



Please click here to view Covenant's Worship Service on YouTube for **Sunday, March 15, 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 15, 2026

This Sunday, March 15, Covenant will receive new members! We hope you can join us in the Fellowship Hall for a Cookie and Punch reception with the congregation after worship.

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*

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

IN OUR PRAYERS: Karen Wetherington is recovering at home from surgery; Dorothy Newland and family in the passing of her brother, Milton Sams, on March 13; 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 Zimdar'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 his wife, Joyce at home; and our country.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS from the Lenten Devotional:
Matthew 13:1-9; Matthew 13:31-33; Matthew 13:54-58; Matthew 14:13-21; Matthew 15:21-28; Matthew 16:21-23, Visio Divina; Matthew 16:13-20.

Copies of the devotional book are available on the table near the office, as you enter the building

Financial Summary for Week #36

Anticipated Pledges— \$308,989.39

Thank you Covenant for your faithful giving!

Bowden Church Vocations Fund: \$3,400

News for PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN!

Join us for our **monthly Bible Study** on Thursday, March 19, at 9:30 a.m., in the Church Library.

LET'S GATHER FOR OUR ANNUAL GATHERING

First Presbyterian, Monticello GA

SATURDAY MARCH 21, 2026

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

Join us for our next meeting **Sunday, April 12, at 12:15 in the library. Bring a brown bag lunch.**

Dessert will be served. Don't forget to bring your ink cartridges and batteries, for recycling at CHaRM, and plastic bags for the food pantry.

Thanks to everyone for making composting work!

Easy tips to live more sustainably: **Air dry your clothes** when possible. Drying in an electric clothes dryer consumes twice as the energy as your dishwasher or clothes washer. Also, your clothes will last much longer. **Recycle aluminum cans.** Recycling one can could save enough energy to run a TV for three hours. **Save your bread by freezing it!** This practice reduces food waste, saves money, reduces unnecessary greenhouse gas emissions and helps conserve water and energy used in growing, processing and transporting wheat. Wrap bread in plastic wrap, aluminum foil or freezer bags as they can be reused many times. 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

Note: When bread goes to the landfill, it decomposes and produces methane gas which traps heat in the atmosphere.

Christian Education

“THE GOD-BOTHERERS” 9:30AM March 15, 2026

The "UPPER ROOM" 9:30am March 15, 2026 James Malone hosts, with different class members facilitating the discussion of the weekly chapter in *The Present Word*. To participate via Zoom, please contact James at gillbillvolume1@yahoo.com.

The “JOURNEY” March 15, 2026 We continue our study/discussion of *The Road to Wisdom: on Truth, Science, Faith, and Trust*.

Juniors (K-3rd) Class March 15, 2026 at 9:30am

Middlers (4th—7th) March 15, 2026 at 9:30am

Covenant Youth Connection—March 15, 2026 5:00pm Dinner and Program

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!



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 receive a 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

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

LITURGIST: Jim Anderson

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

LITURGIST: Lisa Buchanan

GREETERS/USHERS: Bill and Luanne Rigsby; Randy and Susan Parish

CONGREGATIONAL CARE: Coordinator for March, Dell Whitehead (*Liddellwhitehead@gmail.com*)

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 15, 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 19, 2026

Join us in the library every Thursday at 2pm. We Knit & Knot and have lots of laughs. No experience necessary.

NURSERY MINISTRY

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

March 22, 2026 Lily McKay, Ansley Land and DeLynda Tweedell



Please look through the volunteer opportunities below and follow the link provided or contact the church 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 to volunteer:

The Athens Free Clinic operates at Covenant on selected dates in February. Volunteers are especially needed to help with setting up the space ahead of the clinic's start and ensuring all visitors feel welcome and supported. No prior experience is necessary—just a friendly attitude and a willingness to lend a hand.

2. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Covenant Cook "First Tuesday" Dinners

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

Sign up to volunteer here:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-44868340-serving#/
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3. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Covenant Food Pantry (Every Thursday)

Volunteering with the Food Pantry is a great way for Covenanters to help. 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 and Project Safe. Please email Marlah Gaspard at mgaspard@helppathenshomeless.org, if you are interested in joining the Covenant Birthday Brigade and want to provide a cake for the Shelter. Emma Boardman is our contact at Project Safe. She can be contacted at eboardman@project-safe.org, if you want to add your name to our email volunteer list.



PROJECT SAFE – DANCING WITH THE ATHENS STARS!

Since 2008, members of the Athens community have twirled, tapped, chased, 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 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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7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm 12 Step Group—downstairs

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9:30AM PW Bible Study
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

1:30pm OLLI Craft & Chat

SATURDAY

9:00am - 3:00pm Session Retreat at Covenant

March 22, 2026

SUNDAY -

9:30am Sunday School for all ages
11:00am Worship
following Worship punch and cookies reception
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5pm Covenant Youth
6:30pm Campus Kitchen

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