

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

## THE COVENANTER April 10, 2022

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



## Holy Week

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 (see page 3 for more info)

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



### COMMUNITY MISSIONS *LUNCH & LEARN* SUNDAY, MAY 1

Join us following wor-  
ship for Chili & Cornbread and learn  
more about our impact on the local  
community including the homeless,  
food pantry, and other outreach  
opportunities.



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come to watch even if you're not interested in the  
activities! For more info see page 3.

**Covenant Choir**—The Covenant Choir will warm  
up for Worship at 9:30am on Sunday. Also we  
will practice after Worship in the Choir Room at  
11:10am. Please join us as we rehearse the  
music for the upcoming special services! If you  
are able to attend the Community Good Friday  
Service, we will meet at First Presbyterian  
Church in Athens at 6pm on Friday, April 15th.  
The Service is at 7pm. Thank you! See you  
soon!! -Jennifer and Betsy



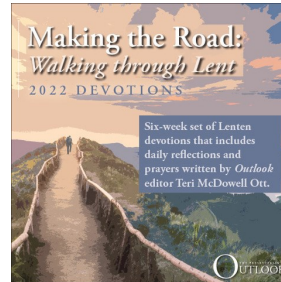
**PW Bible study** will meet on  
Thursday, April 14 at 9:30am.

Join us for a hybrid meeting  
with Marcia Verbrugge leading. Read chapter 9 in your  
book. And bring a penny (or dollar) for years in your age to  
give to the ministries supported by the 2022 PW Birthday  
Offering. Find out more at this link: [Birthday Offering](#).  
We will plan the salad/bread luncheon for May.  
(Zoom invitation will be sent out on Wednesday before the meeting)

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Joe Meyers was diagnosed with cancer in January and began chemotherapy in early March. He will be going to Emory University's Winship Cancer Institute in April for surgery and radiation and then again for most of May for Proton Beam Therapy; Sally Boardman, beginning cancer treatment; Bert Ballard-Myer's mom, Agnes started radiation treatment; Ansley & Carrie Tweedell's cousin, Ashton expecting a girl in the next few weeks; Joyce Placek recovering at home; the people of Ukraine; Nancy Omdahl continuing to receive chemo treatments; Pauline Marshall at Highland Hills #112; the nation.

**Daily Bible Readings April 4—10**

Monday	Luke 23: 1-25
Tuesday	Luke 23: 26-31
Wednesday	Luke 23: 32-38
Thursday	Luke 23: 39-43
Friday	Luke 23: 44-46
Saturday	Luke 23: 50-56
Sunday	Luke 24: 13-35



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

[Lenten Devotionals](#)

*Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!*



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

For over 70 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. You can help sustain the important ministries and programs that are supported by ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING by making an online gift at anytime at [pcusa.org/oghs](https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs/) or mail your check to PCUSA P. O. Box 643700, Pittsburg, PA 15264-3700 or mark your checks for OGHS and put in the offering plate or mail. Thank you for your generous giving. *Please click on this link for more info:* <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs/>

*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.*

A big **"THANK YOU!"** to Caren Snook, Covenant's recycling champion, for her diligent and long-standing efforts on our behalf as the Green Dream Team's Terracycling Coordinator. For many years Caren has encouraged us all to recycle and has been a spokesperson and active member of the Green Dream Team. She will be moving on to focus on other things, and we wish her well!

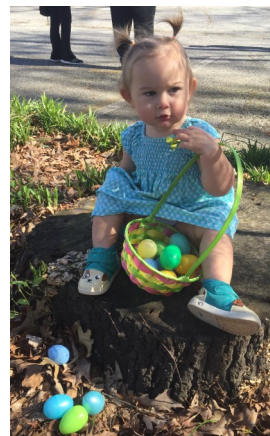
**Bread Bag Recycling** -Have you ever noticed the recycling symbol on bread bags? It says "Store Drop-off PLASTIC BAG". This means that many bags that contain bread, rolls, buns, bagels, English muffins, etc., are the same type of film plastic as plastic grocery bags and dry cleaning bags. For this reason, they can be recycled at Kroger, Publix and other stores that accept film plastic. So be sure to check out the recycling triangle on your bread bags before you throw them away!

*Caren Snook for the Green Dream Team*



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*Photos from previous Easter Egg Hunts at Covenant!*



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)*

**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-er*, online, and in worship. You can check [ACC's current CDC rating](#) here.

**PROCESS FOR THE ELECTION OF ELDERS BEGINS- *Forming a Nominating Committee***

Each year, Covenant elects elders to serve a 3-year term on the Session. The involvement of the congregation is important during the entire process. Kay Brooks is the Nominating Committee chair this year, with Donny Whitehead as the second (inactive) elder approved by the Session. The congregation now recommends **members of the church to serve on the Nominating Committee**. The two elders will then nominate one member for election by the congregation. There will be a congregational meeting on **Sunday, April 24, immediately following worship** to elect this member of the Nominating Committee.

For questions or recommendations, please contact Kay or Donny.

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 #40**

Anticipated Pledges — \$328,277.20

Actual Pledges — \$314,707.42

*Thank you for your faithful giving!*

*PDA-Ukraine \$2,087.00*

**Join the Covenant Social Justice Book Club starting on April 21st at 7 PM via Zoom** 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. Our first session will cover up to chapter 4. *Travis*



### **Church School Classes via ZOOM!**

**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.

**CHRISTIAN  
EDUCATION**

**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)



**Knitter and Knotters —**

*Thursday, April 14 at 2pm*

Join us for a good time of fellowship  
and fun!

**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.*



**Library Corner:** *More Holy Humor* by Cal and Rose Samra  
Need a joke to start Sunday school with a laugh or simply a book to brighten your week? This book offers almost 200 pages of quips, stories, and jokes related to Christianity and churches. It can be found in Bay C, Shelf 5, our “Quotes, Poetry, and Ice Breakers” section. – Church Librarian *Valerie Stone*. (If you would like to write a few sentences highlighting a book or DVD in our library, please contact me.)

## 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, April 14!**

### 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.*

The ACC Health Department will be at the food distribution on Thursday, April 14, 1pm—4pm to administer COVID 19 boosters or vaccines and blood pressure screening.

*(Please bring your vaccination record card for the booster)*