



Pentecost Sunday

May 24, 2026

Covenant Presbyterian Church

1065 Gaines School Road

Athens, Ga 30605

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COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: RED

11:00am Worship

Day of Pentecost

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

Baba Yetu

Christopher Tin

A PENTECOST PROCESSION

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Sing to the Lord a new song,
for God has done marvelous things!

**Let the whole earth make a joyful noise;
let every tongue, every people, every voice join the praise.**

God's good news is not bound by one language,
one culture, one story, or one voice.

**The Spirit gathers us in our difference
and teaches us the song of justice, mercy, peace, and love.**

Come, Holy Spirit!

Tune our hearts to the music of God's new world.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN 292

"As the Wind Song"

WAIKUA TAPU

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

God of wind and flame, you pour out your Spirit upon all flesh, but we confess that we often resist the wideness of your grace. You gather many voices into your new song, but we are tempted to listen only for what is familiar. You call us to hear the wisdom of children and elders, the truth of those pushed aside, the dreams of those denied power, the grief of those too often unheard — but we confess that we have sometimes treated difference as a problem to solve rather than a gift to receive. Forgive us, Holy One. Forgive the silences we have kept when your Spirit called us to speak. Forgive the noise we have made when your Spirit called us to listen. Forgive the ways we have confused unity with sameness and peace with the absence of hard truth. Come, Holy Spirit. Set your fire upon us again. Teach us the song of Christ's mercy, the rhythm of justice, the harmony of belonging, and the courage to carry your good news into the life of the world. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. [*Silent prayers of confession*]

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS (*responsive*)

God's Spirit is poured out, not sparingly, but abundantly;
not on a chosen few only, but upon all flesh.

In Jesus Christ, grace has been spoken in a language deeper than words:
hope for the weary, healing for the broken, and life for the world.

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 591

(*SINGING 2 X'S*)

"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 (*see insert*)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

(Pew Bible p. 540) Psalm 98

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

(Pew Bible pp. 994) Acts 2: 1-21

PROCLAMATION

Learning a New Song

Rev. Tom Buchanan

*HYMN 291

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

SPIRIT

RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*unison*) Adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith
We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls people of all ages, genders, races, and nations to seek justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. 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

Sanctuary

Carrie Newcomer

***DOXOLOGY 609** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Wren/Hopson
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 66

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

SPIRIT

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 600

"Amen"

AMEN

Amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

*POSTLUDE

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MUSIC DIRECTOR/PIANIST: Aaron Carter-Enyi

ADULT CHOIR

Donnie Lindsey, drums

* denotes standing as able.

LITURGIST: Lisa Buchanan

SOLOIST: Lisa Buchanan, Nderitu Kiragu, Winnie Mburu