

Please click here to view Covenant's Worship Service on You Tube for
Sunday, July 20, 2025 at 10am: <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>
Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

THE COVENANTER July 20, 2025

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

"SUMMER SAINTS" SERMON SERIES 2025

Join us each Sunday this summer at Covenant Presbyterian Church (June 22 to July 27), as we focus on a "saint" of the past, from whom we have something to learn as disciples of Jesus today. None are officially canonized, and some may even take us by surprise, but all have something to say if we're willing to listen!

Sundays at 10 AM
June 22 to July 27, 2025

June 22 - Harry Emerson Fosdick

June 29 - Harper Lee

July 6 - Walt Whitman

July 13 - Maya Angelou

July 20 - William Henry Sheppard

July 27 - Johnny Cash

Covenant Presbyterian Church
1065 Gaines School Road
Athens, GA 30605

Covenant Youth Connection SCOOBY DOO LOCK—IN

Saturday evening,
July 26—Sunday
morning, July 27

Let's get together before school starts back for a Scooby Doo themed lock in with costumes, Scooby Doo cartoon marathon, games, giant subs, pizza and Hank's famous pop corn, Scooby snacks, and tons of fun and fellowship. And enjoy *Scooby-licious* waffles by Mr. Hank Sunday morning. Contact Ms. Delynda 706-540-2473 or dtweedell@hotmail.com with additional ideas or questions.



Sunday,
August 17, 2025
9:30am

Have you ever wondered why Rally Day is called ... RALLY DAY? Well according to the dictionary Rally means "coming together for a shared purpose." Rally Day at Covenant has long meant coming together for the beginning of a new year...new Sunday School classes, new opportunities for fellowship and mission, and the restart of many other programs of the church. So join us on Sunday, August 17 beginning at 9:30am.

Called Congregational Meeting

Sunday, July 27 at 10am *sharp*

*For the purpose of electing the 2025
nominating committee of Warren Combs
(chair) and Phil Hale and Pam Knox.*

IN OUR PRAYERS: Marilyn Martin and family in the passing of her husband, Charles Martin, Sat., July 12; Raquel Bartra with serious illness; Rebecca Silver recovering from knee surgery June 26; Alice Rose's friend, Kim Martinez with a neck injury and possible neck surgery; DeLynda Tweedell's mom, Betty Bass, with an eye infection and feeling better with new heart medication; and her step-mom, Clarice Davis, with severe hip and knee pain; Delynda Tweedell's best friends mother Ann Mathis diagnosed with peritoneal cancer; June & Joe Meyers; June is recovering well at home from surgery; John Wilkins' brother in law, Jim Negro in Wellsley, Mass., recovering from lung cancer surgery; Bob Placek in skilled nursing at PVA and Joyce at home; Carol & Charlie Huber at The Oaks; peace in the Middle East; our Country.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS:

**Amos 8: 1-12, Psalm 52, Genesis 18: 1-10,
Psalm 15, Colossians 1: 15-28, Luke 10: 38-42**

Financial Summary for Week #02

Anticipated Pledges— \$ 17,166.07

Pledges Received— \$ 17,831.34

Thank you Covenant for your faithful giving!

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 the Pastor.

Nell and Warren Combs are most grateful to many of you for your kind notes, words, and prayers on behalf of our son, Scott Baker, of Cary, NC. This is Day 10 following his triple bypass heart surgery. His voice sounds strong; he welcomes phone calls. He's upbeat and will joke with anyone who will listen. The immediate goal is to get out of his recliner and bed unassisted then put his brilliant red heart-shaped chest pillow in the cupboard. On August 3rd, he plans to be at the organ console accompanying worship at St. Francis UMC where he is Director of Music. He and Cortney expressed such appreciation for our Covenant family's prayers and cards.

Green Dream Team News – We are planning for an exciting fall!! We will have a guest Speaker in September, Laura Iyer, details soon! We hope to have some fun volunteer opportunities as well.

Please remember to bring your used ink cartridges and batteries; we will take them to CHARM for recycling. And bring your plastic grocery bags to be reused by the food pantry.

Save the date! If you are concerned about the environment or are a faith leader, consider coming to the GIPL (Georgia Interfaith Power and Light) Summit Circle on Saturday, 8/16 from 9am-12:30 pm at Oconee Street United Methodist Church. We are invited to come for fellowship and shared learning. To learn more and register, go to: <https://gipl.org/events/gts25-athenscircle> or See Jennifer Frey or Shari Cobb for more information.

GDT tip for the month: Please use and recycle aluminum cans whenever possible! Recycling aluminum cans takes 95% less energy than making aluminum cans from raw materials and there is no limit to the number of times aluminum can be recycled. Recycling plastic bottles is much more energy intensive and most plastic bottles are “downcycled” which means they can only be recycled once and then have to be disposed of. Also, plastic bottles can release harmful chemicals especially when exposed to UV radiation or heat.

Shari Cobb for the Green Dream Team

Next meeting Friday, July 25 at 2pm in the Library.



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:45am Journey Class

9:30am Nursery

10:00am Worship

11:00am Upper Room Class

SUNDAY, JULY 20

USHER/GREETERS: Judy Capie, Katy Terry, Jim & Sandy Whitney

LITURGIST: George McMaster, Kirche Rogers

SUNDAY, JULY 27

USHERS/GREETERS: Alan Edwards, Caly DePalma, Jim Newland, Paige Cummings

LITURGIST: Claire Bruner

OPEN & CLOSE THE BUILDING

Chris Wilson	1st Sunday	Judy Capie	2nd Sunday
Pam Knox	3rd Sunday	Tim Foutz	4th Sunday
Brian Striggow	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


5th Monday Week—Ellen Stoneburner



We're looking for caring, dependable volunteers to serve in our church nursery.

 **Commitment:** Once every four months

 **Times:** 9:30AM  11:00AM

 **Where:** Church Nursery Room

If you love little ones and want to support young families in our congregation, this is the perfect opportunity!

No experience necessary – just a willing heart.

For more information or to sign up contact Ellen Stoneburner at ellenstoneburner@gmail.com



July 20, 2025
Clayton & Grace Adams

July 27, 2025
Ellen Stoneburner,
Sallie Hale

LIBRARY CORNER

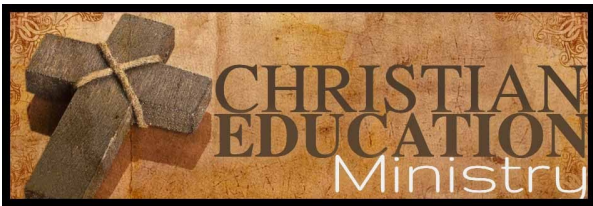
Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul: Celtic Wisdom for Reawakening to What Our Souls Know and Healing the World
by John Philip Newell

Former Warden of Iona Abbey in Scotland, Newell explores traditional Celtic wisdom's intersection with Christianity through the work of nine individuals across history from St. Brigid to John Muir. This book can be found at Bay C, Shelf 4.

—Church Librarian Valerie Stone



FOR RENT: 4 bedroom/2bath home on S. Milledge with new appliances and washer/dryer. \$2,000 a month (does not include utilities). Call Hank Tweedell at 706-207-6361 for more details.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES FOR ALL AGES!

“THE GOD-BOTHERERS” Class (off for the summer; will resume on Rally Day)

The “UPPER ROOM” at 11:00am

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” at 8:45am

Location: “Journey” Classroom, #216. We continue our study of the book, ***How We Learn to Be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith*** by Mariann Budde. Paula and Dick will facilitate our discussion of **Chapter 4 (pp. 71-103), Accepting What you Do Not Choose**. Join us!

Juniors (K-3rd) Class will resume in the fall.

Middlers (4th—7th) will resume in the fall.

Covenant Youth Connection— (*Youth Group will resume in the fall*)

Groovy Nights 2025 | Retro Lip Sync Battle

Are you ready to boogie down and support a great cause? Groovy Nights returns to the VFW on Saturday, September 6th, 2025! This year’s funky event features the biggest Lip Sync Battle in Athens! We’ll also have a dance floor with all the greatest hits from the 70s, 80s, and 90s so grab a partner and show off your best moves. But the best part? All proceeds from the event will go directly to **Project Safe**, providing much-needed support to those affected by domestic violence. So, dust off your disco ball and join us for a night of fun and fundraising. Support our Covenant folks who are on Team #1 Dojang Dawgs - *Joan Prittie and Bert & Marie Ballard-Myer*. Spread the word and invite your friends - the more, the merrier! Together, we can make a difference and dance the night away. We’ll see you Saturday, September 6th at the **VFW!** For more information and to vote click on this link:

<https://www.project-safe.org/ways-to-donate/groovy-nights/>

Congratulations and best wishes to David Boardman and Patrice Underkofler who are now engaged to be married May 2026!



Save the Date

**Presbyterian Women’s
Workshop August 23 in
Eatonton, Georgia**

Covenant by the Week!

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MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED

9:30am Soccer Camp
6:00pm Campus Kitchen
7:00pm 12 Step Group in Journey Classroom
7:00pm Bells of NEGA

TUESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

6:00pm Campus Kitchen
6:15pm Session Meeting/Outing
7:00pm 12 Step Group Meeting

WEDNESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

9:30am—11:30am Soccer Camp
11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal
7:00pm 12 Step Group—downstairs

THURSDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

9:30am Campus Kitchen
9:30am preparing bags for food distribution
1pm Covenant Food Distribution
2pm - 5pm Athens Free Clinic
2:00pm Knitters & Knotters
7:00pm 12 Step Meeting

FRIDAY Office Open 10am—4pm

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