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**Sunday, March 27 at 10am:** <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>

THE COVENANT  
March 27, 2022

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



Sunday, April 10—**Palm Sunday Worship**—10:00am

Thursday, April 14-**Maundy Thursday**- 7:00pm

Friday, April 15—**Community Good Friday Worship**—7:00pm  
at First Presbyterian Church

Saturday, April 16—**Spring Fling Family Easter Event**—3:00pm (more info see below)

RESURRECTION Sunday, April 17—**Sunrise Service**, 7:30am (outside weather permitting)  
wear comfortable shoes, and remember to bring fresh flowers for the cross

**Continental Breakfast** - 8:30am—Fellowship Hall provided by  
the *Worship Ministry Team* (coffee, juice, sweet rolls, fruit & etc)

**Easter Sunday Worship** (indoors)—10:00am



Let's celebrate the approach of Easter with a spring fling! Come one and all to Covenant on the afternoon of Saturday, April 16. There will be an Easter egg hunt for kids grades 5 and younger beginning at 3pm

followed by an all-ages casual kickball game. Please come to watch even if you're not interested in the activities! It will be a lovely afternoon to enjoy catching up with church friends. What to bring? There is some seating in backyard area of the church, but you might wish to bring a comfy camp chair or picnic blanket and outdoor games to share. Kids can enjoy the playground and we'll have some yummy refreshments. In case of bad weather, there will still be an indoor egg hunt and gathering in the Fellowship Hall. (If you plan on bringing kids for the egg hunt, please let Karen in the church office know how many kids and their ages. This will help us get organized.)



**CE MEETING!**

Come one come all to meet on **Sunday April 3 at 2pm** to discuss CE and what that could be as we progress past COVID.

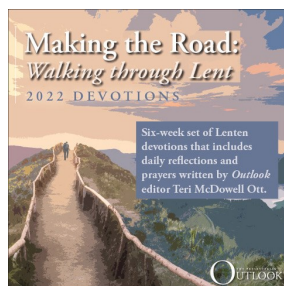
**Stewardship**  
CAMPAIGN

Please be on the look out for your 2022-2023 Stewardship Commitment packet in the mail. If you do not receive one this week please let Karen know via email: [kwetherington@covpresathens.org](mailto:kwetherington@covpresathens.org) or call 706-548-2756

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Katy Terry and family in the passing of Beth Nunnally, Wed. March 16; Dell Whitehead's brother, Miller Deaton, in S.C. diagnosed with cancer; Abby Horvath's mother Becky, had successful surgery on March 18 & lab results are all clear; Joyce Placek's cancer treatments are going well, her final round of radiation will be Monday 3/28; the people of Ukraine; Nancy Omdahl continuing to receive chemo treatments; Pauline Marshall at Highland Hills #112; the nation.

**Daily Bible Readings March 28—April 3**

Monday	Luke 6: 32—36
Tuesday	Luke 7: 36-50
Wednesday	Luke 10: 25-36
Thursday	Luke 17: 11-19
Friday	Luke 18: 35-43
Saturday	Luke 21: 1-4
Sunday	Luke 21: 5-8



Lenten Devotionals are available in the narthex or at this link:

[Lenten Devotionals](#)



**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

**OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE**

**EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO UKRAINE WAR!**

As we pray for an end to this violence, we ask the U.S. Government and our European allies to make a commitment to the Ukrainian people for a peaceful solution. We don't know how long it will take, but we know that they will need help with the rebuilding of their country so that those who are fleeing now may one day return home safely.

Funds are being used for emergency humanitarian aid such as food items, shelter, medicines, diapers, hygiene items, etc.

To support our response, designate gifts to [DR000156](#) or text PDAUKR to 41444,

Or mail your check to  
Presbyterian Church (USA)

P.O. Box 643700,  
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700 *earmarked for DR000156*

**THE MUSIC SEARCH COMMITTEE** is actively seeking applicants for music director & piano accompanist. If anyone in the congregation knows someone who is interested, please give their contact information to *Gloria Pylant, Betsy Burmeister, Laura Foskey, Jerry Shannon or Abby Horvath.*

**Say Good-Bye to TerraCycle** Since no one has volunteered to take over the TerraCycle recycling, the program will end on Tuesday, April 5. I will pick up all recyclables that have been left at the church on that day, Tuesday, April 5. Everything will be shipped to Terracycle by Friday, April 8. If you have been saving things for TerraCycle, now is the time to bring them to church. Batteries and ink cartridges will not be collected after Tuesday, April 5. *Caren Snook*

*Please submit prayer concerns and/or celebrations to the church office 706-548-2756 or [kwetherington@covpresathens.org](mailto:kwetherington@covpresathens.org). or before worship service fill out the Prayer Concern form and put in offering plate or give to Pastor Dana.*

## COVENANT'S COVID POLICIES (EFFECTIVE MARCH 7, 2022)

We look forward to worshipping with you. We continue to strive to protect our loved ones and believe in transparency. Our current COVID policies are based on the CDC's community level rating for Athens Clarke County.

Guidelines for gathering inside Covenant Presbyterian Church:

**Green Rating – Mask wearing is optional.** Indoor and outdoor food and drinks are permitted. Anyone showing signs and symptoms of COVID is invited to worship with us virtually. Please be considerate of personal preferences to remain contact-free and social distance.

Any changes to ACC's rating will be announced in the *Covenant*, online, and in worship. You can check [ACC's current CDC rating](#) here.

## March 2022 Session Meeting Highlights

Pam Knox, church treasurer, presented the proposed budget for next year. Stewardship pledge drive letters, including updated "Personal Information Forms" (PIFs), will be mailed in about a week.

Led by Dana, the Session continued its study of the book, *Presbyterian Polity for Church Leaders*. Kay Brooks was chosen to serve as the Session's representative on the elder nominating committee. Kay and Dana will work together to select a second member and to recommend a third nominee to be elected by the congregation at a congregational meeting on April 24, 2022.

Karen Wetherington and others are working on updating the church directory. The Session will be reaching out to members who we haven't heard from in a while.

The Session approved a motion from B&G for the purchase of a camera security system consisting of 4 cameras for the entrances and main hallway for the cost of around \$1500.

New permanent signs with Covenant's policy for the homeless have been ordered and will be put up soon. The signs include information on phone numbers to call for assistance and will clarify that guests are welcome for overnight stays only and will not be allowed to store their belongings on the church campus.

Worship MT is planning a breakfast of coffee, juice, sweet rolls and fruit following the Easter morning worship service. The Fellowship MT Team is planning activities for the spring and summer including monthly game nights, an Easter egg hunt for children on Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup>, possibly bringing back the Strawberry Festival in May, and a cake after Pentecost service on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

The Christian Education MT has scheduled a meeting for Sunday, April 3rd at 2 p.m. to discuss CE as we move out of Covid. All interested persons are invited to attend. There will be child care for the meeting. *Submitted by Luanne Rigsby, Clerk of Session*



## Birthdays

2 Karl Barnett	5 Marilyn Brown	11 Nike Shealy	19 Jim Whitney	28 Don Bower
Sylvia Huber	6 Laura Foskey	12 Anna Cobb	20 Stephen Fraedrich	Hilda Clark
Juergen Wiegel	9 Lynda Hale	14 Deb Agostini	22 Nan Cantrell	
3 Bob Brewster		Ton Stam	Jeri Lynn Whitney	
4 Phil Hale	11 Mary Anna Wynes	17 Alex Morrison	23 Jacob Page	
		18 Ben Foutz	26 Sandy Whitney	





# PRESBYTERIAN STUDENT CENTER

at The University of Georgia

## Tuesday Dinners

Calling all friends of the PSC: We miss you at Tuesday Dinners!

Our ministry was blessed with a generous donation to cover the cost of weekly student dinners for the first two months of this semester. At the mid-point of February, we are sending out a reminder that Tuesday Dinners are indeed happening each week, and that we would love to have your group cook or cater a meal and enjoy it with us. We are also still more than happy to accept donations, which help to offset the costs of ordering out on weeks when we do not have a prepared meal. You can always sign up and/or donate at <http://www.pscuga.org/dinner>.

As we have returned to gathering in person for WORD+TABLE, our attendance numbers are back up to around 30 most weeks. At the moment, we have no sign ups or donations for March through the end of the semester, so we need your help!

For those making donations, a meal for the whole group costs between \$200–\$300. You can also donate single portions (\$10 per student, etc). Anything and everything helps.

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your ongoing support of these students and their Church Home Away From Home!

*Rev. Will Norman, Executive Campus Minister*

Presbyterian Student Center @ the University of Georgia [www.pscuga.org/dinner](http://www.pscuga.org/dinner)



### La Table 2022 was a joyous success.

Besides being a beautiful gathering, it was a wonderful reconnection of many Covenant friends.

It may have been the most successful event ever. For the first time Covenant filled three tables.

Gnome kudos to Valerie Stone for her beautiful apple spice cake for the cake auction.

Thanks to all who support Family Promise throughout the year, and now especially for this phenomenal event.

Gratefully, *Susan Parish, Ellen Stoneburner, and All the Gnomes*



### Nursery

The toddler room has been freshly painted and cleaned and is now available for parents & children during worship. *(At this time there are not nursery helpers)*

This Sunday our guest musician is Itamar Zorman ([www.itamarzorman.com/](http://www.itamarzorman.com/)).

His instrument is a 1734 Guarneri del Gesu, made in the great Baroque era of Italian violin making.

For the Sunday offertory, he'll play the 2nd movement from Brahms' Sonata

No. 3 for violin and piano, music appropriate for the tenor of our times.



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 previous years please let me know at [kwetherington@covpresathens](mailto:kwetherington@covpresathens).

**HOW TO GIVE.** There is a new online giving option through the Presbyterian Foundation at this link <https://www.covpresathens.org/online-giving/>

Or you can click on this link [www.covpresathens.org](http://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

**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**FISCAL YEAR TO DATE - Week #37**

Anticipated Pledges — \$303,656.15

Actual Pledges — \$295,202.49

*Thank you for your faithful giving!*

*BCVF—\$4,089.00*

**Join the Covenant Social Justice Book Club starting on April 21st at 7 PM** as we discuss “Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community?”, the 1967 book by African-American minister, Nobel Peace Prize laureate, and social justice campaigner Martin Luther King Jr. “Where Do We Go From Here” was King's fourth and last book before his 1968 assassination. In 1967, Dr. King isolated himself from the civil rights movement's demands, rented a house in Jamaica with no telephone, and labored over his final manuscript. In this prophetic work, he lays out his thoughts, plans, and dreams for America's future, including the need for better jobs, higher wages, decent housing, and quality education. With a universal message of hope that continues to resonate, King demanded an end to global suffering, asserting that humankind-for the first time-has the resources and technology to eradicate poverty. Our first session will cover up to chapter 4. *Travis*



### **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](mailto: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 the book, *Speaking of Faith*, by Krista Tippett. If you would like to participate, please contact Phil at [phale50@hotmail.com](mailto: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, March 31 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, March 31!**

### 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, Headache, 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 February 1,152 food insecure folks were served by Covenant's food pantry.

That includes 309 children, 215 senior adults and 628 adults.

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