



Please click here to view Covenant's Worship Service on YouTube for Sunday, June 14, 2026 at 10am: <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>

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

The Covenanter – June 14, 2026

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

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE SUNDAYS, at 10:00am
Journey Sunday School Class begins at 8:45am
The Upper Room Sunday School Class begins at 8:45am



SUNDAY, JUNE 28 following worship. Annual Congregational Meeting called for the purpose of voting on the Pastor's Terms of Call and receiving the report of the nominating committee and electing one member to session - class of 2027.

COOKIES AND PUNCH!

We have several dates available for hosting punch and cookies after the 10am worship service, and we invite you to participate. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with the congregation and make new friends. The available dates are June 21, July 5, 19, 26, and August 9. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Karen Wetherington at kwetherington@covpresathens.org. For any questions, you can also reach out to Rebecca Silver or Caly DePalma.

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!



This beautiful wood-carved cross was recently given to Covenant Church - "In Memory of the Rev. Jim Bowden, from his Columbia Seminary classmate and colleague in ministry, Rev. Alex Williams".

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

IN OUR PRAYERS: Marcia Verbrugge at Piedmont for tests; Mint Scott having surgery June 16th; Shari Cobb's parents, Shelly & Jackie, as Shelly had a serious fall; Karen & Bruce Menke, as Karen is in hospice care; Beecher Mathes having radiation for endometrial cancer; Lisa Buchanan's friend's husband, Terry Shannon, suffering from stage 4 cancer; Gloria Pylant's brother, Richard Ellis transported to Albany with pneumonia; 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; 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; our country and our world.

Daily Bible Readings

**Genesis 18: 1-15, Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19,
Exodus 19: 2-8a, Psalm 100,
Romans 5: 1-8, Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)**

Financial Summary for Week #49

**Anticipated Pledges \$420,456.88
Actual Pledges \$440,668.22**

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>



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

If you are interested in being an Usher/Greeter

Let the church office know or email Karen at kwetherington@covpresathens.org

Come From Away! is based on the true story of the time when the isolated community of Gander, Newfoundland, played host to the world. What started as an average day in a small town turned into an international sleepover, when 38 planes, carrying thousands of people from around the globe, were diverted to Gander airstrip on September 11, 2001. Undaunted by culture clashes and language barriers, the people of Gander cheered the stranded travelers with music, an open bar and the recognition that we are all part of a global family. *Our own Wyatt Herndon is in the cast.*

Show dates: June 19-21 and 25-27

Show times: 7:30 pm and 3:00 matinees on Sundays.

<https://artsoglethorpe.org/2026/come-from-away/>



'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 UPPER ROOM 8:45am, June 14, 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.

The “JOURNEY” June 14, 2026, 8:45am Big News! This Sunday we have a new starting time (8:45) and we begin our Summer Series based upon the book by Eric Cline, *From Eden to Exile—Unraveling Mysteries of the Bible*. We intend for each of these sessions to be stand-alone selections (a chapter and its mystery) chosen and led by a class participant (you) with interaction by the attendees. We will pass the book each week to the next session’s leader, so everyone does not need to purchase a copy—but of course you may do so.



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.

Save the Date

Athens Wellness Clinic
save the date:
TOMATOES AT TERRAPIN
LIVE MUSIC BY FANNEY BIG • CRAFT BEER • TOMATO SANDWICHES
* MOBILE UNIT RIBBON CUTTING *

JOIN US!

- **WHERE:** TERRAPIN BEER CO.
265 NEWTON BRIDGE RD,
ATHENS, GA 30607
- **WHEN:** SATURDAY, JULY 18TH
FROM 4-7PM

REGULAR TICKETS \$40
STUDENT TICKETS \$30
KIDS GET IN FREE

TOMATOES AT TERRAPIN 2025

Join us on Saturday, July 18th at Terrapin Beer Co. for our annual Tomatoes at Terrapin! Tomatoes at Terrapin is **Athens Wellness Clinic’s** annual summer fundraiser featuring live music, craft beer, and locally-sourced tomato sandwiches to support free healthcare for uninsured neighbors in Northeast Georgia. This year we will be unveiling our new mobile medical unit!

To purchase tickets click on this link:
<https://secure.ggiv.com/for/tomatoesatterrapin2026/>

Sunday Schedule

8:45am Upper Room Class

8:45am Journey Class

10:00am Worship

Nursery Ministry

June 14, 2026

Susan Parish, Stephanie Cahill

June 21, 2026 Nancy Alila

Knitters & Knotters

Thursday, June 18 at 2:00pm

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

SUNDAY 14, 2026

USHERS/GREETERS: Robyn Malone, Sandy Whitney, Katy Terry, Jim Newland

LITURGIST: Ada Brock Rea

SUNDAY 21, 2026

USHERS/GREETERS: Bob Brewster & Sarah Lamb, Judy Capie, Alan Edwards

LITURGIST: Pam Knox

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

Green Dream Team News and Events

Summer Movie Night - Wednesday, June 17th at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. GDT will host a viewing of "Ocean with David Attenborough". All are welcome! Snacks will be provided. The movie is provided Courtesy of the Classic City Rotary Club. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Road Clean Up - Saturday, June 27th at 9 am. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board soon. (This event was scheduled for May 23rd but had to be cancelled due to inclement weather).

Nature Walk - Our Nature Walk was cancelled on May 30th due to inclement weather. It will be rescheduled!

Remember to bring your ink cartridges and batteries to our table behind the desk in the front hall for recycling at CHaRM. Please use the compost bins for food scraps after meals in the fellowship hall.

Thanks for all you do to be good stewards of our beautiful planet! 😊 GDT Sustainability Tip: Did you know that adding mulch to your garden can help plants thrive while also supporting a healthier environment? Mulch helps improve soil health, conserve water, reduce weeds, and protect plants from harsh weather. Mulch is any material spread over the soil surface to protect and enrich the ground. Organic mulches are especially beneficial because they are environmentally friendly, inexpensive—or even free—and easy to apply. Common organic mulches in our area include pine straw, wood chips, shredded hardwood mulch, compost, leaves, and grass clippings. By mulching your garden, you can create healthier soil, support stronger plants, and practice more sustainable gardening. This tip comes from the Southern Sustainability Institute, to learn more, go to: <https://southernsustainabilityinstitute.org/mulching-natures-secret-weapon-for-a-thriving-garden/> "Nature is our biggest ally and greatest inspiration"- David Attenborough



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.

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

—You're Invited to—
MOVIE NIGHT

OCEAN

WITH DAVID ATTENBOROUGH

Join our screening of the film at

Covenant Presbyterian Church on

June 17, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

1065 Gaines School Rd.

Facilitated by co-producer



**REVIVE
OUR OCEAN**

Classic City

Rotary



Hosted by Covenant's
Green Dream Team

Week of June 14, 2026

Sunday –

10:00am Worship

Reception following worship

Monday – Office Closed

11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal
7:00pm 12 Step Program (Journey Class Room)

Tuesday – Office Open 10am – 4pm

12:00pm Bigger Vision
1pm – 4pm Athens Free Clinic
6:30pm Sacred Harp in Journey Classroom
7:00pm 12 Step Program (fellowship hall)

Wednesday – Office Open 10am – 4:00pm

11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal
1:30pm FLEX
7:00pm MOVIE NIGHT (GDT) in fellowship hall
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
5:00pm Worship Meeting
7:00pm 12 Step Program (Journey Class Room)

Friday – Office Open 10am – 4pm

1:00 pm – 4:00pm Oil Portraiture in
Oasis Theatre
1:30pm – 4:30pm Craft & Chat - OLLI
7:00pm - 12 Step Meeting (Journey Class Room)

Saturday

10:30am OE Anonymous Meeting

Week of June 21, 2026

Sunday –

10:00am Worship

Reception following worship

Monday – Office Closed

11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal
7:00pm 12 Step Program (Journey Class Room)

Tuesday – Office Open 10am – 4pm

12:00pm Bigger Vision
4:30pm Socrates Café – OLLI
7:00pm 12 Step Program (fellowship hall)

Wednesday – Office Open 10am – 4:00pm

11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal
2pm – 4pm OLLI (Zins) in fellowship hall
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 – 5pm Athens Free Clinic
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

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!

