



Please click here to view Covenant's Worship Service on YouTube for **Sunday, May 31, 2026 at 11am:** <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>

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

The Covenanter - May 31, 2026

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

This Sunday we welcome Rev. Bonnie Osei-Frimpong to the pulpit. She is a friend and neighbor of Covenant. She has lived in Green Acres with her husband and three kids for ten years. She is excited to deepen their relationship with the Church and looks forward to worshipping with you today. Bonnie is an ordained minister in the Disciples of Christ.

A CELEBRATION LUNCH

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE

FELLOWSHIP HALL

HOSTED BY PASTOR TOM & LISA WITH THE HELP OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Beginning Sunday, June 7th the worship time will change to 10:00am! (until Rally Day in August)

COOKIES AND PUNCH! Check the bulletin board and pick a summer Sunday to sign-up to provide Punch and Cookies in the Portico after 10:00 am church. Grab a friend or family member and team up to host this summertime tradition. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Rebecca Silver or Caly DePalma, Fellowship Team. Let them eat Cookies!!! Yum!!!

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. Signup sheet is on the bulletin boards next to the mailboxes. Thank you!

Athens Area Emergency Food Bank needs brown paper bags! Leave them on the table as you go into the gathering room.

Member NE GEORGIA PRESBYTERY
Synod of the South ATLANTIC, GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

IN OUR PRAYERS: Karen & Bruce Menke, as Karen is in hospice care; Beecher Mathes beginning radiation for endometrial cancer May 18; Lisa Buchanan's friend's husband, Terry Shannon, suffering from stage 4 cancer; friends of Paige Cummings, Steve & Beverly Poitras, as Steve has serious health issues & diagnosed with chronic CML Leukemia; John Wilkin's sister, Sarah Goodrich diagnosed with cancer; Bruce & Cathi Lancaster's daughter, Emily Gaither, undergoing chemo for breast cancer; Bill Barstow recovering from surgery; Lisa Buchanan recovering at home; Gloria Pylant's brother, Richard Ellis waiting for scan and treatment for cancer; 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; Bob Placek in skilled nursing at PVA; Joyce Placek healing from a broken wrist; our country and our world.

Daily Bible Readings

**Genesis 12: 1-9, Psalm 33: 1-12,
Hosea 5: 15 – 6:6, Psalm 50: 7-15,
Romans 4: 13-25,
Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26**

Financial Summary for Week 46

**Anticipated Pledges \$394,819.77
Actual Pledges \$416,778.59**

Thank you for your faithful giving!

Caring Hands \$840.00

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.covpresathens.org/online-giving>

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.
Online readers:

Future Events:

Nature Walk from 9am-10am. Saturday, May 30

Meet at Sandy Creek Nature Center.

Bring water, snacks, sunscreen and whatever else you may need for an enjoyable experience.

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



'SUMMER SAINTS'

Sermon Series 2026
10 AM on Sundays, June 14 to July 26
Covenant Presbyterian Church, Athens

A sermon series highlighting notable people who offer us some rich and surprising ways of seeing the gospel, and featuring special music on June 14, July 12, and July 26!



June 14
Dolly Parton
II Corinthians 8:1-15



June 21
Howard Thurman
I Kings 19:9-18



June 28
Jane Goodall
Genesis 1; Job 12:7-10



July 5
John Lewis
Mark 8:34-38



July 12
The Beatles
I Corinthians 13



July 19
Toni Morrison
Ezekiel 37:1-14



July 26
Flannery O'Connor
Luke 18:9-14





THE GOD-BOTHERERS 9:30am May 31 2026- the class welcomes guest preacher Bonnie Osei-Frimpong as she teaches on her sermon scripture passage today, Acts 9: 1-9.

THE UPPER ROOM 9:30 am, May 31, 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 31, 2026 This Sunday We will discuss the movie, “The Testament of Ann Lee”. Ann Lee was the revered founder of the “Shakers”.

Juniors (K-3rd) Class May 31, 2026 at 9:30am

Midders (4th—7th) May 31, 2026 at 9:30am



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.

Athens Pride & Queer Collective hosts its annual PrideFest and Parade on **June 6, 2026, in Downtown Athens, GA**, from 3:00 PM to 10:00 PM. This free community event features a parade (stepping off at 5 PM), live music, vendors, a Kids Zone, and food trucks to celebrate LGBTQ+ pride in a fun, inclusive, and safe environment.

A message from Bert Ballard-Myer:

Covenant will once again have a booth, and members and friends will march in the parade. Because my day will be consumed with being downtown, beginning at 8am, I am looking for volunteers to coordinate the Covenant contingent. I will make sure everything needed will be staged in the Fellowship Hall. Table, tent, chairs, banner, etc. will all be in one place for easy pickup. I will let folks know what Covenant's booth number will be, and the time we are delegated for setup, once that has been determined. I would appreciate it if a few folks would take the lead to coordinate the effort to get thing to and from the festival, and fill time slots for tabling at the Covenant booth from 3-9pm. Contact Bert Ballard-Myer if you would like to volunteer or have questions, mysammie1@yahoo.com. You can sign up on the bulletin board next to the mailboxes or at sign up genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-covenant1#/>

Sunday Schedule

9:30am Sunday School for all ages

11:00am Worship

Nursery Ministry

May 31, 2026 Lila McKay
Pam Knox, Rebecca Silver

June 7, 2026 Wyatt Herndon,
Don Bower

Knitters & Knotters

Thursday, June 4 at 2:00pm

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

SUNDAY, May 31, 2026

USHERS/GREETERS: Luanne & Bill Rigsby,
Bob Brewster & Sarah Lamb

LITURGIST: Sandy Whitney

SUNDAY, June 7, 2026

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

LITURGIST: Jim Newland

CONGREGATIONAL CARE for June:

Dell Whitehead/DeLynda Tweedell

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



Birthdays

1	Mindy Hill	20	Marilyn Martin
3	Natalie Bowden		June Meyers
7	Bill Rigsby		Pat Tinga
8	Judy Capie	21	Aaron Carter-Enyi
11	David Knox	23	Aly Huberty
13	Robyn Malone	24	Greg Huberty
	Elliot Stam		Susan Nemetz
	Larson Rea		Rebecca Rea
14	Ellie McMinn		Emma Goodrick
	Garrett Devaney	25	Tom Cooney
17	Ben Bruner		Scott Goodrick
18	Ron VanSickle	27	John Wilkins
	Kate Stam	28	Dick Page
19	Carrie Tweedell	29	Betsy Burmeister



Please look through the volunteer opportunities below and follow the link provided or

1. 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. Covenant Cook "First Tuesday" Dinners

Athens Area Homeless Shelter, (NEW ADDRESS) 205 Bray Street Unit #411

DROP OFF TIMES: 4:00pm – 6:00pm Signup to volunteer here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-44868340-serving#/>

Sign up to volunteer here: *The TABLE signups will begin again in the fall*

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-44868340-serving#/>

3. 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.

Week of May 31, 2026

Sunday – Trinity Sunday

9:30am Sunday School

11:00am Worship

Monday – Office Closed

11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal

7:00pm 12 Step Program (Journey Class Room)

Tuesday – Office Open 10am – 4pm

7:00pm 12 Step Program (fellowship hall)

Wednesday – Office Open 10am – 4:00pm

11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal

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 Program (Journey Class Room)

Friday – Office Open 10am – 4pm

1:00 pm – 4:00pm Oil Portraiture in

Oasis Theatre

7:00pm - 12 Step Meeting (Journey Class Room)

Saturday – set up for reception in FH

10:30am OE Anonymous Meeting

3pm – 10pm Athens PrideFest & Parade

Week of June 7, 2026

Sunday –

10:00am Worship

Reception following worship in FH

Monday – Office Closed

11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal

7:00pm 12 Step Program (Journey Class Room)

Tuesday – Office Open 10am – 4pm

10:00 am Solar Meeting

4:30pm Socrates Cafe

7:00pm 12 Step Program (fellowship hall)

Wednesday – Office Open 10am – 4:00pm

11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal

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 Book Club meeting in the Library

7:00pm 12 Step Program (Journey Class Room)

Friday – Office Open 10am – 4pm

1:00 pm – 4:00pm Oil Portraiture in

Oasis Theatre

7:00pm - 12 Step Meeting (Journey Class Room)

Saturday

10:30am OE Anonymous Meeting

LOST! We are looking for a rectangle burgundy tablecloth that was on the table in the gathering room. If you know what happened to the tablecloth, please contact Arnelle Combs or Betsy Burmeister. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE!
Beginning **June 7, 2026** Worship will begin at **10:00am**