



Please click here to view Covenant's Worship Service on YouTube for **Sunday, March 22, 2026 at 11am:** <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>

Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

# The Covenanter

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March 22, 2026

## 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:** Sandy, Nat and Dan Whitney, and friends, in the passing of Jim, on March 18; Karen Wetherington is recovering at home from surgery; Dorothy Newland and family in the passing of her brother, Milton Sams, on March 13; Margaret Lee, a friend of Tom Buchanan, for ongoing medical issues; David Knox recovering from a broken ankle; DeLynda Tweedell and family in the passing of her father, Feb 17; Family and friends of Lydia Lee in her passing on Feb. 14; Pam & Bruce Butts grandchildren's mother, Ginger Butts, approved for a kidney transplant; 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 and world.

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS from the Lenten Devotional:**  
**Matthew 17:1-13; Matthew 17:14-20; Matthew 18:15-35; Matthew 19:13-15; Matthew 20:1-16; Matthew 18:15-22, Visio Divina; Matthew 21:1-11.**

*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**

### *Easter Sunrise Service Breakfast*

There will be a potluck breakfast in the Fellowship Hall for everyone attending the Sunrise Service or coming a wee bit later for Sunday School and the 11:00 service. The breakfast will begin immediately following the Sunrise Service on Easter Morning, April 5th, at approximately 8:30. a.m. and continue until around 9:30 a.m.

Please bring your favorite breakfast foods to share - egg dishes, casseroles, pastries, bread, fruit and other delectable items. Hot beverages and juice will be provided. We are looking forward to seeing you there. **A sign-up sheet** is posted on the bulletin board beside the mailboxes to let us know who is bringing delicious Easter dishes and who can assist in this making this event a success. The Fellowship Committee welcomes assistance with set-up and clean-up.

### **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, at 10:00 a.m.**



### **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 22, 2026**

**The “UPPER ROOM” 9:30am March 22, 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](mailto:gillbillvolume1@yahoo.com).

**The “JOURNEY” March 22, 2026** We continue our study/discussion of *The Road to Wisdom: on Truth, Science, Faith, and Trust*.

**Juniors (K-3rd) Class March 22, 2026 at 9:30am**

**Middlers (4th—7th) March 22, 2026 at 9:30am**

**Covenant Youth Connection—March 22, 2026 5:00pm** Dinner and Program

Presbyterian Women  
Happening Today, March 21st  
Let's gather for our annual PW Gathering  
First Presbyterian Church  
Monticello, Georgia

## KENYAN MUSICAL TRADITIONS

## AFRICAN GEMS CELEBRATING

Monday, *March 30*, at 7:30 pm. in

the Ramsey Concert Hall of the UGA  
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER 230  
River Road, Athens, GA 30605 The  
concert is free and no ticket is  
required.

The AFRICAN MUSIC ENSEMBLE is  
directed by Jean Kidula. Celebrate the  
fluid identity of modern Kenyan music.  
From instruments - including the  
nyatiti, chivoti, kayamba and ohangla -  
to showcase the extraordinary breadth  
of the Kenyan musical landscape.

We hope you can join us!



**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 22**

**LITURGIST:** Lisa Buchanan

**GREETERS/USHERS:** Randy and Susan Parish

**SUNDAY, MARCH 29**

**LITURGIST:** Claire Bruner

**GREETERS/USHERS:** Randy and Susan Parish; Hank and DeLynda Tweedell

**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 25, 2026

**5:30pm Covenant Connection family meal**

**6:00pm Handbell Rehearsal**

**6:15pm Bible Study with Pastor Tom**

**7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal**

**KNITTERS & KNOTTERS**

Thursday, March 26, 2026

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

**NURSERY MINISTRY**

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

**March 29, 2026** Lily McKay, Susan Parish, and Dell Whitehead



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](mailto: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](mailto:eboardman@project-safe.org), if you want to add your name to our email volunteer list.



## PROJECT SAFE – DANCING WITH THE ATHENS STARS!

TONIGHT, MARCH 21, 2026 at the CLASSIC CENTER THEATRE, 7:00 pm

We are proud to present 10 of your Athens stars, who have worked 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

CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO DONATE:

[PROJECT SAFE DONATION!](#)

Or, go to [project-safe.org](http://project-safe.org) then click on events

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Joining March 15th are left to right are Heather Jarboe, Andres Solar, Mint Scott, and Danny Shaw.



## Covenant by the Week!

**March 22, 2026**

**SUNDAY -**

9:30am Sunday School for all ages  
11:00am Worship  
2:30pm 12 Step Group  
5pm Covenant Youth  
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**

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**

9:30AM 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**

2:00-4:00pm OLLI Craft & Chat

**SATURDAY - OFFICE CLOSED**

12-7pm Bells of NE Georgia Handbell

**March 29, 2026**

**SUNDAY - PALM SUNDAY & HOLY WEEK**

9:30am Sunday School for all ages  
11:00am Worship  
2:30pm 12 Step Group  
5pm YOUTH GROUP  
6:30pm Campus Kitchen

**MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED**

11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal  
4pm – 7pm Athens Free Clinic  
6:00pm – 8:00pm Campus Kitchen  
7:00pm 2 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**

11:30am New Horizons Band  
2:00pm-4:pm OLLI Group  
**NO COVENANT CONNECTION MEAL OR BIBLE STUDY**  
6:00pm Handbell Rehearsal  
7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal  
7:00pm 12 Step Group—downstairs

**THURSDAY— MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**OFFICE OPEN 10am – 4pm**

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 Candlelight and Holy Communion  
7:00pm 12 Step Meeting

**FRIDAY— GOOD FRIDAY, OFFICE OPEN 10am—4pm**

7:00pm Good Friday

**SATURDAY - OFFICE CLOSED**

10:00am - Easter Egg Hunt