promises"

PROMISES

*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

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* denotes standing as able.

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Aaron Carter-Enyi

LITURGIST: Pam Knox

Betsy Burmeister, piano

ADULT CHOIR

THE MORE THAN FOUR QUARTET:

Katy Terry, clarinet

Jim Anderson, Betsy Burmeister,

Kathryn Fowler, Rich Reaves, Linda Rogers