



Please click here to view Covenant's Worship Service on YouTube for **Sunday, March 08, 2026 at 11am:** <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>
Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

The Covenanter

Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1065 Gaines School Rd.
Athens, Ga 30605 706-548-2756
March 08, 2026

**Covenant Retirees Covered Dish Luncheon Tuesday,
March 10 at 12:30pm**
**We will celebrate St. Patrick's Day and enjoy the music
from the Green Flag Band. Bring your favorite dish to share
and bring a friend. Someone want to bring corned beef??**

*Welcome back to Covenant
Rev. Teresa Franklin!*

Sunday, March 15 Covenant will receive new members! If you are a frequent visitor and would like to become a member please contact Pastor Tom. Please join us for a Cookie and Punch reception with the congregation after worship on March 15. We will welcome new members joining Covenant that Sunday.



Holy Week at Covenant

PALM SUNDAY
Sunday, March 29 at 11:00am

MAUNDY THURSDAY
*Thursday, April 2, at 7:00 pm with
Candle Light and Holy Communion*

GOOD FRIDAY
Worship at Covenant at 7:00pm

EASTER EGG HUNT
Saturday, April 4 at 10:00am

EASTER SUNDAY
*Easter Sunrise worship at 7:30 am, bring flowers for the cross, and
wear comfortable shoes. Following the Sunrise service, join us in the
fellowship hall for Easter Covered Dish Breakfast.
Sunday School at 9:30 am
Easter Worship 11:00 am*

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jack Pannecoucke and family in the passing of his sister, March 2; DeLynda Tweedell and family in the passing of her father, Feb 17; Family and friends of Lydia Lee in her passing on Feb. 14; Dick & Paula Zimdars's nephew and wife, Jon & Jenny Marshall in the loss of their newborn twins; Pam & Bruce Butts grandchildren's mother with kidney failure; Paula Zimdars recovering from knee replacement surgery February 16; 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 resting comfortably at Heidi's home in Cumming; Heide Wiegel recovering from hip surgery after a fall; Michael Shaffer a neighbor with health issues; Bob Placek in skilled nursing at PVA and Joyce at home; our country.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS:

Matthew 9: 9-17, Matthew 10: 1-15,

Matthew 10: 16-31, Matthew 11: 1-19,

Matthew 11: 28-30, Matthew 1: 18-25 Visio Divina,

Matthew 12: 1-14

Read in your Lenten Devotional. Copies available on the desk as you enter the building

Financial Summary for Week #35

Anticipated Pledges— \$ 300,406.35

Pledges Received— \$ 318,104.00

Thank you Covenant for your faithful giving!

Bowden Church Vocations Fund: \$3,400

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN!

LET'S GATHER TOGETHER FOR OUR
ANNUAL GATHERING

First Presbyterian, Monticello GA

SATURDAY MARCH 21, 2026

Lunch Bunch

First Tuesdays at 11:30am at DePalma's
Eastside

*Join us for great food and conversation.
All are welcome!*

Presbyterian Women will be assembling Easter Baskets for the children of Project Safe and Athens Homeless Shelter. If you would like to help please join us on Friday, March 27 beginning at 10am.



Green Dream Team Update for March 2026

Remember to bring your ink cartridges and batteries to be recycled at CHaRM and plastic bags to be used at the food pantry. And thanks to everyone for making composting work!

Easy tips to live more sustainably: **Air dry your clothes** whenever possible. Drying clothes in an electric clothes dryer consumes twice as much energy as using your dishwasher or clothes washer. Also, your clothes will last much longer. **Recycle aluminum cans.** Recycling 1 can could save enough energy to run a TV for 3 hours. **Save your bread by freezing it!** This practice reduces food waste, saves money, reduces unnecessary greenhouse gas emissions¹, and helps conserve water and energy used in growing, processing and transporting wheat. Be sure to wrap bread in plastic wrap, aluminum foil or freezer bags (they can be reused many times) and remove as much air as possible to prevent freezer burn and preserve freshness. **“What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make” -Jane Goodall**
1 When bread goes to the landfill, it decomposes and produces methane gas which traps heat in the atmosphere.



“THE GOD-BOTHERERS” 9:30AM March 08, 2026 We will **NOT** meet this week.

The "UPPER ROOM" 9:30am March 08, 2026 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” March 08, 2026 We continue our study/discussion of *The Road to Wisdom: on Truth, Science, Faith, and Trust*.

Juniors (K-3rd) Class March 08, 2026 at 9:30am

Middlers (4th—7th) March 08, 2026 at 9:30am

Covenant Youth Connection—March 08, 2026 5:00pm Dinner and Program

The Long Table: Southern Cooking, Memory, and Meaning

Scan me to purchase tickets!



Nicole Taylor



Virginia Willis



Rebecca Lang



Valerie Frey



Special Collections Libraries
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

Thursday, March 12th
6pm
Special Collections
Room 285

Guns to Gardens

A Safe Disposal Opportunity for Unwanted Guns

Saturday, March 28, 2026, 12PM-3PM

Location: 1250 S. Lumpkin St, Athens GA

Donors will received thank you gift in the form of a \$100-\$300 gift card per gun.

Scan the link below for more info:

Hosted by The Table UGA & RAWtools South

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!

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

LITURGIST: Kirche Rogers

GREETERS/USHERS: Caly DePalma, Paige Cummings, Dennis & Carol Calbos

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

LITURGIST: Jim Anderson

GREETERS/USHERS: Robyn Malone, Stephanie Cahill, Alan Edwards, Judy Capie

Congregational Care Coordinator for March: Dell Whitehead

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 am Nursery

9:30 am Church School
for all ages

11:00am Worship—

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



COVENANT CONNECTION

March 11, 2026

5:30pm Covenant Connection family meal

6:00pm Handbell Rehearsal

6:15pm First Wednesday with Pastor Tom

7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

KNITTERS & KNOTTERS—

Thursday, March 12, 2026

Join us in the library every Thursday at 2pm

We Knit & Knot and have lots of laughs.

No experience necessary.

NURSERY MINISTRY

March 8, 2026 Lily McKay, Phil & Sallie Hale, Marie Ballard-Myer

March 15, 2026 Nancy Alila, Rebecca Silver, Ada Brock and Larson Rea



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

1. 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#/>

2. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: 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#/>

3. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Covenant Food Pantry (Every Thursday)

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

Spring Break – But not for us. Our student workers at the Food Pantry will likely be absent from our Food Pantry on **March 12** and it would be a great day for Covenanters to chip in. Sessions are from 9:30–11am where we pack grocery bags and from 12:30pm–1:30pm where we distribute groceries. The afternoon session is particularly important as it takes about 15 volunteers to run smoothly. *Thank you to everyone who brings plastic bags—we really appreciate it! If you could please fold them before bringing them in, it makes them much easier to use. Thanks so much!*

4. 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 Marlah Gaspard at mgaspard@helppathenshomeless.org if you are interested in joining the Covenant Birthday Brigade!



PROJECT SAFE – DANCING WITH THE ATHENS STARS! Since 2008, members of the Athens community have twirled, tapped, chassed, popped, locked, and shimmied on the stage in support of Project Safe and the work we do to protect survivors of domestic violence. For many, this will be one of the most difficult and nerve-wracking experiences of their lives, and they draw strength from the knowledge that survivors endure even

greater hardships every day and somehow soldier on. This year, we are proud to present 10 of your Athens stars, all working with incredible instructors, to compete for the coveted Audience Favorite Award! Your vote - no matter the size - shows your support for your team and makes an impact on a survivor's life!

Your 2026 teams are:

- Team 1 - Robby Bailey & Jessie Penouilh
- Team 2 - Jennifer Cruse-Sanders & Joseph Stunzi
- Team 3 - Natalie Bishop & Abigale Bishop
- Team 4 - Linda Boza & Natalie Cox
- Team 5 - Victoria Dugger & Zena Rose-Curole
- Team 6 - Philip Hong & Britt LB
- Team 7 - Dustin Watts & Allison Smith
- Team 8 - Mathew McRae III & Viv Martinez
- Team 9 - Jeremiah Bame & Andie Richardson
- Team 10 - Bart King & Lucille King & Catherine Huff

MARCH 21, 2026 at the CLASSIC CENTER THEATRE
7:30pm

CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO DONATE:

[PROJECT SAFE DONATION!](#)

Or go to project-safe.org then click on events

Covenant by the Week!

March 8, 2026

SUNDAY -

9:30am Sunday School for all ages

11:00am Worship

2:30pm 12 Step Group

5pm Covenant Youth – dinner & program

6:30pm Campus Kitchen

MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED

11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal

6:00pm – 8:00pm 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

12:30pm Retirees Covered Dish Luncheon

4:00pm Socrates Cafe

6:00pm Campus Kitchen

6:30pm Finance Ministry Team Meeting via Zoom

7:00pm 12 Step Group Meeting

WEDNESDAY OFFICE OPEN 10am—4pm

11:30am New Horizons Band

5:30pm Covenant Connection Family Meal

6:00pm Handbell Rehearsal

6:15pm Adult 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

2:30pm Athen's Women Singers

7:00pm 12 Step Meeting

FRIDAY— OFFICE OPEN 10am—4pm

SATURDAY

March 15, 2026

SUNDAY -

9:30am Sunday School for all ages

11:00am Worship

following Worship punch and cookies reception

2:30pm 12 Step Group

4pm Covenant Youth at ARL Match

6:30pm Campus Kitchen

MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED

11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal

4pm – 7pm Athens Free Clinic

5:00pm Fellowship Ministry Team Meeting

6:00pm – 8:00pm 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

6:00pm Scouts

6:00pm Campus Kitchen

6:30pm – 9:30pm Sacred Harps – Journey Class Room

7:00pm 12 Step Group Meeting

WEDNESDAY OFFICE OPEN 10am—4pm

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1:00pm Covenant Food Distribution

2pm Knitters and Knotters

2:30pm Athen's Women Singers

7:00pm 12 Step Meeting

FRIDAY— OFFICE OPEN 10am—4pm

1:30pm OLLI Craft & Chat

SATURDAY

9:00am - 2:00pm Session Retreat at Covenant