

Please click here to view Covenants Worship Service on You Tube for **Sunday, November 20 at 11am:** <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>  
Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

## THE COVENANTER November 20, 2022

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



Sunday we will welcome Andie Bisceglia and the UGA Campus Kitchen student volunteers. They will be working in the kitchen plating 220 homecooked meals for food insecure Athenians at 3:30pm. Want to help? They need volunteers Sunday afternoon 3:30pm—6:30pm to plate meals and transport them to their refrigerator. See page 6 for more information about TURKEYPALOOZA!



### CHRISTMAS Progressive Dinner

#### Covenant Progressive Dinner

Friday, December 2 at 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.



# Family Promise Time Is Coming!

For one week every three months, Covenant has the opportunity to serve our homeless neighbors through the Family Promise program. Families that meet FP criteria use temporary living quarters at Milledge Ave Baptist Church. Covenant members select opportunities such as providing evening meals, serving as evening or overnight hosts during the week, serving as morning, mid-day, afternoon, evening or overnight hosts on weekends at MABC. December can be crazy busy but we hope your celebration and gifting plans will include giving some time to serve the neediest among us. Covenant's week is December 11-18, so check out the available time slots at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4ca5aa29a4fe3-2022>

*Julie and Don Bower*

*Purchase a beautiful live Poinsettia in honor or memory of someone special! They are used in the Worship Center throughout the Christmas Season. Sign up sheet is on the table in the gathering room. Make your check payable to Covenant with poinsettia in the memo portion of your check. \$10 each.*



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| Thursday, Dec. 1, 8, 15 at 2pm       | Knitters & Knotters  |
| December 2 at 6pm                    | Christmas Progressive Dinner   |
| Sunday, Dec 4                        | 9:30am Church School, 11:00am Worship  |
| Wednesday, Dec 7 & 14 at 5:30pm      | Wonderful Wednesdays   |
| Thursday, Dec. 8                     | 9:30am Presbyterian Women Bible Study  |
| Sunday, December 11<br>10:45am Sharp | Christmas Choral Worship with a cookies and punch reception in the fellowship hall following worship |
| Tuesday, Dec 13                      | Covenant Retirees Luncheon at Presbyterian Village   |
| Sunday, Dec 18                       | 9:30am Church School, 11:00am Worship  |
| Saturday, Dec 24                     | 5:30pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship with Communion  |
| Sunday, Dec 25                       | 11:00am Christmas Worship with carols  |

*For further information please check elsewhere in the Covenanter*



The church office will be closed Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 for the Thanksgiving Holidays.

**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 20**

Liturgist: Pam Knox

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

**Sunday, November 27**

Liturgist: Luanne Rigsby

Ushers/Greeters: Bob Brewster, Sarah Lamb, Carol & Dennis Calbos

**OPEN & CLOSE THE BUILDING**

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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



**Nursery Ministry** November 20, 2022  
Tim Foutz, Ellen Stoneburner

**November 27, 2022**

Brian Herndon, Dell Whitehead

**We will not meet on November 23 but *Wonderful Wednesday's* will return November 30th**

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

**\*\*\* 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

**Covenant's Retirees** will have their December luncheon at Presbyterian Village, Tuesday, Dec. 13, hosted by Sara & Tom Cooney. Car pooling will meet at the church at 11:30am and will depart at 11:45am sharp. Please reserve your spot with Sara if you have not already signed up.

**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.

**Bible Readings for —November 21—27**

Isaiah 2: 1-5, Psalm 122, Romans 13: 11-14

Matthew 24: 36-44

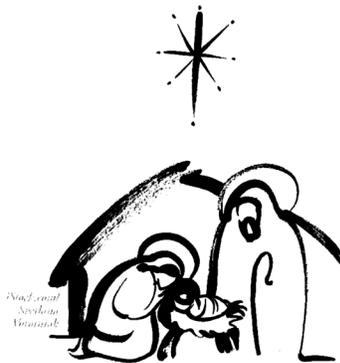
*Please begin reading in your Advent Devotional  
Sunday, November 27.*

*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.*

Paper copies of the Advent Devotional, *Attending to Advent*, are available on the table in the narthex. (large print are also available) The online link was sent out Friday, November 18. *The Presbyterian Outlook* has requested that a copy of the devotional **not** be posted online.

***Attending to Advent:***  
poetry, prose and prayer

OUTLOOK



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](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 faithful giving!

**FINANCIAL REPORT  
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE - Week #20**

Anticipated Pledges — \$148,216.45

Actual Pledges — \$146,274.39

Non-Pledged — \$13,743.00

*Thank you for your faithful giving!  
Thornwell Home for Children—\$345.00*



**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](mailto: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](mailto:phale50@hotmail.com). Class meet in person in the Journey Class Room.



**Knitter and Knotters —**

*Thursday, Dec. 1 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 *Katy Terry, Gloria Pylant, Betsy Burmeister, Laura Foskey, Jerry Shannon or Abby Horvath.*



**Library Corner: *Honey From Stone: A Naturalist's Search for God***

Author Chet Raymo was a professor of Physics and Astronomy in Massachusetts (now retired). He is also a naturalist and science columnist for *The Boston Globe*. This small book is a series of stories and observations linking science and faith. It can be found at Bay G, Shelf 3. —Church Librarian Valerie Stone

**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.*

**There will not be a food distribution on Thursday, Nov. 24**

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

***Next food distribution is on Thursday, December 1***

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)*



Food Pantry  
Volunteers!

**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 220 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](mailto:mysammie1@yahoo.com)