



Please click here to view Covenant's Worship Service on YouTube for **Sunday, May 10, 2026 at 11am:** <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>

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

The Covenanter - May 10, 2026

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



Called Congregational Meeting

Sunday, May 17

immediately following 11am worship.

For the purpose of electing a member of session to the 2025 - 2026 nominating committee.

Graduates Recognition Sunday

May 10 at 11:00am Worship

Please join us as we recognize our High School graduates *Thomas Bowden, Claire Bruner, and Jacob Page.*

And our college graduates: *Hannah Barnett, Cullen Bruner, Lily Herndon, and Lila McMaster.*

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Retirees Covered Dish Luncheon

Tuesday, May 12 at 12:30pm

Join us for good food and Quintina Carter—Enyi will talk about "Who is A Composer?"

On Expanding Academic Discourse on Music Composition"

Bring your favorite dish to share and a friend. Beverages will be provided.



Presbyterian Women Bible Study
Thursday, May 21 at 9:30am



Join us for our last PW meeting of 2025/2026. We will meet in the library for our final lesson with Pastor Tom Buchanan. Our lesson is "*When you are Walking with Jesus: The Road to Emmaus*". After the meeting we will share a covered dish luncheon of salad, bread, and desserts.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Bruce & Cathi Lancaster's daughter, Emily Gaither, undergoing chemo for breast cancer; Bill Barstow recovering from surgery May 1 at Piedmont; Lisa Buchanan recovering at home; Linda Koehler recovering from hip replacement surgery at St. Mary's on April 29; Paige Cummings brother, Stephen Mercer with complications after bladder cancer surgery; Margaret Lee, a friend of Tom Buchanan, for ongoing medical issues; David Knox recovering at home from a broken ankle; Pam & Bruce Butts grandchildren's mother, Ginger Butts, approved for a kidney transplant; Ellie McMinn's brother, Mike Marshall recovering from a stroke; 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 17: 22-31, Psalm 66: 8-20, Ezekial 34: 1 – 7a,
Psalm 115, I Peter 3: 13-22,
John 14: 15-21

Financial Summary for Week 44

Anticipated Pledges— \$377,653.69
ACTUAL- \$398,829.89

*Thank you Covenant for your faithful giving!
Caring Hands - \$340.00*

Thank you to everyone that have turned in your pledge cards. If you have not turned in your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you!



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

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 Calv DePalma.

Save the Date! Beginning Sunday, June 7 worship will begin at 10:00am.



THE GOD-BOTHERERS 9:30am May 10 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, May 10, 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" May 10, 2026 This Sunday by consensus we agreed to discuss the movie, **The Apostle** (1997) starring Robert Duvall. It is available for rent on Prime Video, Fandango At Home, and YouTube, and perhaps other streaming services.

Juniors (K-3rd) Class May 10, 2026 at 9:30am

Midders (4th—7th) May 10, 2026 at 9:30am

Covenant Youth Connection—May 10, 2026 NO Covenant Youth



Covenant has talent and we want to see that on display again at this years Coffee House! Sign-up sheet 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, or lrogers@uga.edu.

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

NO Covenant Youth

Nursery Ministry

May 10, 2026 Lily McKay, Richard & Jacob Page

May 17, 2026 Lily McKay, Dell Whitehead, Ada & Larson Rea

Knitters & Knotters

Thursday, May 14 at 2:00pm

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

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026

GREETERS/USHERS: Sandy Whitney, Jim Newland, Caly DePalma

LITURGIST: Kirche Rogers

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026

GREETERS/USHERS: Katy Terry, Paige Cummings, Dennis & Carol Calbos,

LITURGIST: Jim Anderson

Congregational Care 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

Celebrate the Earth today and everyday! 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. Sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-covenant#/>

The college volunteers will be gone for the summer so now is a great time to volunteer. Most needed time is the 12:30pm – 1:30pm shift. Thank you Covenant!

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.



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

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.

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)*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! For the Food Distribution.

The college volunteers will be gone for the summer so now is a great time to volunteer. Most needed time is the 12:30pm – 1:30pm shift. Thank you Covenant!



Sign up to provide a floral arrangement for Worship June 7 thru August 30. You can give flowers in honor or memory of someone special. Let the office know. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin boards next to the mailboxes. Thank you!

Week of May 10, 2026

Sunday – Mother's Day/Grads Recognition

9:30am Sunday School

11:00am Worship

5:00pm **NO YOUTH GROUP**

6:30pm No Campus Kitchen

Monday – Office Closed

11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal

Tuesday – Office Open 10am – 4pm

12noon – 3pm Bigger Vision

12:30pm Retirees Covered Dish Luncheon

4:30pm Socrates Café - OLLI

6:30pm Finance Ministry Team Meeting

7:00pm Stamp Club

Wednesday – Office Open 10am – 4:00pm

11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal

3:30pm Cake Decorating with Valerie Stone

5:30pm Covenant Connection Meal (final)

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 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

7:00pm Book Club in Library

Friday – Office Open 10am – 4pm

1:00 pm – 4:00pm Oil Portraiture in

Oasis Theatre

7:30pm 12 Step Meeting

Saturday

10:30am OE Anonymous Meeting

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Congregational Meeting following worship

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