

November 08, 2026

Covenant Presbyterian Church

1065 Gaines School Road

Athens, Ga 30605

COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: GREEN 11:00am Worship

24th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY *Be Thou My Vision* John Rutter

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Come, people of God, with your hopes and your weariness, your gratitude for what is good and your longing for what is yet to come.

We gather before the God whose promises endure, whose faithfulness sustains us through the longest night.

The prophets call us to lives of justice and righteousness, and Christ invites us to share in the joy of God's coming reign.

So let us open our hearts to the Spirit who strengthens us for love.
Let us worship God!

*HYMN 353 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" SOLID ROCK

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Unison)* **Gracious and faithful God, you have given us a hope that reaches beyond the world as it is, yet we confess how easily our commitment falters. We grow impatient when change comes slowly, and we sometimes allow disappointment to harden into cynicism. We have celebrated the triumph of our own convictions while neglecting the humility and compassion you require of us. We have sung of justice while overlooking the suffering of our neighbors, and spoken of love while withholding it from those we find difficult to understand. Forgive us, O God. Renew our spirits when we are weary, deepen our compassion when it grows thin, and teach us the patient habits of a faith that endures. By your grace, form us into people whose lives bear witness to your righteousness, mercy, and peace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.** *(Silent payers of confession)*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS *(Responsive)*
God's faithfulness is greater than our failures, and God's mercy reaches us even when our courage has grown thin.
In Jesus Christ, we are met by a love that restores us, a grace that renews us, and a Spirit who strengthens us for the journey ahead.
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

*RESPONSE 581 "Glory Be to the Father" GLORIA PATRI
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING (Pew Bible p. 839) Amos 5: 18 - 24

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING (Pew Bible p. 905) Matthew 25: 1 - 13

PROCLAMATION *Keep the Lamps Burning* Rev. Tom Buchanan

*HYMN 350 "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning" KEEP YOUR LAMPS

RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(Unison)* **We believe in God, the Creator of heaven and earth, whose steadfast love sustains all creation and whose righteousness calls every nation and every people to justice and peace. We believe in Jesus Christ, God's Word made flesh, who proclaimed the coming reign of God, welcomed the stranger, defended the vulnerable, and taught us the way of mercy and love. Crucified and risen, he has opened before us the promise of a new creation, and invites us to share in its joy. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who gathers and sustains the Church, strengthens the weary, renews our courage, and forms us into a community of faithful hope. We trust that God's grace precedes our efforts and sustains them. Therefore, we will seek justice, practice compassion, and persevere in love, trusting in the promises of the One who has called us and who remains faithful, now and forever. 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 *Let Justice Flow Like Streams* Huber/Carter-Enyi

*DOXOLOGY 710 "We Are an Offering" 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 749 "Come! Live in the Light!" WE ARE CALLED

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 649 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" AMAZING GRACE
(Verse 5) **When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise then when we'd first begun.**

*POSTLUDE

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