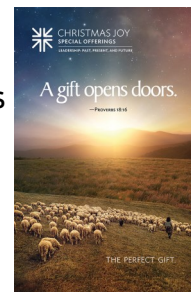


Please click here to view Covenants Worship Service on You Tube for
Sunday, January 23 at 10am: <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>

THE COVENANTER January 23, 2021

Member NE GEORGIA Presbytery,
 Synod of the South Atlantic, General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. This has been a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years. **WAYS TO GIVE:**



Through Covenant (mark for Joy Offering)
 Donate by credit card online at pcusa.org/christmasjoy
 Text CHRISTMASJOY to 91999 to give or visit pcusa.org/christmasjoy

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LaTable 2022

This year's LaTable, the luncheon that supports Family Promise, has been postponed to March 22. This is based on the expectation that the surge of the Omicron variant will have subsided by mid March. Please watch the Covenanter for further details as the new date gets closer.



Souper Bowl of Caring,
 February 6th. Contributions will go to support Covenant's Food Pantry Distribution, an agency of the NEGA Food Bank.

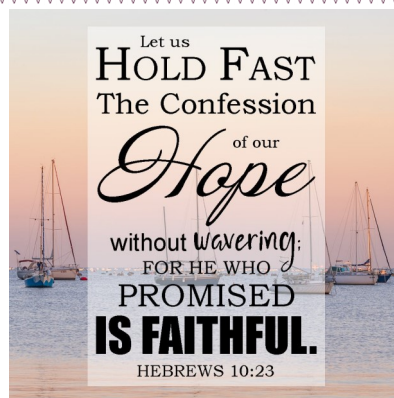
At least 100 food insecure families are given food each week. *The next food distribution will be on Thursday, January 27, 1pm—4pm.*

Volunteers are welcome!

PRAYER CONCERNS: family and friends of Kay Swan, who passed away January 11, 2022; Patti Huberty's sister in law, Shelly Coe, in ICU at Emory; Pauline Marshall at Highland Hills #112; our Session on retreat Jan. 29; all those affected by the winter storms; health care professionals at home and around the world; the food insecure and homeless; and our nation.

Daily Bible Readings January 24 – 30

Monday	Genesis 14: (1-7) 8—24
Tuesday	Genesis 15: 1-11, 17-21
Wednesday	Hebrews 9: 1-14
Thursday	Hebrews 9: 15-28
Friday	Hebrews 10: 11-25
Saturday	Hebrews 10– 26-39
Sunday	Mark 8: 27-40



The Worship Ministry Team would like to encourage everyone to submit **Concerns and Celebrations**, and **Announcements** to Karen Wetherington at kwetherington@covpresathens.org or 706-548-2756, each week, for placement in the **Covenanter**. We have listened to many people raise the issue of how much time we devote to these important additions to our service. For that reason we ask that you help us move these important additions to the **Covenanter**, so that our services may end in a timely manner. Let's all give it a good try. Please submit those to Karen by Wednesday, each week. It will continue to be the pastor's discretion to highlight concerns, celebrations, and announcements that he or she feels necessary during worship. *Thank you from the WMT.*



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER
ASSISTANCE**
OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE—In the early hours of December 11th, several tornadoes ripped through multiple U.S. states, resulting in extensive damage and significant loss of life. PDA is in touch with affected presbyteries to coordinate resources and assistance. To register interest in volunteering for rebuilding efforts when they are ready, email PDA.CallCenter@pcusa.org. To support our response, designate gifts to [DR000015](#) If you wish to give thru Covenant please designate on your check or envelope *PDA Tornado*.

MEET & GREET with Pastor Dana via ZOOM!

Please sign up here [SIGN UP GENIUS](#) and a zoom link will be sent to you for Tuesday, January 25 at 10am!



The handbell choir is composed of different “orchestral” sections requiring varying levels of musical and physical skills. Think strings, winds, brass and percussion. Each have different demands and importance within the ensemble.

In the handbell “orchestra,” the treble bells generally play the melody and sometimes ring multiple bells simultaneously. The battery and bass bells lay down the rhythmic and chordal foundations. Bell size and weight dictate the nuances required for optimal ringing. There is something for every skill level!

The bells outlined above are what you’ve seen and heard in worship thus far.

We also have the REALLY BIG Sub-bass bells, which complete and support the entire structure of the choir. Generally, these bells ring notes of long duration.

Thus, for the ringer, it’s easier to read and follow the music.

We are looking for ringers to ring the REALLY BIG Sub-bass bells.

There are fewer technical demands than the smaller bells, but a certain amount of strength is required, as is a basic ability to read music. However, no previous ringing experience is necessary. Compared to other instruments, you can learn to ring relatively quickly.

Being in the handbell choir is a definite commitment. What you see and hear in worship is the result of weekly rehearsals, focused work, and good times. It is very much a team effort, and everyone has to be there for it to work.

And when it works -- !!!

Interested in trying a bell?

Contact me or a member of the choir.

David Boardman (706) 318-0048 (cell)



After years of living with dementia, **Kay Glore Swan**, passed away in Atlanta, Georgia on January 11, 2022 and was finally freed of all of the challenges brought on by the disease. And although life with this disease was never easy, her kindness and sweet spirit, her gentle smile always shone through. Kay was an active member of Covenant

Presbyterian Church, and she gained much joy from her years as a volunteer with Meals on Wheels in Athens. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to

Meals on Wheels-Athens Community Council on Aging at <https://www.accaging.org/services/meals/meals-on-wheels/>, Furkids at <https://furkids.org/> or a charity of your choice in the name of Kay Swan.

A celebration of life service will be held at St. Luke’s Presbyterian Church in Dunwoody, Georgia on January 22, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

Please see the address below for the family if you would like to send a card:

Judd & Nancy Wesley, 2872 Fontainebleau Drive, Atlanta, GA 30360

Library Corner: *Philomena*

Our library includes some DVDs, and the movie *Philomena* with Judi Dench is based on a true story about an English woman whose out-of-wedlock son was taken from her years ago by a Catholic charity. At first the seasoned journalist helping her uncover clues finds her a simple and unlikely companion. As the search continues, however, he begins to realize her faith and ability to forgive are remarkable. You'll find the DVD with other accounts of personal faith journeys at Bay F, Shelf 6. — Church Librarian Valerie Stone



OPEN AND CLOSING THE BUILDING

Patti Huberty 1st Sunday

Judy Capie 2nd Sunday

Pam Knox 3rd Sunday

Tim Foutz 4th Sunday

Dick Zimdars 5th Sunday

Thanks to all. We celebrate your willingness!

Rich Reaves, B&G

Speaking in Celebration, the B&G MT commends the following volunteers as weekly Grounds Stewards each month.

First Monday week = Katy Terry & Chris Wilson;

Second Monday week = Don Bower & Alex Clark

Third Monday week = Phil Hale & Phil Koehler;

Fourth Monday week = Susan & Randy Parish

Fifth Monday week = Ellen & Dan Stoneburner

Groups Meeting at Covenant:

(these small groups may or may not be meeting at Covenant at this time)

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday—Campus Kitchen (UGA),

Monday—Scouts at 6:30pm; Bells of Northeast Georgia Choir 7pm,

Tuesday- More Than Four Quartet 9:30am—11:00am; (2nd Tues of each month) Stamp Club 7pm in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday—Covenant Handbell Choir 6pm—7:15pm; 12 step group 7pm (downstairs)

Thursday—Knitters & Knotters 2pm (conf. room); 12 Step Group 7pm(conf. room)

Saturday—(upper room) 12 Step Group 10:30am; 11/20 UGA Campus Kitchen at 12 noon

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EGG CARTONS! EGG CARTONS!

The Athens Emergency Food Bank are still in need of egg cartons and brown paper grocery bags. PLEASE NO PLASTIC BAGS!

Thank you *Covenant* and may we all have enough!

Please click on this link <https://www.covpresathens.org/documents/session-minutes/> for the session minutes. When you scroll down you will see links to earlier minutes. If you would like minutes from 2020 please let me know at kwetherington@covpresathens.

HOW TO GIVE. There is a new online giving option through the Presbyterian Foundation at this link <http://covpresathens.org/wp/contributions/>. Or you can click on this link www.covpresathens.org and click on online giving. And as always you can mail your check to the church office or give in person. Thank you for your faithful giving!

FINANCIAL REPORT
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE - Week #30
Anticipated Pledges — \$246,208.841
Actual Pledges — \$247,531.51
Thank you for your faithful giving!
Meals on Wheels: \$9,272.00

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Church School Classes via ZOOM! Upper Room Class

UPPER ROOM CLASS- Sunday mornings at **11:30am**, James Malone hosts and different class members facilitate the discussion of the weekly chapter in *The Present Word*. If you would like to participate, please contact James at gillbillvolume1@yahoo.com, to receive your ZOOM invitation.

JOURNEY CLASS—Sunday mornings, 8:30am—9:45am , Phil and Sallie Hale host and different class volunteers facilitate discussion using Isabel Wilkerson's book, *Caste—the Origins of Our Discontent*. Soon we will complete this book and early next year we'll begin a study of the book, *Speaking of Faith* by Krista Tippett. If you would like to participate, please contact Phil at phale50@hotmail.com to receive your Zoom invitation.

Covenant Church Office Hours

Monday — closed
Tuesday — 10am — 12 noon
Wednesday — closed (*working from home*)
Thursday & Friday 10am — 4pm

Knitter and Knotters —

Thursday, January 27 at 2pm
(Please be sure and wear your mask)
Join us for a good time of fellowship and fun!

Covenant's Emergency Food Pantry

Jesus said, "You give them something to eat." Members, and friends of Covenant have been giving generously of their time and talents to the Emergency Food Pantry. As you can imagine, the need is great.

Covenant's Emergency Food Pantry Thursdays, 1pm—4pm.

Next food distribution is on Thursday, January 27!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

STAY SAFE—If there is any reason at all that you should NOT physically volunteer—consider the following:

Make a financial donation to the Food Pantry by sending a check to Covenant and write "food pantry" in the subject line. (*You could send it in at the same time you send in your pledge*).

We can use grocery bags (paper or plastic), and small boxes to pack the food. If you call the church, someone could even come out to your car and get it.

If you are able to physically be present as a volunteer:

You can also share the 3-hour time slot with 2 friends!

Please sign up for Covenant Food Pantry!

Feeding 100 families every week is hard work and we need your help! Our drive-thru pantry is awesome and you should join us and impact your community.

<https://givepul.se/6xemwu>

1. Have you been exposed to someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19? [See the CDC's risk assessment guidance.](#)
2. Do you have symptoms consistent with COVID-19? Symptoms can include a cough or shortness of breath or at least two of the following: Fever, Chills, Repeated shaking with chills, Muscle pain, Head-ache, Sore throat, New loss of taste or smell. [See the CDC's symptom information.](#)

If you answered "yes" to any of those questions, we ask you **not** to register. We are doing all we can to align with best practices and keep our community healthy.

Isaiah 58:10—Feed the hungry and help those in trouble, then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon.

For the month of December Covenant volunteers and staff served 1,111 food insecure neighbors

This includes 626 adults, 336 children, and 149 Senior Adults!

Thank you Covenant and *May We All Have Enough!*
