



Please click here to view Covenant's Worship Service on YouTube for **Sunday, April 12, 2026 at 11am:** <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>

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

## The Covenanter

**April 12, 2026**

Covenant Presbyterian Church  
1065 Gaines School, Athens, GA 30605  
[www.covpresathens.org](http://www.covpresathens.org)

### 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 your favorite dish to share and a friend.

Beverages will be provided.



### Presbyterian Women Bible Study

Thursday, April 16 at 9:30am  
Lesson 8, "Remembering Jesus Baptism"  
Refreshments will be served by  
Paula Zimdars and Linda Koehler

You are invited to a **GREEN DREAM TEAM MEETING** Sunday, April 12 at 12:15pm

### Hospitality Needed for Czech Visitors!

The Church Partnership Network conference will be May 3-7 at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary with Valerie Stone and Joan Prittie representing Covenant. After the conference, four visitors from our sister church in Olomouc, Czech Republic will come to Athens—Jana Vrajová and her daughter Janča (soon to be starting college), Jan "Honza" Dostál (a graduate student), and church elder Jiří Staš. All are kind and interesting folks Covenant members have enjoyed when they hosted us in Olomouc. Please put Friday, May 8 on your calendar to help us make our visitors welcome and to enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship. In addition, we need... Help hosting the potluck gathering at the church on the evening of Friday, May 8.

- Adventure hosts to treat two or more of our guests to a meal or local tour during their visit, particularly during the day on May 8 and 9.
- Lodging hosts for the two women, Jana and Janča, likely for the nights of May 7-9. (Valerie is driving them from Pittsburgh to Athens on Thursday, so it is possible they may arrive on May 8 if we decide to break up the travel day.) Both speak English very well. They would like to lodge together and will leave on Sunday, May 10.
- Lodging hosts for the two men, Honza and Jiří. Honza is a stronger English speaker than Jiří, so lodging them together would be helpful. Honza will need lodging May 7-9 and leave on May 10 while Jiří will be renting a car and leaving Athens on May 9.
- A driver to take three of the guests to the Atlanta airport on Sunday, May 10. Flight times are not yet known.

For questions or to help, contact Valerie Stone (678-360-6983 or [valeriefreystone@gmail.com](mailto:valeriefreystone@gmail.com))

Conference and partnership information: <http://czechpres.net>

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; 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 having surgery April 20th; Heide Wiegel recovering from hip surgery after a fall; Bob Placek in skilled nursing at PVA; Joyce Placek healing from a broken wrist; our country and our world.

#### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Acts 2: 14a., 22-32, Psalm 16,  
Exodus 15: 1-11,  
Psalm 111, I Peter 1: 3-9, John 20: 19-31

#### Financial Summary for Week40

Anticipated Pledges— \$343,321.54  
ACTUAL- \$357,828.66

*Thank you Covenant for your faithful giving!*

If you would like an updated church directory please let Karen know in the office or email at [kwetherington@covpresathens.org](mailto:kwetherington@covpresathens.org).

#### Outreach & Mission Ministry Team Meeting

Wednesday, April 15 at 4:30pm  
In the fellowship hall.



NASA Artemis II astronauts captured a beautiful photo, "Earthset," showing the Earth setting beyond the lunar horizon.

**EARTH DAY APRIL 22, 2026**  
The Earth Day 2026 theme is "**Our Power, Our Planet,**" focusing on the collective ability of individuals, communities, and organizations to drive climate action and environmental protection.



**"THE GOD-BOTHERERS" 9:30am April 12, 2026**

**THE UPPER ROOM 9:30 am, April 12, 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](mailto:gillbillvolume1@yahoo.com).

**The "JOURNEY" April 12, 2026** We continue our study/discussion of "*The Road to Wisdom: on Truth, Science, Faith and Trust.*"

**Juniors (K-3rd) Class April 12, 2026 at 9:30am**

**Midders (4th—7th) April 12, 2026 at 9:30am**

**Covenant Youth Connection—April 12, 2026 at 5:00pm** Dinner & Program

**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](http://pcusa.org/give-to-SO). *Thank you for your generous giving!*



**Covenant Coffeehouse**

**Wednesday, July 22**

**7:00 pm**

Covenant has talent and we want to see that on display again at this year's Coffeehouse! Sign-up sheets will be posted in June. If you already know you'd like to share your skills and unique abilities with your Covenant family, contact Linda Rogers (706-247-6225, [lrogers@uga.edu](mailto:lrogers@uga.edu)) now.

## Sunday Schedule

9:30am Sunday School for all ages

11:00am Worship

5pm Covenant Youth

### Nursery Ministry

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

**April 19, 2026** Lily McKay,  
Ansley Land, DeLynda Tweedell

### Knitters & Knotters

**Thursday, April 16 at 2:00pm**

Join us in the library every  
Thursday. We knit and knot and  
have lots of laughs. No  
experience necessary

### SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026

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

**LITURGIST:** Ada Brock Rea

### SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026

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

**LITURGIST:** Pam Knox

**Congregational Care** for April: Ellen Stoneburner

### OPEN AND CLOSE THE BUILDING

Chris Wilson 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

Judy Capie 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

Pam Knox 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

Tim Foutz 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

Brian Striggow 5<sup>th</sup> 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

## Spring Concerts



### **Bells of Northeast Georgia** HANDBELL ENSEMBLE

Saturday, April 25, 2026  
4:00 p.m.  
Covenant Presbyterian Church  
1065 Gaines School Road  
Athens, Georgia

Sunday, April 26, 2026  
4:00 p.m.  
First Baptist Church Monroe  
202 McDaniel Street  
Monroe, Georgia

*FREE ADMISSION*



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!*  
**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](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.

**Week of April 12, 2026**

**Sunday –**

**9:30am Sunday School**

11:00am Worship

**12:15pm Green Dream Team Meeting**

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 Worship Ministry Team Meeting

7:00pm 12 Step Group Meeting

**Friday – Office Open 10am – 4pm**

Campus Kitchen students cleaning kitchen

1:30pm – 4:30pm OLLI - Mimi

**Saturday**

**Week of April 19, 2026**

**Sunday –**

**9:30am Sunday School**

11:00am Worship

5:00pm Covenant Youth Group

6:30pm Campus Kitchen

**Monday – Office Closed**

11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal

**Tuesday – Office Open 10am – 4pm**

12noon – 3pm Bigger Vision

6:30pm Scouts

**Wednesday – Office Open 10am – 4:00pm**

11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal

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 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**

**4:00pm Bells of Northeast Georgia**

**Concert at Covenant**