



SALT Light
Matthew 5:13-16

February 02, 2025
Covenant Presbyterian Church
1065 Gaines School Road
Athens, Ga 30605
www.coupresathens.org

COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: GREEN

11:00am Worship

Holy Communion
4th Sunday after Epiphany

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

Meditations (from Thais)

Massenet

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

We are here to worship the Lord,

the One who has created us, redeemed us, and calls us to life.

We are the salt of the earth, we are the light of the world!

God is not a secret to be kept, and so let us season the world with grace!

Let us shine like a city on a hill!

We lift our praises to the One who has made us for this purpose.

With joy and gratitude, let us worship God!

*HYMN 401

"Here In This Place"

GATHER US IN

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Responsive)*

God of glory, we confess that we have not sought you. We go about our business and neglect the needs of others. We act with partiality and fail to share your love for all. Forgive us, God of grace. Heal us by the power of your Spirit that we may live into our calling to be salt and light in tasteless and dark places. Let your glory shine through us that we may effectively minister your love and grace to the world. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. *(silent prayers of confession)*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS *(Responsive)*

The Light of God has come into the world
and chases away the shadows of night.
Christ calls us to let our light shine before others,
that the world may see love in action and give glory to God.
My friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

*PRAISE HYMN 580 "Glory Be to the Father" GLORIA PATRI (SCOTTISH)
**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.**

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 34: 1-8

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5: 13-16

PROCLAMATION

Who are We? Why are We Here?

Rev. Tom Buchanan

*HYMN 520

"Taste and See"

TASTE AND SEE

RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

OFFERING

Sarabande

J.S. Bach

PRESENTATION OF THE COMMUNION ELEMENTS

What do you bring to the Lord's Table?

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER including concerns and celebrations

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Life up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION/SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Server: The body of Christ was broken for you. *Served:* Thanks be to God.

Server: The blood of Christ was shed for you. *Served:* Thanks be to God.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN

"This Little Light of Mine"

Harold Dixon Loes

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine...

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine...

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine...

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN

"Walk In the Light"

George D. Elderkin

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light,

Come where the dew-drops of mercy are bright;

Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the light of the world.

*POSTLUDE

All Music Rights Reserved. OneLicense.net #A714395

MUSIC DIRECTOR/PIANIST: Aaron Carter-Enyi

ADULT CHOIR

CONDUCTOR/PIANIST: Betsy Burmeister

HANDBELL CHOIR: David Boardman, Director SAXOPHONE: Donny Whitehead

* denotes standing as able.

LITURGIST: Jim Anderson

CELLO: Karen Bergmann