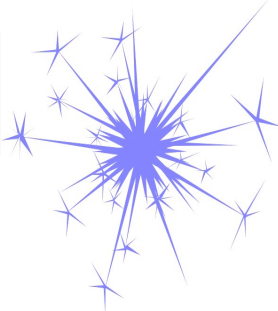


Please click here to view Covenants Worship Service on You Tube for **Sunday, June 4, 2023 at 10am:** <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>  
Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

## THE COVENANTER June 04, 2023

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



### SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday **June 4**  
Worship will begin  
at **10:00 a. m.** until  
Rally Day  
in the fall.

### Retirees Covered Dish Luncheon

**Tuesday, June 13 at 12:30pm**

Everyone is invited to the Retirees Covered Dish Luncheon on Tuesday, June 13 at 12:30pm in the fellowship hall. Bring your favorite dish to share and a friend. Beverages will be provided.

**Pastor Dana will be on study leave  
June 5–12!**



It is summer break for our UGA volunteers so we need your help more than ever, Covenant friends! Click the link below to sign up for a shift or use the sign up sheet on the bulletin board next to the mailboxes.

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

**PROCESS FOR THE ELECTION OF ELDERS BEGINS!** Each year Covenant elects its officers to serve a 3 year term on the Session. The involvement of the congregation is important during the entire process. Donny Whitehead is the Nominating Committee Chair with Julie Bower as the second Elder approved by the Session. Now the congregation recommends members of the church to serve on the Nominating Committee. The 2 elders will then select one member to nominate to the congregation to be elected to serve with them on the Nominating Committee. You will find a nominating forms on the table in the gathering room or you can contact Donny at donnywhitehead@gmail.com or Julie at bower.julie@gmail.com. Please submit names by June 11.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Jennifer Frey and her family following the loss of her Aunt Rochelle on May 28; Bill Barstow's daughter, Linda in the hospital in Atlanta receiving treatment for leukemia; Raymond Adams, (father in law of Hank & DeLynda Tweedell's niece Kim) in hospice care; Clarice Davis (DeLynda's stepmother) with pneumonia; Kathryn Fowler's lifelong friend, Leila McDaniel recovering from surgery for a broken hip, in Skilled Rehab Center, Charleston; Joe and June Meyers' nephew Brad Ludwig, diagnosed with prostate cancer; Tom Mote's father, Charles, recovering from surgery on May 15 following a stroke; Bruce and Karen Menke's son, Matt, at home; the 2023 Graduates; and our nation.



#### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Genesis 12: 1-9, Psalm 33: 1-12, Hosea 5: 15—6: 6,  
Psalm 50: 7-15, Romans 4: 13-25,  
and Matthew 16: 21—28

*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.*

*A CaringBridge Site has been created for Bill Barstow's daughter Linda McCormick; she is undergoing treatment at Emory for Acute Myeloid Leukemia. CaringBridge is a social network to help people stay connected with family and friends during a health event.*

*Thank you all for prayers and support for the Barstow and McCormick family.*

<https://caringbridge.org/visit/lindamccormick2>



**CARINGBRIDGE.**

### BRaS (Building Relationships & Support) and Covenant's Coffee House

The Fellowship Team would like to hear from you.... Covenant has mostly bounced back from restrictions during the initial phase of the Covid-19 pandemic, but there are two events still waiting to be brought back.

1. Would folks like to see the return of BRAS (Building Relationships and Support)? This group for women consisted of one or two evening get-to-know-you gatherings a year hosted by a church member in their home.
2. The second event is the Covenant Coffee House. Modeled on the Coffee House events at our sister church in Olomouc, Czech Republic, this evening gathering during the summer gave all ages a chance to share their talents and shine with such offerings as playing music, singing, recitations, magic routines, skits, original poetry readings, etc.

We'd like to get a feel for if folks would like to see these events again. Please contact Fellowship Team Chair Valerie Stone to share your thoughts. (My email address is [valeriefreystone@gmail.com](mailto:valeriefreystone@gmail.com). Or you are welcome to share your thoughts via a note in my mailbox, text, quick chat, etc.)

**SCHEDULE for Sunday**  
 9:30am – 12 noon Nursery  
 for ages birth to  
 kindergarten  
 8:30am Church School  
 for  
 The Journey Adult Class,  
 &  
 Upper Room Adult Class  
*will continue through the  
 summer*  
 June 4  
 Worship 10:00am

**SUNDAY, JUNE 4**

**Liturgist:** Stephanie Cahill  
**Ushers/Greeters:** Luanne & Bill Rigsby, Judy Capie, Alan Edwards  
**Pianist:** Connor Austell

**SUNDAY, JUNE 11**

**Liturgist:** Warren Combs  
**Ushers/Greeters:** Chris Wilson, Bill Barstow, Catharine Tyson, Katy Terry  
**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**  
 June 4, 2023  
 Ellen Stoneburner,  
 Brian Herndon

June 11, 2023 Susan Parish, Don Bower

**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 flowers in worship are give by Betsy & Rich!*

**Covenant's Breakfast Club**  
**Monday, June 5, 2023**  
**at Cracker Barrel on Epps Bridge Road at 8:00am**  
 Join us for a time of good food and fellowship!

  
**PUNCH AND COOKIES** begins June 4 after worship whenever someone signs up to share. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board next to the mail boxes. Thank you in advance to all who sign up! And yes purchased cookies are just fine! It is all about fellowship. (please no red punch)  
 June 4      Betsy Burmeister & Rich Reaves  
 June 11     Ellen Stoneburner  
 June 18     Linda Koehler

**LIBRARY CORNER**  
*Joy Unspeakable: Contemplative Practices of the Black Church*  
 In this work, Barbara Holmes explores Black history and how it affects today's Black churchgoers. She explains the origins and benefits of activism, various aspects of congregational life, and religious art as well as traditions surrounding baptism, mourning, and other aspects of faith.  
 Found at Bay E, Shelf 1.  
 —Church Librarian *Valerie Stone*





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 #48**

Anticipated Pledges — \$355,790.76

Actual Pledges — \$376,007.23

Non-Pledged - \$ 24,652.19

*Thank you for your faithful giving!*

*Caring Hands/Presbyterian Homes \$550*

*Knitter  
Knitter* **Thursday, June 8 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.

**NEEDED: TWO GROUND STEWARDS.**

THESE GROUND STEWARDS WOULD FILL IN AS SUBSTITUTES FOR A GROUND STEWARD WHO IS SICK OR AWAY AND CAN NOT FULFILL THE WEEK'S PICK-UP DUTY.

Duties include picking up trash, emptying trash containers and refilling with a clean bag and items left behind by homeless visitors and others. All trash is placed inside the dumpster. Grabbers, trash pickers and trash bgs are provided. A wheelbarrow is also available for your use. You supply your own gloves. If interested please contact Carolyn Hatfield or any of the Ground Stewards listed in the Covenanter. This is a much-needed volunteer position. Thank you, *Carolyn Hatfield*, Chair of Building & Grounds



**New Shipment of  
Fair Trade  
Coffee and Chocolates!**

*FRESH, Organic, Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolates  
have arrived.*

If you have ever picked blueberries you know how hard hand-picking coffee cherries can be. Then there's removing the beans from the fruit, and roasting them.

Fair Trade Coffee insures that the hard working farmers get a fair price for all their hard work.

We have ground Decaf, Hazelnut Crème, Breakfast Blend, Colombian, Mind, Body & Soul, and Sisters Blend Coffee. We also have Ethiopian, French Roast, Colombian, and Congo Beans.

The 1 lb bags of Sister' Blend and Congo Beans are \$10.00 each. The Red bags are \$8.00 each.

Chocolate Bars are \$3.00 each

Get them in the Coffee Cabinet in the gathering room outside the sanctuary. Enjoy!

## Covenant by the Week!

### June 4, 2023

Sunday 8:30am Church School  
 10:00am Worship  
 12:30pm 12 Step Group  
 5:30pm Campus Kitchen

Monday 8:00am Cov Breakfast Club  
 at Cracker Barrel  
 11am New Horizons Band  
 7:00pm 12 Step Group

Tuesday Office Open 10am–4pm  
 7:00pm 12 Step Group

Wednesday Office Open 10am–4pm  
 11:30am New Horizons Band

Thursday Office Open 10am–4pm  
 8:30am Campus Kitchen  
 1pm 2pm Cov Food Pantry  
 7:00pm 12 Step Group

Friday Office Open 10am–4pm  
 8:00pm 12 Step Group

Saturday 10:30am 12 Step Group

### June 11, 2023

Sunday 8:30am Church School  
 10:00am Worship  
 12:30pm 12 Step Group  
 5:30pm Campus Kitchen

Monday 11am New Horizons Band  
 7:00pm 12 Step Group

Tuesday Office Open 10am–4pm  
 12:30pm Retiree’s Luncheon  
 7:00pm Stamp Club  
 7:00pm 12 Step Group

Wednesday Office Open 10am–4pm  
 11:30am New Horizons Band

Thursday Office Open 10am–4pm  
 8:30am Campus Kitchen  
 1pm 2pm Cov Food Pantry  
 7:00pm 12 Step Group

Friday Office Open 10am–4pm  
 7pm Game Nite!

Saturday 8:00pm 12 Step Group  
 10:30am 12 Step Group

