

Please click here to view Covenants Worship Service on You Tube for **Sunday, September 17, 2023 at 11am:** <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>
Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

THE COVENANTER September 17, 2023

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

Due to the increase in Covid cases at Covenant and the surrounding area the session strongly encourages folks to wear masks to worship until further notice. We hope that the current case positivity rate will subside very soon.
The safety of all who worship at Covenant is our primary concern.



The Annual Congregational Meeting, **Sunday, September 17 following worship**, has been called for the purpose of considering for election the following slate of Elders to serve on the Session in the Class of 2026:
Dennis Calbos, Bob Brewster, Brian Herndon, and Rebecca Silver. Further nominations may be made from the floor of this meeting with prior permission from the nominee. We are grateful to the 2023 Nominating Committee, *Donny Whitehead, Jere Bowden, and Julie Bower* for their dedicated service in creating this years slate of elders.



Fall Picnic, Sunday, Sept. 17 5:30pm – 8:00pm.

Phil Hale will once again take up his role of chef for bar-b-que sandwiches. Sides and desserts will be covered dish-style, so this your chance to cook favorites to share (or take the night off and pick up something from the deli. The event will be rain or shine. For good weather, please bring camp chairs and outdoor games. We will set up Corn Hole. In case of rain we will make every effort to space tables out in the fellowship hall. Mask are encouraged indoors when not eating.

Wonderful Wednesdays September 20
5:30pm Covenant Connection—join us for a delicious dinner prepared by our own *Chef Patrick* (\$3.00 donation per meal)

6:15pm Adult Bible Study facilitated by Pastor Dana

6:00pm Handbell Rehearsal
makemineupine@hotmail.com

7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
acarter-enyi@covpresathens.org

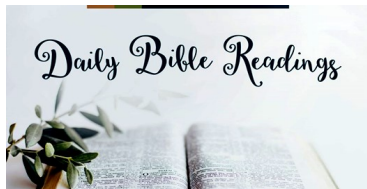
First Grade Luncheon

Sunday, September 24 following worship

Our First Graders, **Arinze Carter-Enyi, Bonnie Adams, and Leona Hale Rea**, will have a special tour of the worship center, with time spent talking about baptism and communion. Our first graders will be introduced to the congregation during the service and will be presented with their very own copy of our Presbyterian Hymnal, *Glory to God*.

Click or enter the link below in your browser to access COVENANT'S FALL BROCHURE 2023-2024
<https://www.covpresathens.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Covenant-Fall-Brochure-2023-24-1.pdf>

PRAYER CONCERNS: DeLynda Tweedell's father recovering from pneumonia and step-mother Clarice as his caregiver; Don Sumner recovering from a heart procedure and Georgianna in the process of packing them up to move; Brad Courtney recovering from a serious fall; Linda Ford's good friend, Nancy Parker's 100 year old mother, Addie passed away last week; Heide & Juergen Wiegel as Juergen deals with Alzheimer's; Bill Barstow's daughter, Linda scheduled for bone marrow transplant September 29; Travis Adams (Clayton's father) currently at Northridge rehab in Commerce; and our nation.



**Exodus 16: 1-15, Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45,
Jonah 3: 10—4:11, Psalm 145: 1-8,
Philippians 1: 21-30 and Matthew 20: 1-16**

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.

Knitters & Knotters
Thursday, September 21 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.

*knitter
knotters*

The Athens Area Emergency Food Bank is in desperate need of

BROWN PAPER BAGS.
And egg cartons

Please consider asking for paper bags with your groceries and a few more for the food bank.

102 canned items were delivered to the food bank

Thank you!

Volunteers needed for Athens Free Clinic at Covenant in October and November.

1—2 volunteers are needed from 1:30pm—3:30pm and 1—2 volunteers from 3:30pm—5:30pm for each Monday Clinic date.

Sign Up Here:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/>

Join your Covenant friends every First Tuesday of the month serving and enjoying dinner with the students of the Presbyterian Student Center

Dates: Sept. 5, Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5, Feb. 6, April 2, May 7
Time: 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m.
Volunteers Needed: 4
Location: Meet at the Presbyterian Student Center at 1250 S Lumpkin St, Athens, GA 30605
How to volunteer: Please signup on the sheet in the hallway at church or email Bert Ballard-Myer at mysammie1@yahoo.com.

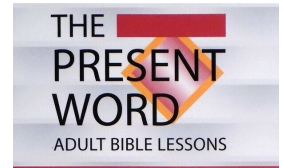


CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES FOR ALL AGES!

The BUILDERS CLASS. Meeting at 9:45am beginning September 10 Led by Pastor Dana, this class meets in the Library. What are you building? Pastor Dana facilitates this 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 of theological issues.

The "UPPER ROOM" Class beginning at 9:45am

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 beginning at 9:45am

Location: "Journey" Classroom Room 216 and Via Zoom
The "Journey" adult church school class resumes this Sunday, August 20. We will begin a new study book, "Necessary Risks", by Teri Ott.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS for K-5.

This multi-age class, taught by Katy Arora and our volunteer Shepherds, meets each week (August-May), 9:45-10:45, on the main level of the church across from The Journey Class. Each week, this class begins with a lovely music time with Betsy Burmeister and then, using "Growing in God's Love: A Story Bible Curriculum," the children enter into sacred space together, read from their story Bible, pause for a time of wondering, engage their curiosity and imagination with God's story through art and drama, wrestle with their place in God's story through activities and discussion, and bless one another with God's grace. Please join us for this time of Growing in God's Love!



If you would like to provide a meal for
Georgianna & Don Sumner.

Please click on this link:

<https://takethemameal.com/IIBV3490>

**Sunday Schedule
for September 10**

9:30am Nursery

Church School for
All Ages at 9:45am

WORSHIP

11:00am

Following worship
Visitor Luncheon

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

PIANIST: Aaron Carter-Enyi

USHER/GREETERS: Bob Brewster & Sarah Lamb, Dennis & Carol Calbos

LITURGIST: Ansley Tweedell

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

PIANIST; Aaron Carter-Enyi

USHERS/GREETERS: Jim Newland, Jim & Sandy Whitney, Robyn Malone

LITURGIST: Stephanie Cahill

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 Stoneburner



September 17, 2023

Sandy Whitney,
DeLynda Tweedell

September 24, 2023

Dell Whitehead, Tim Foutz

**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. *The floral arrangement in worship Sunday is given in memory of Linda Rogers' mother, Erva Rogers and Steve Follin's father, Frank Follin.*

September 24 Rich Reaves

October 01 Bread & Grapes
(World Communion Sunday
Peace & Global Witness Offering)

October 8 Tom & Jeremy Mote

**World Communion Sunday,
Peace & Global Witness Offering
Bread and Grapes Reception
Sunday October 1, 2023**

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Paul tells us that we are to “discern the body” when we partake of Holy Communion, mindful that we note our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration. One is not to go hungry while another is drunk! (I Cor. 11:21). This is scandalous behavior opposed to the Way of Christ. Thus it is appropriate that World Communion Sunday is also a time when we receive the annual [Peace and Global Witness Offering](#) as a way of continuing the ancient Christian practice of sharing what we have with brothers and sisters in need.

There will be a Bread and Grapes reception following worship on Sunday, October 1, 2023.

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 #11**

Anticipated Pledges — \$90,116.23

Actual Pledges — \$82,638.40

Non-Pledged - \$754.00

Thank you for your faithful giving!

Covenant by the Week!

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Sunday 9:45am Church School for all ages
11:00am Worship
12:30pm 12 Step Group
Campus Kitchen

5:30pm—9pm Covenant’s Fall Picnic

Monday 11am New Horizons Band
6:30pm Scouts Pac Meeting
7:00pm 12 Step Group
7:00pm Bells of NEGA

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September Collection for the students of Cedar Shoals High School This month, we are collecting 3 food items for students in need at Cedar Shoals High School: Peanut butter crackers, granola bars and microwaveable noodle bowls.

There are two ways to help! Thank you so much in advance of your generosity and support of our neighbors!

Purchase items from our Amazon Wishlist: Click the link below and when given a shipping option you will see "Karen Wetherington" Gift Registry Address and that is the correct address. https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1SVZ12J14YBNN?ref_=wl_share Your donations will be shipped to the church and we will deliver them to the school.

Purchase the following items and leave them on the collection table in the hallway across from the church mailboxes: Packages of peanut butter crackers, granola bars and microwaveable noodle bowls



Join Covenant at PrideFest 2023!

Covenant Presbyterian Church is an official Sponsor of Athens Pride + Queer Collective's Pridefest 2023 and our group is hosting a resource table at the event!

Date: Saturday, September 30

Time: 12-8 p.m.

Location: [Terrapin Beer Co.](#) • [265 Newton Bridge Rd](#) • [Athens, GA](#)

Volunteers needed: 2 people for 2-hour shifts at our resource table throughout the day

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-covenant1>

Covenant Food Pantry

Every Thursday

Please note: shifts have been slightly adjusted

SHIFT 1: Unloading and

Bagging the Food
(9:30am – 11:30am)

SHIFT 2: Food Distribution
12: 30pm – 3pm

You can click on the pic or sign up at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084aa5aa22a20-covenant#/>



For the month of August the Covenant Food Pantry served 1,242 food insecure neighbors. This number includes 344 children and 218 senior adults.



Thank you Covenant
and
May We All Have
Enough!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

As you may have noticed, we have had more families with young children attending Worship and Sunday School over the last few months! This is a truly wonderful thing! As a result, the Session has decided to hire a new part-time Nursery Childcare Worker to begin this Fall to work alongside at least one volunteer every Sunday.

We are just beginning the search process for our new staff person and, in the interim, we are asking for your help with two immediate needs:

First, we need volunteers to staff the Nursery so that we can keep it open during the Sunday School hour. Please consider volunteering in the Church Nursery for any of the following dates/shifts:

Sept. 24 (9:30-10:45 a.m.): 2 needed
Oct. 8 (9:30-10:45 a.m.): 1 needed
Oct. 15 (9:30-10:45 a.m.): 1 needed
Oct. 15 (10:45-12:15 p.m.): 1 needed
Oct. 22 (9:30-10:45 a.m.): 2 needed
Oct. 29 (9:30-10:45 a.m.): 2 needed
Nov. 5 (9:30-10:45 a.m.): 1 needed
Nov. 12 (9:30-10:45 a.m.): 2 needed
Nov. 19 (9:30-10:45 a.m.): 2 needed
Nov. 26 (9:30-10:45 a.m.): 2 needed

Please email Amy Baer at abaer@covpresathens.org to sign up.



Secondly, please help us get the word out about our new part-time Nursery Childcare Worker position!

Feel free to forward this job listing link to all who you think would be interested in this position with our church:

<https://www.covpresathens.org/contact-us/employment/>