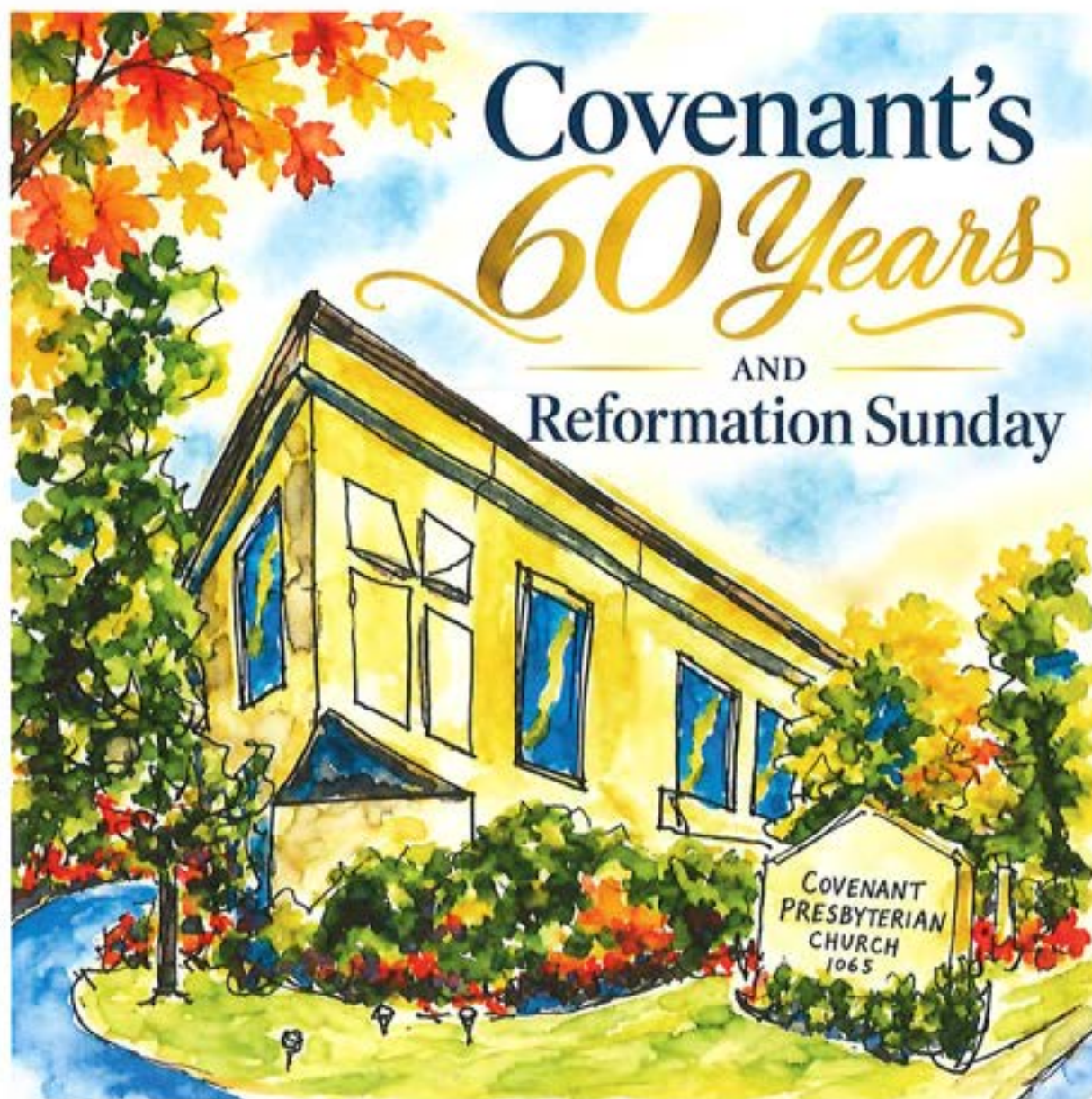




October 25, 2026
Covenant Presbyterian Church
1065 Gaines School Road
Athens, Ga 30605

COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: GREEN

11:00am Worship

Reformation Sunday/ 60th Anniversary Celebration

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING

I'm Just a Poor Wayfaring Stranger

arr., Tammy Waldrop

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

Today, We Celebrate Our Faith

Joseph Martin

*CALL TO WORSHIP

From generation to generation, God has been our dwelling place, our refuge and our strength.

We gather with thanksgiving for sixty years of faith, fellowship, and service.

Before this congregation had a name or a home, God's Spirit was already at work, gathering people together in faith and hope.

We give thanks for those who came before us, and for the grace that has brought us to this day.

Today, the living Christ calls us again to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

The Spirit leads us onward, renewing our faith and widening the reach of our love.

So let us rejoice in the goodness of God, whose faithfulness endures through every generation, and whose mercies are new every morning.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN 321

"The Church's One Foundation"

AURELIA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Unison)*

Faithful and merciful God, you have called us into a covenant of love, gathering us into a community where every person is cherished and every life is precious. Yet we confess that we have sometimes allowed our love to grow narrow and our welcome to become uncertain. We have cherished familiar traditions while resisting the new things your Spirit would teach us. We have spoken of justice while turning away from the suffering of our neighbors. We have celebrated your grace without always extending that same generosity to others. *(continued on next page)*

Forgive us, gracious God. Renew our hearts, deepen our compassion, and give us courage to follow Christ wherever he may lead. Make us a people whose love is visible in our actions, whose faith is alive with hope, and whose doors and hearts remain open to all. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. (Silent prayers of confession)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS (Responsive)

God's love for us is older than our failures, stronger than our fears, and more generous than anything we could earn or deserve.

Through Jesus Christ, we are embraced by grace, restored in mercy, and called into newness of life.

And by the power of the Holy Spirit, God continues the good work begun among us, shaping us more fully into the likeness of Christ.

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 p. 536) Psalm 90: 1-6, 12-17

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING (Pew Bible p. 902-903) Matthew 22: 34 - 40

PROCLAMATION *Let Us Build a House* Rev. Tom Buchanan

*HYMN 301 "Let Us Build A House" TWO OAKS

*LITANY OF THANKSGIVING AND RENEWAL (see insert)