

Please click here to view Covenant's Worship Service on YouTube for **Sunday, January 25, 2026 at 11am:** <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>
Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

THE COVENANTER

January 25, 2026

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



11 AM Sunday Worship Service CANCELLED on January 25, 2026

Due to the threat of freezing rain and ice late Saturday night and into Sunday morning, Covenant's Session has decided to **CANCEL** this Sunday's 11 AM Worship Service. Please stay safe and warm.



Voices of Gullah at Covenant

February 15 at 2pm

FREE concert celebrating cultural contributions of the Gullah Geechee of the Sea Islands.
Hear spirituals of Georgia and South Carolina.

Feast & Fellowship *(formerly Heart of Covenant)*

Saturday, February 21, 6p,m - 9pm

A three course dinner for ages 14 and up, with an opportunity to get to know each other better and table hopping fun! Look for the sign up sheet on the bulletin board near the mailboxes. Questions? Contact Caly Depalma—calyd44@gmail.com



“There’s No Place Like Home” A home is so important, and supporting Family Promise through your attendance at La Table is a major way to make that happen for homeless families. Join us on **Tuesday, February 24**, at 1055 Barber Street to learn more about Family Promise’s creative programs as you enjoy a delicious luncheon, a beautiful space, and the good company of your Covenant family and friends from throughout the community. You can register online by going to familypromiseathens.org/events or by signing up in the church office. Be sure to indicate your food preference and enter Covenant as your host.

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IN OUR PRAYERS: Carol Huber and family in the passing of Charlie Huber, Jan 11; Alice Rose's spouse, Billy Dunn recovering from surgery Jan 20th for multiple hernias; DeLynda Tweedell's childhood friend Kesha 's brother, Marty Wilkerson who is at Emory following a 12 hour surgery for esophageal cancer; Wanda Minton's brother, James having risky neck surgery Jan 28; Dorothy Newland's brother, Milton Sams in hospice at Brunswick, Ga; 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; Austin Cooper, friend of Brian and Valerie Stone, with a cancer diagnosis; Kirk Blumen-shine, Ansley Tweedell's uncle in law, at and having rehab; Heide Wiegel recovering from hip surgery after a fall; Michael Shaffer a neighbor with health issues; Raquel Bartra with serious illness; Bob Placek in skilled nursing at PVA and Joyce at home; our country.

Send cards to: Carol Huber 11405 Medlock Bridge Road, Apt 222, Johns Creek, Ga 30097


Financial Summary for Week #29
 Anticipated Pledges— \$ 253,701.35
 Pledges Received— \$ 255,823.03
Thank you Covenant for your faithful giving!
 Meals on Wheels: \$ 14,547.25
 Joy Offering \$ 450.00

DAILY BIBLE READINGS:
 Isaiah 49: 1-7, Psalm 40: 1-11,
 I Corinthians 1: 1-9, Philippians 3,
 John 1: 29-42

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 25

LITURGIST: Jim Newland

GREETERS/USHERS: Alan Edwards, Judy Capie, Caly DePalma,
Paige Cummings

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

LITURGIST: Jim Anderson

GREETERS/USHERS: Katy Terry, Jim Newland, Carol & Dennis Calbos

Congregational Care Coordinator for January: DeLynda Tweedell
for February: Dell Whitehead

**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

KNITTERS & KNOTTERS—

Thursday, January 29, 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

GROUND'S 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 25, 2026 Lily McKay,
Dell Whitehead, Ada & Larson Rea

February 1, 2026 Lily McKay,
Joan & Hannah Baird



COVENANT CONNECTION

January 29, 2026

5:30pm Covenant Connection family meal

6:00pm Handbell Rehearsal

6:15pm Bible Study with Pastor Tom

7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Happy New Year from the Green Dream Team Have you ever wondered how to recycle plastic bags and product wraps—especially those from Amazon and other retailers? Which ones are recyclable, and what happens to them? We have some answers for you!

How to recycle plastic bags and product wraps:

You can take these items to Publix, Kohl's, Kroger, ACC CHaRM, and Piggly Wiggly.

Which bags and wraps can be recycled?

First, they must be clean and dry with no food residue. They should stretch when you pull them and not tear like paper. If the plastic is shiny and makes a crinkly or crunchy sound, it cannot be recycled.

Items that *can* be recycled include:

Grocery, newspaper, bread, and retail bags (they do not have to be clear)

Product wraps (such as those around paper towels and single-use water bottles)

Plastic shipping envelopes (like many Amazon mailers with #2 or #4 recycling symbols, unless marked "not recyclable")

Cereal box liners

Air pillows and bubble wrap

Produce bags (except those for pre-washed salad mixes)

Ziploc and other food storage bags

If you're unsure about an item, remember: if it stretches and doesn't tear like paper, it can likely be recycled. So many things can be reused this way!

These recycled plastics are used by a company called **Trex** to make premium outdoor decking. Their products are made from up to 95% recycled plastic film and reclaimed sawdust—and are manufactured in the USA. For more information about this program, visit nextrex.com/view/educate or email me at skcobb588@gmail.com.

Reminder:

Please continue bringing batteries and ink cartridges for recycling at CHaRM, and plastic grocery bags for use by the food pantry.

Upcoming Events

Athens Rotary Club Film Screening

OCEAN with David Attenborough — "A powerful and hopeful film that explores the beauty of our oceans, the challenges they face, and the solutions already within reach."

☐ Thursday, February 5

☐ 5:00 PM

☐ ACC Library Auditorium

☐ RSVP: <https://bit.ly/3MCY811>

Several GDT members are attending. If you'd like to carpool from the church or need a ride, please email me at skcobb588@gmail.com.

Georgia Interfaith Power & Light (GIPL) Summit

"Let Justice Grow"

☐ Saturday, February 7, 10:00 AM–4:00 PM (Atlanta)

☐ More info: <https://gipl.org/events/gts26>

Athens Clean and Renewable Energy Plan Workshop

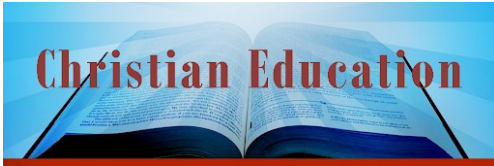
☐ Wednesdays in January, 11:30 AM–1:30 PM

☐ Covenant Library

☐ Sign up: <https://bit.ly/4pL5azO>

Our next Green Dream Team meeting will be Sunday, February 22 at 12:15 PM in the Covenant Library.

Feel free to bring a brown-bag lunch to enjoy during the meeting. ☐



“THE GOD-BOTHERERS” January 25th CLASS CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER!

The “UPPER ROOM” January 25 CLASS CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER!

The “JOURNEY” January 25 CLASS CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER!

Juniors (K-3rd) Class January 25 CLASS CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER!

Middlers (4th—7th) January 25 CLASS CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER!

Covenant Youth Connection—January 25th at 5:00pm *Wait for word on whether we will meet for bowling.*



Covenant is hosting the Presbytery Meeting on Saturday, February 28

We need volunteers to help park cars, registration, ushers/greeters and set up and take down for breakfast and lunch.

Please contact Caly DePalma for more information
calyd44@gmail.com

**February 12, 2026 at 12Pm
at the Classic Center**

*The link below will lead you to tickets:
<https://foodbanknega.org/event/empty-bowl/>*

Join us for the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia's largest event of the year, raising funds and awareness to guarantee food access and security for everyone in our 15 county service area. This year's *Empty Bowl luncheon* will be held on Thursday, February 12, 2026 at The Classic Center. We know that art and generosity are key aspects of a thriving community. Each bowl, cup or mug, made and donated by Clarke County School District students, serves as a reminder of the event for the person who takes it home. It is a reminder that every empty bowl is an open door to meet the needs of someone else.

We envision a future of each community we serve - one where everyone is fed and futures are nourished



February BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Heide Wiegel
- 9 Warren Combs
Sallie Hale
- 12 Delaney Braswell
- 13 William (Bill) Lindstrom
- 18 Willene O'Neal
- 19 Tom Rigsby
- 20 Kirche Rogers
- 27 Carolyn Hatfield

Church Directory

UPDATE



Due to the changes in the structure of the company, there have been delays in fulfilling the directory

- contract and photo print orders. As soon as there is
- an update on expected delivery date, it will be
- shared with the congregation.
- Please contact DeLynda Tweedell with any
- questions at dtweedell@hotmail.com



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 if you are interested in joining the Covenant Birthday Brigade!

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!*

Covenant by the Week!

January 25, 2026

SUNDAY -

Sunday School and Worship Cancelled due to weather
2:30pm 12 Step Group ?
5:00pm Covenant Youth Group **to be determined**
6:30pm Campus Kitchen ?

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 OFFICE OPEN 10am—4pm

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

WEDNESDAY OFFICE OPEN 10am—4pm

11:30am—1pm Homeless Coalition in FH
11:30am—1:00am Clean & Renewable Meeting
11:30am New Horizons Band in the Worship Center
2pm—4pm OLLI—Zins
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— OFFICE OPEN 10am—4pm

9:30 am Campus Kitchen
9:30am preparing bags for food distribution
1:00pm Covenant Food Distribution
2pm Knitters and Knotters
7:00pm 12 Step Meeting

FRIDAY— OFFICE OPEN 10am—4pm

AA in Fellowship Hall for Birthdays

SATURDAY

10:30am 12 Step Group

February 1, 2026

SUNDAY -

9:30am Sunday School for all ages
11:00am Worship
12:15pm Congregational Care Meeting
2:30pm 12 Step Group
5:00pm Covenant Youth Group dinner & program
6:30pm Campus Kitchen

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