

Please click here to view Covenants Worship Service on You Tube for **Sunday, April 16, 2023 at 11am:** <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>
Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

THE COVENANTER April 16, 2023

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



STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

April 16, 2023 at 11:00am Worship

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! **Remember to bring your pledge cards!**

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.



GAME NIGHT! PLEASE JOIN US ON FRIDAY, APRIL 21 7PM-9PM. WE HAVE A NICE SURPRISE FOR EVERYONE—TWO NEW CORN HOLE SETS!

COME OUT AND YOU WILL BE ABLE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN PLAYING A SIT-DOWN GAME INDOORS OR ENJOYING THE SPRING NIGHT WITH CORN HOLE ON THE LAWN. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Mark Your Calendar for Covenant's Strawberry Festival!

Date: Saturday evening, the 6th of May 2023, *rain or shine*

Time: 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM (or until dusk)

Who: Everyone! All ages are welcome including visitors.

Bring Your Own Meal: You'll provide your own supper—homemade picnic fare or quick takeout, whatever works for you.

Bring a Dessert to Share: Please bring a dessert to share potluck-style. The dessert table opens at 6:00 PM. If your dessert is homemade and features strawberries (as an ingredient or decoration), you'll automatically be in the running for one of our three Strawberry Festival prize categories—

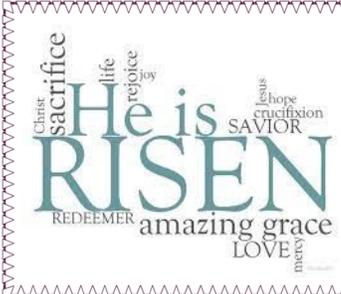
Yummiest Dessert, Prettiest Dessert, and Most Springlike Dessert. Secret judges will be prowling the dessert table to choose the winners. (Please have your dessert on the table by 5:50 PM if you want to be sure it will be part of the judging.)

Other Items to Bring: *Camp chairs and/or picnic blankets, water bottles, outdoor games.* **Fellowship will Provide:** *Tables, utensils, paper plates, water and lemonade, corn hole games.*



PRAYER CONCERNS: Joe and June Meyers' nephew Brad Ludwig, diagnosed with prostate cancer; Bruce and Karen Menke's son, recovering from surgery on 4/7 in Cambridge, MA; Jeanie Goodwin, friend of Chris Wilson, received good news from tests and is recovering at home; Susan Parish recovering from shoulder surgery and doing well; our nation.

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.



Bible Readings for —April 17—23
Acts 2: 14a, 36—41, Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19,
Isaiah 51: 1-6, Psalm 34: 1-10, I Peter 1: 17-23
and Luke 24: 13-35



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON
SUNDAY, APRIL 30 • 12:15 P.M. • COST: FREE
BUFFET LUNCH FROM BARBERITOS WILL BE SERVED

Please RSVP on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board by April 26th!

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.



WEEK OF WONDER 2023
God's Wonder Full World
First Presbyterian Church of Athens - Children's Ministry
June 5-8, 9am-12:30pm

SUNDAY SCHOOL: ALL CLASSES BEGIN AT 9:45AM



Children's (K-5) Sunday School Class

We are now meeting in our new classroom across from the Journey Classroom! This week's lesson will be taught and shepherded by Kay Brooks, Paul Brooks, Shari Cobb and Jere Bowden. The children will be reading Luke 15:3-7 and spending time exploring what it means to be lost, found, and celebrated. Ms. Betsy will be kicking off our Sunday School time with music!

Builders Class

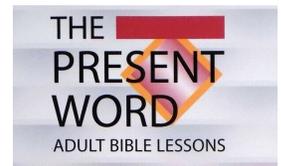
Location: The Library

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!

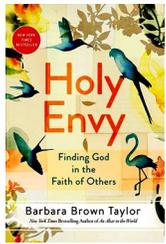
The "Upper Room" Class

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.

SCHEDULE for Sunday

9:30am – 13 noon Nursery
for ages birth to
kindergarten

9:45am Church School
for
K – 5th grade

Journey Adult Class, &
Upper Room Adult Class

10:30am Fellowship

11:00am Worship

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

Liturgist: Sandy Whitney

Ushers/Greeters: Susan & Randy Parish, Robyn Malone

Pianist: Connor Austell

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

Liturgist: Ansley Tweedell

Ushers/Greeters: Luanne & Bill Rigsby, Alan Edwards, Judy Capie

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 16, 2023

Annemarie, Sydney &
Delaney Braswell

April 23, 2023

Brian, Valerie, & Eli Stone

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

Wonderful Wednesdays for April 19, 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

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!

Green Life Exhibition
April 1-29, 2023
Lyndon House Arts Center

Closing Day Reception: April 29 at 2:00pm
accgov.com/GreenLife

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 #41
Anticipated Pledges — \$ 303,904.62

Actual Pledges — \$ 313,902.75

Non-Pledged - \$ 21,905.00

Thank you for your faithful giving!

OGHS—\$ 2,350.00

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knitter*

Thursday, April 20 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	1/5 hours

Sign up sheets are now posted on the bulletin board!



Library Corner

Earth-Honoring Faith: Religious Ethics in a New Key

In anticipation of Earth Day on Saturday, let's look at how Larry Rasmussen's book explores the ethics we need for a sustainable world. "Rejecting the modern assumption that morality applies to human society alone, Rasmussen insists that we must derive a spiritual and ecological ethic that accounts for the well-being of all creation...." He discusses drawing on science but also religious resources "to make the difficult transition from an industrial-technological age obsessed with consumption to an ecological age that restores wise stewardship of all life."

Found at Bay G, Shelf 3. —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!

April 10-
May 31

A \$25 donation sends
love, flowers, and a
card to a worthy
mother in our
community!

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