

Please click here to view Covenant's Worship Service on YouTube for **Sunday, March 29, 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.
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March 29, 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; 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 at St. Mary's Rehab; Carol Calbos recovering from knee replacement surgery on March 26; 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; Heide Wiegel recovering from hip surgery after a fall; Bob Placek in skilled nursing at PVA and his wife, Joyce at home; our country and our world.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Matthew 22: 15-22, Matthew 23: 1-12,
Matthew 24: 1-13, Matthew 26: 17-29,
Matthew 27: 1-54,
Visio Divina inspired by Mathew 21: 1-11,
Matthew 28: 1-20

Financial Summary for Week #38

Anticipated Pledges— \$326,155.92

ACTUAL- \$343,857.91

Thank you Covenant for your faithful giving!

Bowden Church Vocations Fund: \$3,600

Easter Sunrise Service Breakfast

There will be a covered dish breakfast in the Fellowship Hall for everyone attending the Sunrise Service or coming a wee bit later for Sunday School and the 11:00 am 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 9:45 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. Sign-up is not necessary but will help us have an idea of the foods we want to fill in with and roughly how many will attend. **The Fellowship Committee welcomes assistance with set-up and clean-up.**



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 and

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 29, 2026

THE UPPER ROOM 9:30 am, March 29, 2026 James Malone hosts, with different 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 29, 2026 We continue our study/discussion of "*The Road to Wisdom: on Truth, Science, Faith and Trust.*"

Juniors (K-3rd) Class March 29, 2026 at 9:30am

Midders (4th—7th) March 29, 2026 at 9:30am

Covenant Youth Connection—March 29, 2026 at 5:00pm— *Dinner and stuffing eggs for Covenants Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 4*

**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!



A safe disposal opportunity for unwanted guns.
Saturday, March 28, 2026 12pm - 3pm
1250 S. Lumpkin Street, Athens
Donors will receive a thank you gift in the form
of a \$100 - \$300 gift card per gun.
Hosted by The Table & RAWtools South.

Dear Covenant Family,
Thank you so much for your prayers and
cards. It really means a lot to me. The
surgery was successful and I am doing great.
THANK YOU! Karen
And a special thank you to Dell Whitehead
for covering the office.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29 Palm Sunday

LITURGIST: Claire Bruner

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

SUNDAY, April 5 Easter 11am worship

LITURGIST: Jim Newland

GREETERS/USHERS: Jim Newland; Judy Capie

CONGREGATIONAL CARE: Coordinator for April, Ellen Stoneburner

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 am Nursery
9:30 am Church School
for all ages

11:00am Worship

OPEN AND CLOSE THE BUILDING

Chris Wilson	1st Sunday	Judy Capie	2nd Sunday
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Pam Knox	3rd Sunday	Tim Foutz	4th Sunday
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	Brian Striggow	5th Sunday	
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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

Fifth Monday Week—Ellen Stoneburner

Sixth Monday Week—Ellen Stoneburner

KNITTERS & KNOTTERS

Thursday, April 2, 2026

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

If you would like an updated church directory please let Karen know in the office or email at kwetherington@covpresathens.org.

NURSERY MINISTRY

March 29, 2026 Lily McKay, Luanne Rigsby, Dell Whitehead

April 5, 2026 Lily McKay, Phil & Sally Hale



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 Table.)

Sign up to volunteer here:

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

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.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

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



2	Karl Barnett
	Nkaku Kisaalita
3	Bob Brewster
4	Phil Hale
	Wanda Minton
5	Marilyn Brown
6	Laura Foskey
11	Mary Anna Wynes
12	Anna Cobb

14	Ton Stam
17	Alex Morrison
18	Ben Foutz
22	Nan Cantrell
23	Jacob Page
26	Sandy Whitney
	Hannah Barnett
28	Don Bower
	Hilda Clark
29	Larry Minton

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING!

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The work done in support of the causes supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) – disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, and immigration/migration and refugees – serves individuals and communities in need. This work provides people with safety, sustenance, and hope. This Offering helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations.

Make your check payable to Covenant with OGHS in the memo portion or online at pcusa.org/give-to-SO. *Thank you for your generous giving!*

Week of March 29, 2026

Sunday – Holy Week Begins

9:30am Sunday School for all ages
11:00am Worship – Palm Sunday
2:30pm 12 Step Group
5:00pm Youth Group- program & meal
6:30pm Campus Kitchen

Monday – Office Closed

11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal
1:30 – 4:30pm Athens Free Clinic

Tuesday – Office Open 10am – 4pm

12noon – 3pm Bigger Vision
6:00pm Scouts
6:00pm Campus Kitchen
7:00pm 12 Step Group Meeting

Wednesday- Office Open 10am – 4pm

11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal
No Covenant Connection
No Adult Bible Study
6:00pm Handbell Rehearsal
7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm 12 Step Group Meeting downstairs

Thursday- Office Open 10am – 4pm

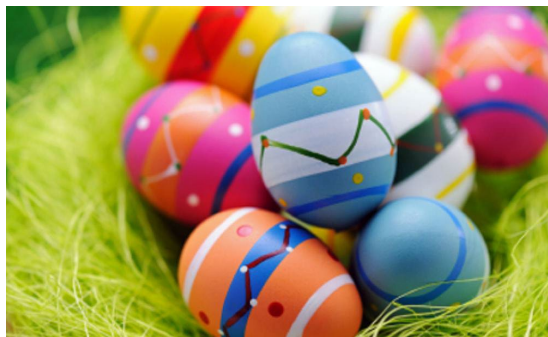
9:30am Campus Kitchen
9:30am preparing bags for food distribution
1:00pm Covenant Food Distribution
2pm Knitters & Knotters
2:30pm Athen's Women Singers
7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion and Candlelight

Friday- Office Open 10am – 4pm

7:00pm Good Friday Worship at Covenant

Saturday -

10:00am Easter Egg Hunt *(rain or shine)*



Week of April 5, 2026

Sunday –

7:30am Easter Sunrise Service
8:30am Easter Covered Dish Breakfast
9:30am Sunday School
11:00am Easter Morning Worship
5:00pm No Youth Group
6:30pm Campus Kitchen

Monday – Office Closed

11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal

Tuesday – Office Open 10am – 4pm

12noon – 3pm Bigger Vision
11:30am Lunch Bunch at DePalma's Eastside
7:00pm 12 Step Group Meeting

Wednesday – Office Open 10am – 4:00pm

11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal
5:30pm Covenant Connection Meal
6:00 Handbell Rehearsal
6:15pm First Wednesday with Pastor Tom
7:15pm Adult Choir
7:00pm 12 Step Group Meeting downstairs

Thursday – Office Open 10am – 4pm

9:30am Campus Kitchen
9:30am preparing bags for food distribution
1:00pm Covenant Food Distribution
2pm Knitters & Knotters
2:30pm Athen's Women Singers
7:00pm 12 Step Group Meeting

Friday – Office Open 10am – 4pm

Saturday

2pm Jim Whitney's Memorial Service

