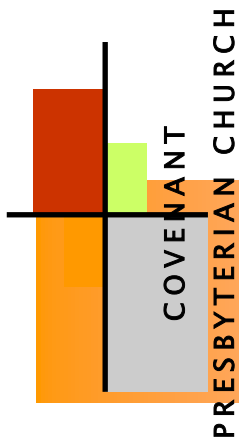


Please click here to view Covenants Worship Service on You Tube for  
**Sunday, September 24, 2023 at 11am:** <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>  
Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>



## THE COVENANTER September 24, 2023

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



### 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*.

#### Wonderful Wednesdays September 27

**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](mailto:makemineupine@hotmail.com)

**7:15pm** Adult Choir Rehearsal  
[acarter-enyi@covpresathens.org](mailto:acarter-enyi@covpresathens.org)

**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.*

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

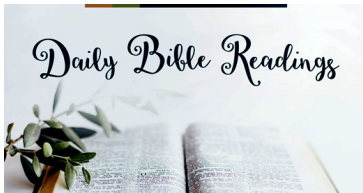
The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Thus it is appropriate that World Communion Sunday is also a time when we receive the annual Peace and Global Witness Offering as a way of continuing the ancient Christian practice of sharing what we have with brothers and sisters in need.

*After the worship service, we will have reception in the Fellowship Hall to share bread and grapes. The Fellowship Team will provide the grapes as well as butter, cream cheese, and jam. We invite you to bring some type of bread to share. Coffee and tea will be served.*

Rev. Will Norman, Campus Minister and the students from the Presbyterian Student Center will be leading worship for us on Sunday, October 1 at 11:00am.

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:** Jim Verbrugge recovering at home following a hospitalization for colitis earlier this week; Brian Striggow's wife Becky in the hospital and moving to rehab in the coming days; DeLynda Tweedell's father, Larry, recovering from pneumonia and stepmother 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; 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: 2-15, 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](mailto: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 28 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  
knitter*

**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!**

**LIBRARY CORNER**

***A Dresser of Sycamore Trees: The Finding of a Ministry* by Garret Keizer**

“In this frank and powerful memoir, Garrett Keizer shares the trials and pleasures of shepherding souls in Island Pond, Vermont....In ministering to his small but faithful parish, and in meeting his own limitations, Keizer finds constant challenge, profound amusement, and deep insight into the workings of faith.”

This cookbook can be found at Bay H, Shelf 4. —Church Librarian *Valerie Stone*

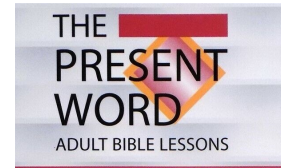


## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES FOR ALL AGES!

**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](mailto: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>

### Ministry Team Meetings at Covenant!

#### Food Pantry Volunteer Meeting

Thursday, October 5 at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall

#### Congregational Care Ministry Team Meeting

Sunday, October 8 following worship

#### Mission and Outreach Ministry Team Meeting

Wednesday, October 25 at 5:30pm

**Sunday Schedule  
for September 24**

9:30am Nursery

Church School for  
All Ages at 9:45am

**WORSHIP**

11:00am

Following worship  
Visitor Luncheon

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

PIANIST: Aaron Carter-Enyi

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

LITURGIST: Stephanie Cahill

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 – World Communion Sunday**

PIANIST: Aaron Carter-Enyi

USHERS/GREETERS: Randy & Susan Parish, Bill & Luanne Rigsby

LITURGIST: College Student from the Presbyterian Student Center

**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



**Nursery  
Ministry**

September 24, 2023

Dell Whitehead, Tim Foutz

October 1, 2023

Brian Herndon, Marie Ballard-Myer

**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 .

September 24 Rich Reaves

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

October 8 Tom & Jeremy Mote

**Travis Williams will join us on Sunday,  
October 15 at 9:30am in the fellowship hall.**

Greetings from Durham!

In mid-August, I returned from a three-month-long stay in Yei, a small, rural town in South Sudan, Africa. From May to August, I taught at Bishop Allison Theological College, a struggling seminary hoping to train Christian leaders to serve the Sudanese people. During my time in Yei, I taught, preached, and explored methods and strategies for community development that, I hope, will influence the school's trajectory and mission—my time at Covenant proved incredibly helpful, providing me with a wealth of experiences to pull from while teaching and serving this small, rural town.

In the same way that God has blessed Athens with Covenant, I hope to share how God is blessing the people of South Sudan, even in the face of tremendous instability and violence. Please join me on Sunday, October 15th, to discuss the massive need for Christian missions and ministry in South Sudan and East Africa. I pray we have a room overflowing with questions, comments, and lively conversation!

-Travis Williams

Director, Children's Minister

Trinity United Methodist Church



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 #12**

Anticipated Pledges — \$98,308.62

Actual Pledges — \$89,518.40

Non-Pledged - \$754.00

*Thank you for your faithful giving!*

**Covenant by the Week!**

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Campus Kitchen

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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](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#/>



**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 sign up on the sheet in the hallway at church or email Bert Ballard-Myer at [mysammie1@yahoo.com](mailto:mysammie1@yahoo.com).

## **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](mailto: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/>

# October Birthdays

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|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Jere Bowden        | 12 Tim Simpson     |
| Diane Davies         | 14 Rose Kisaalita  |
| 2 Charles Cantrell   | 18 Linda Rogers    |
| Isaac Ritzler        | Avery Wetherington |
| 5 Joseph Page        | 19 Charles Martin  |
| 6 Bill Barstow       | 20 Jason Braswell  |
| 8 Kathryn Fowler     | 21 Marcia Page     |
| 9 Heidi Wolfe        | 24 Tamara Stam     |
| 11 Jimmy Shealy      | 26 Juanita Gilbert |
| 12 Ellen Stoneburner |                    |

