



May 12, 2024

Covenant Presbyterian Church

1065 Gaines School Road

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COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: WHITE

May 12, 2024

11:00am Worship

7th Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day/Graduates Recognition/Confirmation

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION

In Christ Alone/Lord, I Need You

arr., Phillip Keveren

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PNC PRESENTATION

*Karen Foutz, Kathryn Fowler, Wyatt Herndon, Rose Kisaalita,
Bill Rigsby, Linda Rogers, and Brian Stone.*

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

VOLUNTARY

Fill-A-Me Up

Pepper Choplin

*CALL TO WORSHIP

What a blessing!

We gather to listen and to discern God's will.

What a fellowship!

**We join together and share our testimony
in the presence of God.**

Our delight in God will be our song of praise.

We come to worship God with our whole hearts.

*HYMN 305
(verses 1 and 2)

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWELL'S 148th

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Saving God,

**we are in awe of the power of resurrection,
and we give you glory with our hallelujahs,
but we carry lingering doubts
about your saving power in our lives.**

We ask why you do not answer our prayers quickly enough.

We demand signs to prove the reality of your promises.

**Sometimes we find ourselves wondering
when you will show up to ease our pain.**

**We pray now that you will help us
in our impatience and unbelief.**

Forgive us and free us to recognize your presence. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*PRAISE HYMN 586

"Alleluia"

ALLELUIA 7

(SINGING TWICE)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26

GOSPEL READING

John 17: 6-19

PROCLAMATION

Rev. Teresa Franklin

*HYMN 465
(verses 1 and 3)

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

CONVERSE

RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, *including Concerns and Celebrations*

SERVICE FOR CONFIRMATION—See insert

OFFERING *All the Earth Rejoice with a Gladsome Voice* Vivaldi
arr., Hal Hopson

*DOXOLOGY 607 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” OLD HUNDREDTH
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 839 “Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!” ASSURANCE
(verses 1 and 3)

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 295 “Go to the World” SINE NOMINE
(verse 2) **Go to the world? Go into every place.
Go live the world of God’s redeeming grace.
Go seek God’s presence in each time and space.**

*POSTLUDE *When the Roll is Called Up Yonder* arr., Mark Hayes

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MUSIC DIRECTOR: Aaron Carter-Enyi LITURGIST: Luanne Rigsby, Lila McMaster

PIANIST: Betsy Burmeister DUET: Pam Knox, Linda Rogers

ADULT CHOIR

MORE THAN FOUR QUARTET: Jim Anderson, Betsy Burmeister, Kathryn Fowler,
Rich Reaves, and Linda Rogers

Service for Confirmation



God rights our wrongs, not with the power of the rushing wind nor with the fury of the pelting rain nor with fire or lightning. The Creator does not stretch out a hand to rend and twist and tear the divine will from a submissive earth; God simply creates a child and waits.

A child — white or black or yellow or brown—is a new covenant, a rainbow renewal assuring us that grace is possible; for each child brings the message that God is not discouraged with us but is still expecting to become incarnate in each human life.

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

INTRODUCTION OF THE CONFIRMAND

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within this covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love. In embracing the covenant, we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ. As God embraces you within the covenant, I ask you to reject sin, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, and to confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.

Friend, who is your Lord and Savior?

JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S SON, IS MY LORD AND SAVIOR.

Do you trust Him?

I DO.

Do you intend to be His disciple, to obey His word, and to show His love?

I DO.

Do you accept God's grace and forgiveness for your self-centered condition?

I DO.

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, giving of yourself in every way, and will you seek the fellowship of the church wherever you may be?

I WILL.