



Exalt the Lord our God,
and worship at
His holy hill;
for the Lord our God
is holy.

Psalm 99:9

*October 18, 2026
Covenant Presbyterian Church
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Athens, Ga 30605
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COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: GREEN

11:00am Worship

**21st Sunday after Pentecost
GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

It Is Good to Praise the Lord

Joseph Martin

*CALL TO WORSHIP

You who bear the image of God, come and worship

We who receive our breath from the breath of God come and sing praise

Render unto Caesar what belongs to Caesar

And to God what belongs to God

Let us give the fullness of our life and breath to praise The Lord.

The Lord's Name be praised!

Let us worship God!

*HYMN 769

For Everyone Born

Murray/Mann

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Unison)*

What a debt we owe to you, O God. You have given us all things in Christ and yet we withhold from you the honor and glory that are yours. Instead, we pay tribute to empire, plot to entrap the innocent, mock your truth with empty praise, and put your patience to the test. Forgive us, O God, and by your grace restore in us the image of your face; through Christ Jesus our Lord. *(Silent prayers of confession)*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS *(Responsive)*

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice!

Let the sea roar with laughter, the fields shout in celebration, and the forests sing with joy!

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 582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" GLORY TO GOD

1. Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

2. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

(Pew Bible pp. 540-541) Psalm 99: 1-9

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

(Pew Bible p. 902) Matthew 22: 15-22

PROCLAMATION

Throw It Back

Rev. Will Norman

*HYMN 634

"To God Be The Glory"

Crosby/Doane

RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(Unison)*

We believe in the living God, Creator of heaven and earth, whose image is borne by every person and whose justice embraces every nation. We confess Jesus Christ as Lord, above every earthly power. We believe that governments are called to serve justice and peace, but no ruler or nation may claim the allegiance that belongs to God alone. Led by the Holy Spirit, we affirm the freedom of the church to proclaim God's grace, defend human dignity, and bear witness to the reign of Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Unison)*

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

*DOXOLOGY 710

"We Lift Our Voices"

OFFERING

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering; we are an offering.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 716

"God Whose Giving Know No Ending"

Edwards/Wood

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 853

"We Are Marching"

SIYAHAMBA

**We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, we are marching, Oh, We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, we are marching, Oh, We are marching in the light of God.**

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