



September 28, 2025
Covenant Presbyterian Church
1065 Gaines School Road
Athens, GA 30605

COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: GREEN

11:00am Worship

16th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY *He's Got the Whole World In His Hands* arr., Anna Laura Page

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Responsive*)

Friends in Christ, rejoice! We live sustained by God's presence and love.

Thanks be to God!

As we mourn the wounds of God's children,

God weeps with us.

As we give thanks for brothers and sisters who have lived in faith,

God give thanks with us.

As we struggle for justice,

God struggles with us.

As we strive for peace,

God strives with us.

As we work to build the beloved community,

God works with us.

As we offer our gifts to all,

God blesses us.

Friends in Christ, rejoice!

Sustained by God's presence and love, let us worship God!

*HYMN 260

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

HYFRYDOL

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Unison)*

Holy Lord, you who meet us in Christ – the Way, the Truth, and the Life – hear our prayer: Forgive us when we follow those paths that do not lead to truth or life ... that lead instead to lies, hate, violence, or fear ... paths that lead to dread and death. Forgive us when we forget that you offer us life ... life that is abundant and eternal ... life that began at the creation of all things. Forgive us, turn us to the right path, and let your love and grace flow over us and the world. We pray in Jesus' name. *(Silent prayers of confession)*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS *(Responsive)*

God so loved the world that God sent Jesus to us,
Not to condemn the world, but so that we might be saved through him.
My friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*PRAISE HYMN 582 "Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines On Me" VASILE

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.**

PRESENTATION OF HYMNAL

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LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HYMN 188

"Jesus Loves Me"

JESUS LOVES ME

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

I Corinthians 2: 1-13

(Pew Bible p. 1041)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 14: 1-7

(Pew Bible pp. 984-985)

PROCLAMATION

The Gospel Truth

Rev. Tom Buchanan

*HYMN 630

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

CRUSADERS' HYMN

RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*) *Adapted from Colossians 1:15-20*
Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. 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

Prayer

Jeanne C. Warzyn

*DOXOLOGY 609 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" LASST UNS ERFREUEN
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 377

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

HOUSTON

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 853

"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.**

SIYAHAMBA

*POSTLUDE

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MUSIC DIRECTOR/PIANIST: Aaron Carter-Enyi

ADULT CHOIR

CHILDREN and ADULT HANDBELL CHOIR under the direction of David Boardman

* denotes standing as able.

LITURGIST: Kirche Rogers

Congregational Meeting immediately following worship!