



Please click here to view Covenant's Worship Service on YouTube for **Sunday, April 26, 2026 at 11am:** <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>

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

The Covenanter **April 26, 2026**

Covenant Presbyterian Church
1065 Gaines School, Athens, GA 30605
www.covpresathens.org



Sunday, April 26
at 11:00am

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

*There are extra pledge cards on the table
as you enter the worship center.*

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 recovering at home; 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; 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 had a successful surgery 4/20; 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.

Financial Summary for Week 42

Anticipated Pledges— \$360,487.62

ACTUAL- \$374,459.66

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



To give to Covenant online scan the QR code or click on this link:

<https://www.covpresathens.org/online-giving/>

Pizza Party for Our Czech Visitors Rain or Shine - Friday evening, May 8 starting at 6:00 PM Covenant Fellowship Hall

Please join us for an evening of fun and fellowship welcoming four visitors from our sister church in Olomouc, Czech Republic. A sign-up sheet will be placed on the church bulletin board so we know how much DePalma's pizza to order and for folks who would like to contribute a salad or dessert. We plan to pull out the cornhole sets and board games. Our Czech visitors hope to bring a brief slide show of past Covenant/Olomouc visits. This is a great way to learn more about our sister church and get involved in the partnership or simply come out for an enjoyable and easygoing evening. For questions or to sign up from home, contact Valerie Stone at 678-360-6983 or valeriefreystone@gmail.com.

Take Them A Meal

for Lisa & Tom
Buchanan

Click the link below to
sign up:

<https://takethemameal.com/I1OK0105>

Pentecost Picnic

Sunday, May 24 following worship

Mark your calendars! This year on Pentecost Sunday we are having an indoor/outdoor picnic after the worship service, and
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Fellowship Ministry Team will provide sandwiches, pasta salad, fruit and drinks.

For those who are interested (not required) you can bring a Red Dessert to share. Think strawberries, raspberries, cherries, red icing, and etc. To make it even more fun we plan to have prizes for various categories! Food will be served in the Fellowship Hall and seating will be available, but we encourage families to bring chairs and sit outside as well.

More information will follow and if you have any questions please contact Rebecca Silver or Caly DePalma.



"THE GOD-BOTHERERS" 9:30am April 26, 2026- the class is currently studying the place of the apocryphal Gospel of Thomas in early Christianity and reading Elaine Pagels' book *Beyond Belief*.

THE UPPER ROOM 9:30 am, April 26, 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 giillbillvolume1@yahoo.com.

The "JOURNEY" April 26, 2026 We continue our study/discussion of "*The Road to Wisdom: on Truth, Science, Faith and Trust.*"

Juniors (K-3rd) Class April 26, 2026 at 9:30am

Midders (4th—7th) April 26, 2026 at 9:30am

Covenant Youth Connection—April 26, 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) 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

Nursery Ministry

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

May 3, 2026 Lily McKay, Pam Knox,
Ellen Stoneburner

Knitters & Knotters

Thursday, April 30 at 2:00pm

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026

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

LITURGIST: Claire Bruner

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

GREETERS/USHERS: Bob Brewster & Sarah Lamb,
Hank & DeLynda Tweedell

LITURGIST: Luanne Rigsby

Congregational Care for April: Ellen Stoneburner
for May: Susan Parish

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

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 for more info on this global event.

May 2nd: 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.

May 3rd: 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 23rd: 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 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, 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.

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)*



JOIN YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS! VOLUNTEER
 FOR JUST A SINGLE 2 HOUR SHIFT
 ATHENS 4TH ANNUAL
 FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN FOOD
 PACKING EVENT
 MAY 15 – 17 IN UGA STEGEMAN COLISEUM
 TO VOLUNTEER GO TO GIVE.FMSC.ORG/ATHENS



May 1 Ann Anderson Hannah Baird Arnelle Combs Karen Wetherington	May 13 Catharine Tyson	May 24 Dick Zimdars Ntumwa Kisaalita
May 2 Elsie Bothwell Linda VanSickle	May 14 Teresa Mauldin Rich Kimmich	May 25 Carol Calbos Emmy Ballard-Myer
May 3 Alex Clark Wesley Whitehead	May 15 David Boardman Matthew Muir	May 26 Tim Bemisderfer
May 6 Evan Knox	May 16 Rainey Bowen Scott Rigsby	May 27 Joan Prittie
May 8 Cullen Bruner	May 19 Annie Meyers Ansley Tweedell	May 28 Spencer Baird Eric Zimdars
May 9 Danny Shaw	May 22 Kent Silver	May 31 Brad Courtenay Ssempe Kisaalita
May 12 Marcia Verburgge	May 23 Corky Callaway	

Jubilee Partners will be setting up households on May 10 and 17. To help with that they have ask for the following donations:

Items Needed Right Now: Ice trays, shower curtain/liner, power strips with lids, slotted spoons, bookshelves (medium and small), end tables/beside tables (2 or 3), measuring spoon sets (2) measuring cups sets (already have lots of ½ cup size), 2 small couches. Kitchen strainers/colander, large mixing bowls, serving bowls, cutting boards, electric tea kettles, can openers, medium saucepan with lid, kid friendly dishes, fitted queen sheets or queen sets (cotton preferred), quilted mattress covers, queen size, dressers (1 or 2), small armchair, rocking chair, small dehumidifiers .

Contact DeLynda Tweedell for more information at dtweedell@hotmail.com or if you have items to donate.

Week of April 26, 2026

Sunday – STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

9:30am Sunday School

11:00am Worship

5:00pm Covenant Youth Group

6:30pm Campus Kitchen

12:15pm Stated Session Meeting

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

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

5:00pm – 6:30pm PS downstairs

7:00pm 12 Step Group Meeting

Friday – Office Open 10am – 4pm

Campus Kitchen students cleaning kitchen

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

Saturday

Week of May 3, 2026

Sunday – Family Promise begins

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

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

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

Saturday

Retirees Covered Dish Luncheon

Tuesday, May 12 at 12:30pm

Join us for good food and a music program by
Quintina Carter-Enyi. Bring your favorite dish to
share and a friend. Beverages will be provided.