



March 03, 2024
Covenant Presbyterian Church
Athens, Ga 30605
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COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: Purple

March 03, 2024

11:00am Worship

HOLY COMMUNION

Third Sunday in Lent

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word

arr., Arnold B. Sherman

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The message of the cross sounds foolish to the world;

But to us it is the power of God!

We proclaim the scandal of Christ crucified.

**The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom,
and the weakness of God is stronger than our strength.**

*HYMN 14

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, how fickle we are; we sin against you and ignore your ways.

Forgive us for worshiping anyone or anything except you.

Forgive us for failing to honor all our relationships—

with those closest to us and those who are distant neighbors.

Help us to speak words of blessing and kindness,

rather than words that belittle or destroy.

Forgive us for thinking everything depends on our efforts and power,

for you are the God who made us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*PRAISE HYMN 586

(singing twice)

"Alleluia"

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

ALLELUIA 7

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING

I Corinthians 1: 18-25

GOSPEL READING

John 6: 24-35

PROCLAMATION

Dana Waters

*HYMN 509

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

HOLY MANNA

RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

OFFERING

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arr., Jason W. Krug

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER, *including Concerns and Celebrations*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC

Ponder My Words

W. W. Gilchrist

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN 307

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

CWM RHONDDA

*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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MUSIC DIRECTOR: Aaron Carter-Enyi
HANDBELL CHOIR under the direction of David Boardman
ADULT CHOIR
Anna Murphy, conductor
Laura Foskey, soprano soloist

* denotes standing as able.
LITURGIST: Pam Knox