

Please click here to view Covenants Worship Service on You Tube for **Sunday, April 23, 2023 at 11am:** <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>  
Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

## THE COVENANTER April 23, 2023

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



### 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.

**Mark Your Calendar for Covenant's Strawberry Festival!** **Date:** Saturday evening, the 6<sup>th</sup> 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.*



### 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!




Dear Covenant friends,  
the Finance Ministry Team met this week to discuss next year's budget. We have received 63 pledges so far but are expecting about 19 additional pledges. We learned at the meeting that not everyone at church received a pledge packet, so will be following up to make sure that everyone has received the budget information and to see if they mailed or delivered a pledge to church, since it appears some packets likely got lost in the mail. If you have not yet pledged, we would encourage you to let me or the office know if you plan to send in a pledge or if you are not able to pledge this year so that we can work on the final budget with the most complete information possible. You can find the proposed budget plus a narrative budget and extra pledge cards in the back of the Worship Center as well. Thanks to those of you who have already turned in your pledges and for everyone who is faithfully supporting Covenant financially as well as in so many other ways!

*Pam Knox, Treasurer (pnknox@yahoo.com)*

**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.

I am  
the Good Shepherd  
John 10:11



**Bible Readings for —April 24—30**  
*Acts 2: 42-27, Psalm 23,  
Ezekiel 34: 7-15,  
Psalm 100, I Peter 2: 19-25, and  
John 10: 1-10*

*Please submit prayer concerns and/or celebrations to the church office 706-548-2756 or [kwetherington@covpresathens.org](mailto:kwetherington@covpresathens.org). or before worship service fill out the Prayer Concern form and put in offering plate or give to Pastor Dana.*

**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](http://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](mailto:natalie@firstpresathens.org).



**Cedar Shoals High  
School Thanks You!**

Thank you so much for your Lenten donations to the Cedar Shoals Care Center! Ms. Angela Gay, social worker and Chantel Eaton, Social Worker Intern, greeted us with huge smiles and gratitude when we delivered this truckload of donations to their care center. As you may know Cedar Shoals is just around the corner from Covenant and they serve hundreds of east side children and families. Your donations of food and hygiene items stocked their shelves so they can continue the important work of standing in the gap with our neighbors who have need for food and assistance. Thank you so much for caring for our neighbors, Covenant Friends!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL: ALL CLASSES BEGIN AT 9:45AM



### Children's (K-5) Sunday School Class

This week's lesson will be taught and shepherded by Dell Whitehead, Donny Whitehead and Jere Bowden. The children will be reading Luke 15:8-10 and spending time exploring what it means to have value and to celebrate together. Ms. Betsy will also be kicking off our Sunday School time with music!

### Builders Class

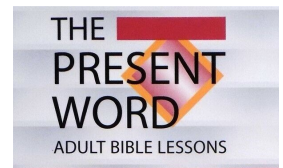
Location: The Library

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!

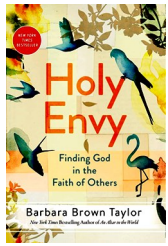
### The "Upper Room" Class

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

**Registration Deadline April 21:** contact Kailey Gray at OPC

([Kailey@opcusa.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:knees@firstpresathens.org).



### SCHEDULE for Sunday

9:30am – 12 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 23

Liturgist: Ansley Tweedell

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

Pianist: Connor Austell

### SUNDAY, APRIL 30

Liturgist: Pam Knox

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

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



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Brian, Valerie, & Eli Stone

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James & Robyn Malone

**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*

*The floral arrangement in worship for Sunday, April 23 are give by Don & Julie Bower.*

### *Wonderful Wednesdays for April 26, 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, May 01, 2023**

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

Join us for a time of good food and fellowship!



## It's A Boy!

Congratulations to

James & Taylor Foutz on the birth of their son,

*Copely Davis Foutz,*

born March 4.

Proud grandparents are

Tim & Karen Foutz.

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 #42**

Anticipated Pledges — \$ 311,136.92

Actual Pledges — \$ 325,932.75

Non-Pledged - \$ 23,552.00

*Thank you for your faithful giving!*

*OGHS—\$ 2,450.00*

*Thursday, April 27 at 2pm*

*knitter  
knitter*

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.



**Library Corner**

*Praying with the Body:*

*Bringing the Psalms to Life*

This unusual book by Roy DeLeon explores literally moving through the Psalms, using body positions and yoga poses to reflect meanings line by line.

Small sketches show the reader the poses and the book lies flat so that you can easily read line by line.

This is a great book for those looking for personal rituals or ways to reflect deeply on the Bible. Found at Bay B, Shelf 2. —Church Librarian *Valerie Stone*

**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!***

**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](mailto: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!*