



Please click here to view Covenant's Worship Service on YouTube for **Sunday, April 05, 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, Athens, GA 30605
www.covpresathens.org

Join us...

Good Friday Worship April 3 at Covenant at 7:00pm

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 4 at Covenant at 10:00am (rain or shine)

Easter Sunday, April 5th

Sunrise Worship at Covenant at 7:30am

Wear comfortable shoes and bring flowers for the cross

Covered Dish Breakfast 8:30am – 9:45am
bring your favorite dish to share

Easter Worship at 11:00am
Music will begin at 10:30am

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.

The Fellowship Committee welcomes assistance with set-up and clean-up.



IN OUR PRAYERS: Sandy, Nat and Dan Whitney, and friends, in the passing of Jim, on March 18; Margaret Lee, a friend of Tom Buchanan, for ongoing medical issues; Sarah Gordon, a friend of Tom Buchanan at St. Mary's; 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 having surgery April 20th; 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

Acts 10: 34-43, Jeremiah 31: 1-6,
Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24, Colossians 3: 1—4,
Acts 10: 34-43, Matthew 18: 1-10
John 20: 1 - 18

Financial Summary for Week #39

Anticipated Pledges— \$334,738.97
ACTUAL- \$352,975.40

Thank you Covenant for your faithful giving!

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.

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

Outreach & Mission Ministry Team Meeting
Wednesday, April 15 at 4:30pm
In the fellowship hall.

Christian Education

"THE GOD-BOTHERERS" 9:30am April 5, 2026

THE UPPER ROOM 9:30 am, April 5, 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" April 5, 2026 We continue our study/discussion of "*The Road to Wisdom: on Truth, Science, Faith and Trust.*"

Juniors (K-3rd) Class April 05, 2026 at 9:30am

Midders (4th—7th) April 05, 2026 at 9:30am

NO Covenant Youth Connection—April 5, 2026

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!*



Presbyterian Women from Covenant and First Pres. put together easter baskets for the children of Project Safe, the Athens Homeless Shelter and Family Promise.
A big thank you to the Presbyterian Women!

Sunday Schedule

7:30am Sunrise Worship

8:30am – 9:45am

Covered Dish Breakfast

9:30am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Music begins

11:00am Easter Worship

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026, Easter

GREETERS/USHERS: Jim Newland, Judy Capie

LITURGISTS: 7:30am Rich Reaves

11:00am Jim Newland

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026

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

LITURGIST: Ada Brock Rea

Congregational Care for April: Ellen Stoneburner

OPEN AND 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 & Alex Clark

Third Monday Week - Phil Hale & Phil Koehler

Fourth Monday Week – Susan & Randy Parish

Fifth Monday Week – Ellen Stoneburner

NURSERY MINISTRY

April 5, 2026 Lily McKay,
Phil & Sallie Hale

April 12, 2026 Lily McKay,
Ellen Stoneburner, Wyatt Herndon

Knitters & Knotters

Thursday, April 8 at 2:00pm

Join us in the library every Thursday.

We knit and knot and have lots of
laughs. No experience necessary



Bible Study

Thursday, April 16 at 9:30am

Lesson 8, "Remembering Jesus Baptism"

Refreshments will be served by

Paula Zimdars and Linda Koehler

Retirees Covered Dish Luncheon

Tuesday, April 14 at 12:30pm

Join us for a program presented by Dr. Bill
Rigsby about *longevity and cognition*.
Bring you favorite dish to share and a friend.
Beverages will be provided.





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#/
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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!*

For the month of March Covenant served 1,999 food insecure neighbors. Thank you Covenant and may we all have enough.

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.

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

6:00pm Scouts (downstairs)

6:30pm Special Called Finance Meeting

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

Week of April 12, 2026

Sunday –

9:30am Sunday School

11:00am Worship

Green Dream Team Meeting following worship

5:00pm Covenant Youth Group

6:30pm Campus Kitchen

Monday – Office Closed

11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal

1:30pm – 4:00pm Athens Free Clinic

4pm – 7pm Athens Free Clinic

Tuesday – Office Open 10am – 4pm

12noon – 3pm Bigger Vision

12:30pm Retirees Covered Dish Luncheon

6:30pm Finance Ministry Team Meeting

6:30pm Sacred Harp in Journey Class Room

Wednesday – Office Open 10am – 4:00pm

10:30am Creative Writing Class

11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal

4:30pm Outreach/Mission Ministry Team Meeting

5:30pm Covenant Connection Meal

6:00 Handbell Rehearsal

6:15pm Adult Bible Study with Pastor Tom

7:15pm Adult Choir

7:00pm 12 Step Group Meeting downstairs

Thursday – Office Open 10am – 4pm

9:30am PW Bible Study

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

5:00pm – 6:30pm PS downstairs

7:00pm 12 Step Group Meeting

Friday – Office Open 10am – 4pm

Campus Kitchen students cleaning kitchen

1:30pm – 4:30pm OLLI - Mimi

Saturday