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Sunday, April 3 at 10am: <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>

THE COVENANTER
 April 3, 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 4 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



CE MEETING! THIS SUNDAY!

Come one come all to
 meet on **Sunday April 3 at
 2pm** to discuss Christian
 Education and what that
 could be as we progress
 past COVID.
*Childcare will be provided by Pam
 Knox in the nursery!*

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

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 congre-
 gation 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.

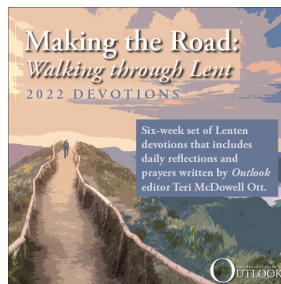


PW Bible study will meet on
 Thursday, April 14 at 9:30am.
 Join us for a hybrid meeting
 with Marcia Verbrugge leading. Read chapter 9 in your
 book. And bring a penny (or dollar) for years in your age to
 give to the ministries supported by the 2022 PW Birthday
 Offering. Find out more at this link: [Birthday Offering](#).
 We will plan the salad/bread luncheon for May.
 (Zoom invitation will be sent out on Wednesday before the meeting)

PRAYER CONCERNS: 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's cancer treatments are going well, her final round of radiation was 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 April 4—10

Monday	Luke 21: 9-11
Tuesday	Luke 21: 12-19
Wednesday	Luke 21: 20-28
Thursday	Luke 21: 29-33
Friday	Luke 21: 34-36
Saturday	Luke 21: 37-38
Sunday	Luke 21: 28-40



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

[Lenten Devotionals](#)



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Please click on this link for more info:
<https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs/>

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. or before worship service fill out the Prayer Concern form and put in offering plate or give to Pastor Dana.



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.)

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)*

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 or call 706-548-2756

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](#)

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.

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 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, 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 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, April 7 at 2pm

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.

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