

Please click here to view Covenants Worship Service on You Tube for **Sunday, April 9, 2023 at 11am:** <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>
Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

THE COVENANTER April 9, 2023

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



RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

SUNRISE WORSHIP, APRIL 9 AT 7:30AM

OUTSIDE—WEATHER PERMITTING, OTHERWISE JOIN US IN THE WORSHIP CENTER.

COVENANT'S EASTER COVERED DISH BREAKFAST

Easter morning, **April 9**, after the Sunrise Service (7:30am) yet before Sunday School (9:45am) there will be an Easter Covered Dish Breakfast (8:30am). We will have coffee, juice, and bagels ready, but we are looking forward to your breakfast casseroles, breads, sweet rolls, and such. Please bring enough to feed your family and a few extra people.

CHURCH SCHOOL FOR ADULTS AT 9:45AM

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 11:00AM IN THE WORSHIP CENTER

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

April 16, 2023 at 11:00am Worship

Please return your pledge cards on or before Sunday, April 16th. This is when we the body of Christ at Covenant will offer our commitments to God's church. Making the bold, faith-filled statement that we believe in God's Kingdom-building work that starts here at Covenant and stretches out into our community and across the world!



CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, April 23 following worship

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting to be held on **Sunday, April 23rd after the 11:00 am worship service**. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) who will work together to identify Covenant's next pastor. The following slate of nominees is being recommended Karen Foutz, Kathryn Fowler, Wyatt Herndon, Rose Kisaalita, Brian Stone, Bill Rigsby, and Linda Rogers. Further nominations may be made from the floor of this meeting, with prior permission from the nominee. We are grateful for the nominating committee (Kay Brooks, Marie Ballard-Meyer, and Donny Whitehead) for their dedicated service in creating this year's slate of nominees.

Retiree's Covered Dish Luncheon

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

at 12:30pm

The Green Flag Band will be there to play their toe tapping music. The Band consists of a dulcimer, a fiddle, and an Irish Harp. Bring a covered dish to share and enjoy the music and fellowship.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Jeanie Goodwin, friend of Chris Wilson, in hospital undergoing tests; Susan Parish recovering from shoulder surgery Tuesday, March 26 and doing well; Nan Cantrell and family in the passing of her brother, John Fahling March 13th, after a long struggle with cancer; all those affected by the school shooting in Nashville, Tennessee; our nation.

Bible Readings for —April 10—16

*Acts 2: 14a, 22-32, Psalm 16, Exodus 15: 1-11,
Psalm 111, 1 Peter 1: 3 –9, John 20: 19-31*



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.



Christian Education Ministry Team Meeting

Wednesday, April 12 at 5pm.

We are planning for children's and youth's Sunday School and events and we need your input!

PW will meet on Thursday, April 13, at 9:30am, in-person and via Zoom, for those unable to meet in-person. Pastor Dana will be leading the lesson, #8, Sabbath and Justice. Sandy Whitney will be providing refreshments. Please join us to discuss this interesting topic. We hope to see you there!

The Zoom invite will be sent on Wednesday, April 12.

Covenant's Breakfast Club

Monday, April 17

at Cracker Barrel on Epps Bridge Road at 8:00am

Join us for a time of good food and fellowship!

First Presbyterian Church of Athens has invited the children of Covenant Presbyterian Church to:

Dates: Monday, June 5 - Thursday, June 8
Time: 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Ages: Children 4 years old - 5th Grade are invited

Registration Info: (VBS) [Registration Form](#)

Cost: WOW Registration Fee is \$40/child

You may pay online at www.firstpresathens.org/giving

at (please select "General Fund" under "Select a fund" and type "Week of Wonder 2023" in the memo) or mail a check to the church (First Presbyterian Church of Athens, 185 East Hancock Ave, Athens, Ga 30601). Please be sure to note on your check or online payment that it is for Week of Wonder 2023 Registration.

If you have any questions, please email Natalie Bishop, Director of Children's Ministry at natalie@firstpresathens.org.



SUNDAY SCHOOL: ALL CLASSES BEGIN AT 9:45AM



Children's (K-5) Sunday School Class

No Sunday School for children this week. Please enjoy the Easter Covered –Dish Breakfast and fellowship with our church family.

Builders Class

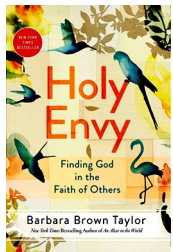
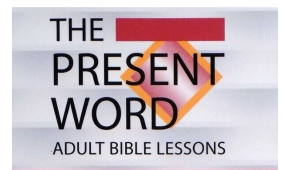
Location: The Library

What are you building? Pastor Dana is facilitating a new Sunday School class designed for people of all ages who see themselves as building something. Whether you are in the process of building a marriage, a family, a career, a legacy, or something else, you are invited to join us for a weekly faith-based discussion in the library!

The "Upper Room" Class

Location: "Upper Room" Classroom at the top of the ramp and Via Zoom

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 gillbillvolume1@yahoo.com.



The "Journey" Class

Location: "Journey" Classroom Room 216 and Via Zoom

Phil and Sallie Hale host and different class volunteers will facilitate discussion. The Journey class is currently reading and discussing the book Holy Envy by Barbara Brown Taylor. If you would like to participate via Zoom please contact Phil at phale50@hotmail.com.

Montreat Youth Conference 2023

This summer the Covenant youth are joining with the Oconee Presbyterian Church youth group for Week 1 of Montreat Youth Conference 2023

Dates: June 4th - 10th, 2023

Ages: Completed 8th grade - Graduating Seniors

Cost: \$450/per youth; reach out to Donny Whitehead

(donnywhitehead@gmail.com) to inquire about potential scholarships

Registration Deadline April 21: contact Kailey Gray at OPC

(Kailey@opcusa.org) to RSVP & get more info and receive more info!



Montreat Middle School Conference

at Maryville College 2023

This summer the Covenant youth are joining with the First Presbyterian Church youth group for the Montreat Middle School Conference at Maryville College

Dates: July 19-23, 2023

Details: Montreat Middle School conference includes keynote, worship, recreation, singing, small group and many other activities with other middle schoolers from around the country.

Ages: Current 6th, 7th and 8th graders

Cost: Cost is \$350/person. Reach out to Donny Whitehead (donnywhitehead@gmail.com) to inquire about potential scholarships. **Register:** Deposit of \$100 due by 3/31 to reserve spot. Final balance due by 5/31. Contact Kim Ness, Director of Youth Ministries at knees@firstpresathens.org.

**EASTER SCHEDULE
for Sunday**

7:30am Sunrise Worship

Weather permitting outside
otherwise in the
worship center

8:30am Easter Covered-
Dish Breakfast in the
fellowship hall

9:45am Church School
for Adults

11:00am Resurrection
Sunday Worship

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

Liturgist: Jim Newland

Ushers/Greeters: Jim & Dorothy Newland, Jim & Sandy Whitney

Pianist: Connor Austell

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

Liturgist: Sandy Whitney

Ushers/Greeters: Susan & Randy Parish, Robyn Malone

Pianist: Connor Austell

OPEN & CLOSE THE BUILDING

Chris Wilson 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

Fifth Monday Week—Ellen & Dan Stoneburner



**Nursery
Ministry**

April 9, 2023

Richard & Marcia Page

April 16, 2023

Annemarie, Sydney & Delaney Braswell

**Ministry
of
Flowers**

Sign up on the bulletin board next to
the mailboxes to provide flowers for
worship services. You can arrange them

yourself or order from a florist. If you would like to
commemorate an event please let the church office know
so we can publish it in the newsletter and/or bulletin.

Thank you, *Worship Ministry Team*

Be on the look out for your 2023-2024 pledge packet
that were mailed March 23! If you have not received
one please let Karen know
kwetherington@covpresathens.org
or call 706 548-2756



**PRESBYTERIAN
STUDENTCENTER**

at The University of Georgia

Check out the sign up sheet on the
bulletin board next to the mailboxes if
you are interested in preparing and
serving dinners at the PSC at UGA 1250 S.
Lumpkin Street, Athens. We will get in
touch with you soon to set up a meeting
to answer questions and discuss logistics.

Thank you!

Bert Ballard-Myer, *Chair Missions
Outreach Local/Global*

Wonderful Wednesdays for April 12, 2023

COVCONN 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

7:15pm Adult Choir

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 #40**

Anticipated Pledges — \$ 296,492.31

Actual Pledges — \$ 311,027.75

Non-Pledged - \$ 21,569.00

Thank you for your faithful giving!

OGHS—\$ 1,350.00

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knitter*

Thursday, April 13 at 2pm

Join us for a good time of fellowship and fun while making blankets for people recovering from illness and for clients of Highland Hills, Family Promise and Project Safe.

Covenant Hosts May 23rd

Presbytery Meeting

On May 22 and 23 volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks supporting the NEGA Presbytery meeting hosted by Covenant on Tuesday, May 23. Beginning at 9:15am volunteer timeslots will range from 90 minutes to 5 hours. On May 22 a setup crew will be needed for about an hour in the afternoon.

Crew Leaders, with staffing numbers are:

Setup	Susan Parish, 6—12	1 hour
Parking	Donny Whitehead, 6	90 mins
Registration	Randall Parish, 5	90 mins
Kitchen	Susan Parish, 4	2 hours
Greeters/Ushers	Dick Zimdars, 6	1 1/5 hours

Sign up sheets will be posted on the bulletin board after Easter.



Library Corner

The Year of Living Biblically: One Man's Humble Quest to Follow the Bible at Literally as Possible

Writer A. J. Jacobs sets out to grow a beard, avoid clothes of blended fibers, and otherwise “wrestle with seemingly archaic rules that baffle the twenty-first-century brain.” A non-practicing Jew and agnostic, Jacobs first explores Judaism and then Christianity in an funny yet inspiring look at religion, tradition, and sacred practices. His explorations take him to Hasidic rites, a tiny back-woods mountain chapel, and a city megachurch in a way that became increasingly full of personal meaning. Found at Bay F, Shelf 5.

— Church Librarian Valerie Stone

Covenant Food Pantry - Thursdays, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

Please click the **Signup Genius** link below to find a time that works for you. As always, if you have trouble using this link, feel free to contact me and I will sign you up (Amy Baer at abaer@covpresathens.org).

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084aa5aa22a20-covenant#/> Thank you!

For the month of March Covenant served 1,481 food insecure neighbors, which includes 382 children, and 301 senior adults. Thank you Covenant and may we all have enough!

Alleluia

He is

Risen