



Please click here to view Covenant's Worship Service on YouTube for **Sunday, April 19, 2026 at 11am:** <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>

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

## **The Covenanter** **April 19, 2026**

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



Sunday, April 26

at 11:00am

We will celebrate God's gifts by offering our pledge cards during worship.

*Building Together!*

*Bells of Northeast Georgia*

*handbell ensemble*

*Spring Concerts*

*Free!*

*Saturday, April 25 at 4pm*

*Covenant Presbyterian Church*

*and*

*Sunday, April 26 at 4pm*

*First Baptist Church Monroe*

*202 McDaniel Street*

*Monroe, Georgia*

### **Family Promise -** **2026 MEALS APPEAL**

As one of the host congregations for Family Promise Athens (FPA), Covenant provides the lead volunteer group for FPA during 4 separate weeks each year.

Within each of these weeks one of Covenant's most engaging responsibilities is to provide (prepare, package and deliver) evening meals on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for the 2 families being temporarily housed in the FPA apartments.

As volunteer coordinators, we invite you to sign up in advance for this important role. Of course, as families graduate and new families enter, there are occasional changes in numbers of people and dietary preferences or restrictions. So, as each of our Covenant host weeks approaches, we contact those who have signed up and provide more specific information about each family and answer any other questions.

If you wish to volunteer to provide the evening meals for a particular day OR if you want more information now, please contact any of the coordinators listed below.

Our host weeks this year (and dates for meals) are: **May 3-9** (5/5, 5/6, 5/7) coordinated by Hale; **July 12-18** (7/14, 7/15, 7/16); coordinated by Parish; **Oct. 4-10** (10/6, 10/7, 10/8); coordinated by Stone **Dec. 13-19** (12/15, 12/16, 12/17); coordinated by Bower

Thank you for all your support of this important community ministry,

*Julie and Don Bower. Sallie and Phil Hale. Susan and Randy Parish. Valerie and Brian Stone*

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

**IN OUR PRAYERS;** Lisa Buchanan at Piedmont; Linda Koehler having hip replacement surgery at St. Mary's on April 29; 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; 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., 36 - 41, Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19,  
Isaiah 51: 1-6, Psalm 34: 1-10,  
I Peter 1: 17 - 23, Luke 24: 13-15

#### Financial Summary for Week 41

Anticipated Pledges— \$351,904.58  
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)



To give to Covenant online scan the QR code or click on this link: <https://www.covpresathens.org/online-giving/>

#### 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 Vrajobá 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 at gmail](mailto:valeriefreystone@gmail.com))  
Conference and partnership information: <http://czechpres.net>



**"THE GOD-BOTHERERS" 9:30am April 19, 2026**

**THE UPPER ROOM 9:30 am, April 19, 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 19, 2026** We continue our study/discussion of "*The Road to Wisdom: on Truth, Science, Faith and Trust.*"

**Juniors (K-3rd) Class April 19, 2026 at 9:30am**

**Midders (4th—7th) April 19, 2026 at 9:30am**

**Covenant Youth Connection—April 19, 2026 at 5:00pm** Dinner & Program



**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.

**GIVE TO THE CARING HANDS FUND | PRESBYTERIAN HOMES OF GEORGIA**

**Provide financial security to residents.**

For Presbyterian Homes of Georgia residents who may have a special need, the *Caring Hands Fund* provides financial support for medical care, transportation, food, and other needs as they arise. Most of all, your gift will provide peace of mind and financial security by helping to ensure no resident will ever be asked to leave a PHGA community because they have outlived their resources through no fault of their own. Check or money order: Please make your check or money order payable to Presbyterian Homes of Georgia, and mail to: Presbyterian Homes of Georgia, P.O. Box 926, Quitman, GA 31643 or make out check to Covenant with Caring Hands in the memo portion of the check.

## Sunday Schedule

9:30am Sunday School for all ages

11:00am Worship

5pm Covenant Youth

### SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026

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

**LITURGIST:** Pam Knox

### SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026

**GREETERS/USHERS:** Luanne & Bill Rigsby, Susan &  
Randy Parish

**LITURGIST:** Sandy Whitney

**Congregational Care** for April: Ellen Stoneburner

### Nursery Ministry

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

**April 26, 2026** Lily McKay,  
Marie Ballard-Myer, Cathi Lancaster

### 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

### Knitters & Knotters

**Thursday, April 23 at 2:00pm**

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

### Earth Day- April 22, 2026      Theme: Our Power, Our Planet.

Earth Day is a reminder for all of us to use our energies to help protect and preserve the earth. Our Covenant Green Dream Team has several earth care activities planned for this spring with more in the works for the coming months. See [Earthday.org](http://Earthday.org) for more info on this global event.

May 2<sup>nd</sup>: Drinking Water Treatment Plant Open House 10:30am or 11:30am

Several Green Dream Team members will tour the Beacham Drinking Water Treatment Plant here in Athens.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Heather Jarboe at [jarboeh@gmail.com](mailto:jarboeh@gmail.com).

May 3<sup>rd</sup>: Youth Re-Use Art Activity & Dinner with Green Dream Team (GDT) 5:00pm

Sammi Godwin will lead our youth in an art activity. They will be using the pull off tabs from soda cans, so please collect and donate your soda tabs for this event. Please place the tabs in the collection box on the GDT table by the recycling.

May 23<sup>rd</sup>: Green Dream Team/ Covenant Road Clean Up 9:00am

It's spring and time for us to help beautify our section of Barnett Shoals Road.

All are welcome to join us! Please bring a water bottle, work gloves, and sunglasses.

RSVP to Jennifer at [jenofrey@gmail.com](mailto:jenofrey@gmail.com) or sign up on the Covenant bulletin board.

Meet at Covenant to receive equipment and road assignment.

#### Future Events:

1. Nature Walks in Athens with GDT members- dates in May will be announced soon!
2. Summer Movie Night- Wednesday, June 17, 7pm. GDT to host viewing of "Ocean" movie with David Attenborough. All are welcome! Snacks will be provided. Movie is courtesy of Athens Rotary Club
3. Next Green Dream Team Meeting - May 17, 12:15pm in Covenant Library. Come join us to see what other projects and events we have planned.



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:

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

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 would make 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.

Athens Area Emergency Food Bank needs brown paper bags!  
Leave them on the table as you go into the gathering room.  
Thank you! *(Please no egg cartons)*

**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

4:00pm – 7:00pm Athens Free Clinic

**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**

**Week of April 26, 2026**

**Sunday – STEWARDSHIP 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

2:00pm OLLI – Zins

4:30pm Socrates Cafe

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

10:30am Creative Writing – OLLI

11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal

5:30pm Covenant Connection Meal

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Campus Kitchen students cleaning kitchen

1:00 pm – 4:00pm Oil Portraiture in Oasis

Theatre

**Saturday**