



Seasoned Saints Sunday!

May 18, 2025

Covenant Presbyterian Church

1065 Gaines School Road

Athens, GA 30605

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COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: WHITE

11:00am Worship

Seasoned Saints Sunday 5th Sunday of Easter GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION

We Gather Together

KREMSE
Netherlands Folk Song

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON
C. G. Gläser

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Come, all you who have walked the long road of faith —
**through mountain and valley, joy and sorrow,
through seasons of certainty and of seeking.**

Come, you whose laughter has lifted us,
**whose prayers have carried us,
whose hands have built and blessed this church.**

We gather today to give thanks —
**for wisdom hard-won, for stories well-told,
for love that endures.**

This is the day the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it —
for God is not finished with any of us yet!

Let us worship God!

*HYMN 465

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

CONVERSE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Faithful God, you have walked with us through every season — in childhood wonder, in youthful striving, in midlife juggling, in older reflection — and yet, we confess, we do not always trust that you are still at work in us. We sometimes believe the best is behind us, and forget that your Spirit renews us, not just once, but again and again. Forgive us, Lord, for the ways we underestimate your grace, in ourselves and in one another. Remind us that your call has no expiration date, and that your love makes every season holy. In your mercy, renew our strength, restore our joy, and lead us forward in faith. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
(silent prayers of confession)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS (responsive)

Hear the good news:

From our first breath to our last, we are held in the mercy of God.

There is no age at which we outgrow grace,

no stage of life where we are forgotten,

no moment too small for God's redeeming love.

The One who began a good work in us
will be faithful to bring it to completion.

So, we rise in hope, walk in joy,

and live as those who are deeply, eternally beloved.

My friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*PRAISE HYMN 591

"Halle, Halle Hallelujah!"

HALLE, HALLE

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *(unison Reading—see insert)*

Psalm 23 KJV

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 1: 3-11

PROCLAMATION

Legacy of Faith & Service

Our "Seasoned Saints"

*HYMN 839

"Blessed Assurance"

***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 & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

arr., Hal Hopson

***DOXOLOGY 609 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" LASST UNSERFREUEN**
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 DEDICATION**

***HYMN 625**

"How Great Thou Art"

Stuart K. Hines

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

***SENDING HYMN 600**

"Amen"

AMEN

**Amen, Amen,
Amen, amen, amen.**

***POSTLUDE**

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* denotes standing as able.

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Aaron Carter-Enyi

LITURGISTS: Seasoned Saints

SPECIAL GUEST: Marcia Verbrugge, piano

ADULT CHOIR

MUSICIANS: Winnie Mburu, vocals; Donny Whitehead, sax; Chris Wilson, trombone;

Nderitu Kiragu, guitar; Bill Rigsby, bass; Donnie Lindsey, drums