


Please click here to view Covenants Worship Service on You Tube for **Sunday, November 13 at 11am:** <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>
Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

THE COVENANTER November 13, 2022

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

 **COVID 19 Community Level: GREEN Rating –**
You are encouraged to follow your own comfort levels with masking.



CHRISTMAS Progressive Dinner

Covenant Progressive Dinner

Friday, December 2 at 5 or 6 pm *(NOTE DATE CHANGE)*

Fun night traveling to different homes to enjoy a festive meal with friends. We need several homes to host 8-12 people. Sign up to host or bring a dish on the church bulletin board or call Kay Brooks at 706-205-8357 or Susan Parish at 956-220-6004.

We highlight the mission of Thornwell to raise awareness and funds for children and families in need. Thornwell began in 1875 in Clinton, SC by a Presbyterian minister, Reverend Jacobs, who felt a call from God to care for the orphans of the Civil War. The ministry of Thornwell has grown and evolved over its nearly 150-year history to be a leader in the call to care for children and families throughout South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. What was once a dream in the heart of a young man, God anointed and blessed to become a transformative ministry that has impacted the lives of thousands. We celebrate Thornwell Emphasis Month with a single focus: “Hope and Joy come from the Overflow of Giving.” You get to be part of this. You can make a difference. You are giving hope and joy to families through the overflow of your giving. You will find an envelope and TURKEY for coins on the table in the narthex. Or just make out your check to Covenant with Thornwell in the remarks.



Christmas Choral Worship Sunday, December 11 at 10:45am sharp

Join us for a morning of carols and festive music. This is our tradition of Christmas Choral Worship and there will be offerings from our handbell choir and adult choir as well as solos and instrumental pieces. There will be a cookies and punch reception after service hosted by Fellowship.

CHURCH DECORATING EVENT -

Sunday, November 27 after church the Fellowship Ministry Team will be decorating the church. Bring a change of clothes and help decorate the outside of the church in preparation for Christmas! A light lunch will be available to helpers.



**NEW FALL
SCHEDULE for Sunday**

9:30am – 12 noon –

NURSERY

ages birth to Kindergarten

**9:30am – Worship & Arts
(K-5th),**

Journey Adult Church
School Class,

Upper Room Adult
Church School Class

10:30am Fellowship

11:00am Worship

Sunday, November 13

Liturgist: Jim Newland

Ushers/Greeters: Chris Wilson, Katy Terry, Bill Barstow,
Catharine Tyson

Sunday, November 20

Liturgist: Pam Knox

Ushers/Greeters: Stephanie Cahill, DeLynda & Hank Tweedell,
Paige Cummings

OPEN & CLOSE THE BUILDING

_____	***	1st Sunday	Judy Capie	2nd Sunday
Pam Knox		3rd Sunday	Tim Foutz	4th Sunday
Dick Zimdars		5th Sunday		

GROUNDS STEWARDS

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



November 13, 2022
Phil Hale, Susan Parish

November 20, 2022

Tim Foutz, Ellen Stoneburner

**WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 16
WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS...**

5:30pm—6:30pm Dinner & Fellowship.

Donations are welcome .

Please come a little early to help set up and/or stay to help clean up. There will be homework and activity time for kids of all ages.

6:00pm Handbell Practice

6:30pm Adult Bible Study with Pastor Dana

7:30pm Adult Choir

**GAME NIGHT - Friday, November 18 at 7:00 pm
(at the church)**

We always have a lot of fun and it is a great way to ease into the weekend. Bring your own game or choose from our collection. Tonight, some of us will be playing Yahtzee and other games.

*****An Open and Shut Case*****

An opener/closer is needed for the first Sunday of the month. Just show up first, unlock, the doors, turn on the lights. Do the opposite when everyone leaves (*well, this IS covpres and nothing is ever that simple, but I promise you won't be overtasked*). Please see me or Rich Reeves if you can fill this important role.

Brian Striggow, B&G chair

OLD AND SAGGING! Not you, the building. When we were going over the stucco repairs to the sanctuary with the plasterer, we noticed that the overhung facade on the streetside breezeway was sagging precariously. It seems that when it was constructed, the carpenters were, let's say, unenthusiastic in their nailing. A B&G crew has added structural bracing to support it and we think we should be good to go. Hank and I ARE too old and saggy to have done this ourselves, but fortunately Jeffrey is back with us and we brought one of our homeless guests, Matt, a skilled carpenter, in on the job. *Brian Striggow, B&G Chair*

PRAYER CONCERNS: Steve Rathbun's father, Bob, at home after hospitalization for cellulitis, and Steve's mother, Maria, under hospice care; Teresa Mauldin's cousin Ruth Lingle, who has been diagnosed with chronic lymphocytic leukemia and will start antibody therapy soon; Bob Reinert and family in the passing of Shirley Reinert; Pastor Dana's mom, Joy, at home, diagnosed with glioblastoma; our nation.

Daily Bible Readings for —November 14—20

Monday	Jeremiah 23: 1-6
Tuesday	Luke 1: 68-79
Wednesday	Psalm 46
Thursday	Colossians 1: 11-20
Friday	Ephesians 3: 20
Saturday	Luke 12: 35-39
Sunday	Luke 23: 33-43

*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.*

Beginning November 20, a paper copy of the Advent Devotional, *Attending to Advent*, will be on the table in the narthex. A link will be sent out on Friday, November 18 for an online link. *The Presbyterian Outlook* has requested that a copy of the devotional **not** be post online.



Attending to Advent:

poetry, prose, and prayer

About these devotions:

The weeks leading up to Christmas can be hectic and full. The opportunity to pause and attend to Advent can get lost amid preparations for the big holiday, vacation plans, or end-of-year work. This daily devotional, which includes submissions from poets you have read in the pages of the Outlook, invites readers to pause and reflect on narratives in the Christmas story. Each week, the devotions address a different theme: Week 1: Mary; Week 2: Joseph; Week 3: Herod; Week 4: the Christ child; Christmas Eve: Emmanuel. Daily readings will take us deeper into the scriptural story of the birth of Christ and explore contemporary subjects like parenting, power, war and violence, vulnerability, innocence, and the many ways God's incarnation can be experienced. From the Presbyterian Outlook.

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 faithful giving!

**FINANCIAL REPORT
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE - Week #19**

Anticipated Pledges — \$140,819.23

Actual Pledges — \$137,959.39

Non-Pledged — \$13,959.39

*Thank you for your faithful giving!
Thornwell Home for Children—\$110.00*



Church School Classes IN PERSON & via ZOOM!

UPPER ROOM CLASS- Sunday mornings at **9:30am**, James Malone hosts and different class members facilitate the discussion of the weekly chapter in *The Present Word*. If you would like to participate, via ZOOM please contact James at gill-billvolume1@yahoo.com. Class meets in person in the upper room.

**CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION**

JOURNEY CLASS—Sunday mornings, **9:30am**, Phil and Sallie Hale host and different class volunteers facilitate discussion using the book, **How God Works**, by David DeSteno. If you would like to participate via ZOOM please contact Phil at phale50@hotmail.com. Class meet in person in the Journey Class Room.

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 *Katy Terry, Gloria Pylant, Betsy Burmeister, Laura Foskey, Jerry Shannon or Abby Horvath.*



Knitter and Knotters —

Thursday, November 17 at 2pm

Join us for a good time of fellowship and fun!

LIBRARY



Library Corner: *Take This Bread, by Sara Miles.* Early one morning for no earthly reason, Sara Miles raised an atheist, wandered into a church, received communion, and found herself transformed—embracing faith she'd once scorned. *Take This Bread* is rich with real life Dickensian characters— church ladies, millionaires, schizophrenics, bishops, and thieves--all blown into Miles' life by the relentless force of her newfound calling. This book can be found on Aisle F shelf 4.

Please note that the deadline for articles for the *Covenanter* is Thursday by 12noon. Thank you for your help. *Karen*

Athens Area Emergency Food Bank is in desperate need of brown paper bags. You can bring them to the church and place on the table in the gathering room where the egg cartons go. And they still need egg cartons. *Thank you!*





Covenant's Food Pantry

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.

Covenant's Emergency Food Pantry Thursdays, 1pm—3pm.

Next food distribution is on Thursday, November 17.

Feeding over a 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. Please consider volunteering at [SIGNUP GENIUS](#). You can also share the 2-hour time slot with 2 friends! (the UGA Student Volunteers are gone for the summer) And all those who have been volunteering from the start...**THANK YOU VERY MUCH!**

OTHER WAYS YOU CAN 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. (did you know that about \$500 will purchase 2,883 lbs of food from the Food Bank of NEGA which feeds approximately 111 families each week)
- We can use paper grocery bags and some plastic bags to pack the food. If you call the church, someone could even come out to your car and get it.



More of our food pantry volunteers!



SUPPORT A WORTHY CAUSE!

The Ark needs your help! We have a goal of putting together 200 hygiene kits for our neighbors in need and we are asking our supporters and contributing congregations to donate. We have done the hard work of researching the lowest bulk prices on the items we need... all you need to do is follow the link and DONATE:

[Donate to The Ark - Powered by](#)

Did you know? The UGA Campus Kitchen that make good use of Covenant's kitchen serves homecooked meals for 220 food insecure Athenians every week. That is 3,300 meals a semester! They could not do this without Covenant's support and they are very thankful!

In November they will be partnering with ACCA to run the annual [TURKEYPALOOZA](#) program. Through this program they provide 300 grocery bags and 200 prepared meals for senior-led families in Athens who otherwise would not have a Thanksgiving meal.

If you would like to help in this effort they will be cooking in Covenant's kitchen on Friday, Nov. 18, 3pm-6pm, Saturday, Nov. 19, 12pm-6pm and Sunday, Nov. 20, 12pm-6pm. They will be glad for the help! Have questions contact Bert at mysammie1@yahoo.com

OUTSIDE GROUPS MEETING AT COVENANT:

Sunday, Monday, & Tuesday—UGA Campus Kitchen (evenings) and **Thursdays - 9:30am**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday—7pm New Freedom Groups (12 Step Groups)

Monday—UGA Band in fellowship hall at 11:00am—12:55pm; Tai Chi in FH at 1pm;
Scouts at 6:30pm; Bell of Northeast Georgia Choir at 7pm

Tuesday—Stamp Club (2nd Tues of Month) at 7pm

Wednesday— Bigger Vision Meal Prep (Kitchen) 8:30am; 12 Step Group at 7pm (downstairs)

Saturday—(Upper Room) 12 Step Group at 10:30am

Sunday - (Upper Room) 12 Step Group at 12:30pm