

Please click here to view Covenant's Worship Service on YouTube for **Sunday, January 11, 2026 at 11am:** <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>  
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# THE COVENANTER

## January 11, 2026

Member NE GEORGIA Presbytery,  
Synod of the South Atlantic, General Assembly of the  
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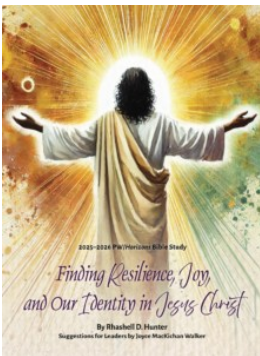
**CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING** For the month of January Covenant receives the Christmas Joy offering. The offering provides assistance to current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need, and develops our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. When you give to the Christmas Joy Offering you prepare the way for leaders of our Church – past, present and future.

### WAYS TO GIVE:

By credit card online at [pcusa.org/christmasjoy](http://pcusa.org/christmasjoy)

Text CHRISTMASJOY to 91999 to give

Or through Covenant, indicate on your check for the Christmas Joy Offering.



### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

**Thursday, January 15 at 9:30am**

We will have a soup and bread luncheon following the meeting, with all bringing an item to share. Please read Lesson 5, "The Gift of the Woman Who was Poor", in your Study book. Betsy will lead our lesson.

Hope to see you there!

### SAVE THE DATE: La Table 2026 in Athens, GA,

The signature annual fundraising luncheon for [Family Promise of Athens](#), featuring decorated tables, a meal, and a program to support homeless families, scheduled for **Tuesday, February 24, 2026, from 11 AM to 1 PM at the 1055 Barber Event Space**, where guests can host tables, invite friends, and contribute to a great cause.

For the month of December Covenant served 3,280 food insecure neighbors. Thank you to all the volunteers that make this possible.

**NEEDS:** plastic bags (please put them in the tub container at the Green Dream Team area)

Thank you Covenant and *May We All Have Enough!*

**GREEN DREAM TEAM Meeting**  
Sunday, January 11 at 12:15pm  
in the Covenant  
library. Please feel free to  
bring a brown bag lunch to  
enjoy during the meeting.  
We will discuss plans for the  
new year!

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Ellie McMinn's brother, Mike Marshall recovering from a stroke; Gloria Pylant's brother, Richard Ellis undergoing radiation for stage 1 lung cancer; Cindy Barber's mother, Faye Boatenreiter hospitalized in ICU with severe pneumonia; Pastor Tom's mother, Becky Buchanan recovering from a kidney infection; Warren & Arnell Combs' 20 year old granddaughter, Avery Van Note hospitalized with acute hand infection from a cat bite; Austin Cooper, friend of Brian and Valerie Stone, with a cancer diagnosis; Kirk Blumenshine, Ansley Tweedell's uncle in law, at and having rehab; Ann Anderson at home; Heide Wiegel recovering from hip surgery after a fall; Michael Shaffer a neighbor with health issues; Raquel Bartra with serious illness; DeLynda Tweedell's sister, Brandy going through a difficult time; Bob Placek in skilled nursing at PVA and Joyce at home; our country.

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS:**

Jeremiah 31: 7- 14, Psalm 147: 12-20

Ephesians 1: 3-14, John 1: 1-9, 10-18

Isaiah 60: 1-6, Matthew 2: 1-12

**Financial Summary for Week #24**

Anticipated Pledges— \$ 205,992.928

Pledges Received— \$ 213,543.73

*Thank you Covenant for your faithful giving!*

*Meals on Wheels: \$ 8,018.25*



**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN!**

LET'S GATHER TOGETHER FOR  
OUR ANNUAL GATHERING

First Presbyterian, Monticello GA

SATURDAY MARCH 21, 2026

Athens Area Emergency Food Bank is still in need of brown paper bags. Please put them on the table as you enter the gathering room. (please no egg cartons) Thank you!



**COVENANT  
"EEK" SQUAD**

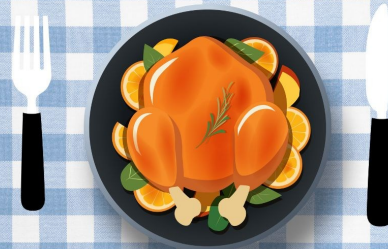
**Join the Covenant "Eek" Squad!**

We have Covenant members who sometimes need a ride or assistance with last-minute needs. This volunteer group would essentially be willing to be a member of a group-communication-thread (kind of like a prayer chain) where we can broadcast needs by phone and members can respond in real-time if they are able to help. We imagine that most of the needs in the thread will be for our senior Covenant members who may occasionally need a ride to a doctor appointment, help moving a piece of furniture, etc. Please message Amy to join the Covenant Eek Squad!



**MEAL PROVIDERS NEEDED:**

**COVENANT  
YOUTH GROUP**



**SUNDAY EVENINGS • 5-6:30 PM**

**IF YOU ARE ABLE TO BRING A MEAL TO THE COVENANT YOUTH GROUP, SCAN THE CODE AND SIGN UP!**



**DINNER NEEDED (FOR APPROX. 15) SERVED AT 5:30 P.M., CLEAN-UP NEEDS TO BE DONE BY 6:30 P.M.**



### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 am Nursery

9:30 am Church School  
for all ages

11:00am Worship –  
4th Sunday of Advent

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

LITURGIST: Luanne Rigsby

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

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

LITURGIST: Ada Brock Rea

GREETERS/USHERS: Robyn Malone, Stephanie Cahill,  
Bob Brewster & Sarah Lamb

Congregational Care Coordinator for January:

## JOIN OUR NURSERY VOLUNTEERS



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](mailto:ellenstoneburner@gmail.com)

### KNITTERS & KNOTTERS—

*Thursday, January 15, 2026*

*Join us in the library every Thursday at 2pm.*

*We Knit & Knot and have lots of laughs.*

*No experience necessary.*

### 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



January 11, 2026 Lily McKay,  
Pam Knox, Paula Williams

January 18, 2026 Nancy Alila, Susan Parish,  
Don Bower



### COVENANT CONNECTION

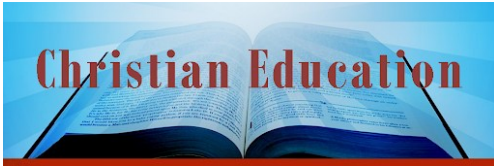
January 14, 2026

5:30pm Covenant Connection family meal

6:00pm Handbell Rehearsal

6:15pm Bible Study with Pastor Tom

7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal



**“THE GOD-BOTHERERS” January 11th at 9:30am.** We will continue our study of “troubling texts” of the Bible.

**The “UPPER ROOM” January 11 at 9:30am** 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” January 11 at 9:30 am.** We continue our study/discussion of *The Road to Wisdom: On Truth, Science, Faith, and Trust*. At this meeting our plan is to complete Chapter 1, which we began last Sunday. Please read in preparation for our discussion together.

**Juniors (K-3rd) Class January 11 at 9:30am**

**Middlers (4th—7th) January 11 at 9:30am**

**Covenant Youth Connection—January 11th at 5:00pm**  
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**Covenant Youth Group dinner and program**

**UPDATE ON THE PHOTO DIRECTORY!**

Due to the diligence of DeLynda and Ansley we have received digital copies of the directory photos. If you would like yours please bring in a memory stick and I will download them for you.





Please look through these volunteer opportunities at Covenant in November and sign up if you can help!

**1. DONATIONS NEEDED: Cedar Shoals Care Center Needs for January**

The students of Cedar Shoals are needing **deodorant for boys and girls**. Please order from our Amazon Wishlist link [HERE](#) and your donation will be sent directly to the church OR purchase items like those on this list and leave them on the hallway collection table this month.

**2. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Athens Free Clinic @ Covenant**

Volunteers are needed to welcome the medical team into the church building and to sit at the front desk to greet clients as they arrive for their appointments. Sign-up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-athens#/>

**3. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED (February): Covenant Cook "First Tuesday" Dinners**

*(Alternating between Athens Area Homeless Shelter for children and families and The Table)*

Sign up to volunteer here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-44868340-serving#/>

**4. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Covenant Food Pantry (Every Thursday)**

Sign-up to volunteer here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-covenant#/>

**5. BAKERS NEEDED: Covenant Birthday Brigade**

The Covenant Birthday Brigade makes birthday cakes for children with a birthday while living at the Athens Area Homeless Shelter. Please email Amy at [abaer@covpresathens.org](mailto:abaer@covpresathens.org) if you are interested in joining the Covenant Birthday Brigade!

# Covenant by the Week!

**January 11, 2025**

**SUNDAY -**

9:30am Sunday School for all ages  
**11:00am Worship**  
12:15pm Green Dream Team Meeting  
2:30pm 12 Step Group  
5:00pm Covenant Youth Group dinner & program

**MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED**

11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal  
6:00pm Campus Kitchen  
7:00pm 12 Step Group in Journey Classroom  
7:00pm Bells of NEGA

**TUESDAY**

12 noon—3pm Bigger Vision  
4pm Socrates Café  
6:00pm Campus Kitchen  
7:00pm 12 Step Group Meeting  
6:30pm Finance Ministry Team Meeting

**WEDNESDAY**

11:30am—1:00pm Clean & Renewable Meeting  
**5:30pm Covenant Connection family meal**  
**6:00pm Handbell Rehearsal**  
**6:15pm Bible Study with Pastor Tom**  
**7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal**  
7:00pm 12 Step Group—downstairs

**THURSDAY—**

**9:30am preparing bags for food distribution**  
**1:00pm Covenant Food Distribution**  
**2pm Knitters and Knotters**  
**7:00pm Worship Ministry Team**  
7:00pm 12 Step Meeting

**FRIDAY—**

**SATURDAY**

10:30am 12 Step Group

**January 18, 2025**

**SUNDAY -**

9:30am Sunday School for all ages  
**11:00am Worship—Ordination/Installation of Elders**  
2:30pm 12 Step Group  
5:00pm Covenant Youth Group dinner & program

**MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED**

11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal  
6:00pm Campus Kitchen  
7:00pm 12 Step Group in Journey Classroom  
7:00pm Bells of NEGA

**TUESDAY**

12 noon—3pm Bigger Vision  
4pm Socrates Café  
6:00pm Campus Kitchen  
6:00pm Girl Scouts downstairs  
7:00pm 12 Step Group Meeting

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**SATURDAY Session Retreat at Rock Eagle**

10:30am 12 Step Group  
Campus Kitchen (UGA) Training in Covenant's Kitchen