

Please click here to view Covenant's Worship Service on You Tube for **Sunday, January 12, 2025 at 11am:** <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>
Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

THE COVENANTER JANUARY 12, 2025

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



Sunday, January 12 at the 11:00am worship service we will celebrate the Ordination and Installation of our new class of elders to serve on the Session. The class of 2027 are Karl Barnett, Melissa Cobb, Caly DePalma, Pamella Thompson. Warren Combs will fulfill Dick Zimdars term for the class of 2025. Many thanks to the class of 2024: *Katy McGill, Bert Ballard-Myer, Abby Horvath, and Valerie Stone*

Visitors' Luncheon

Sunday, January 19– immediately following worship in Fellowship Hall

For all of you who are frequent or occasional visitors to Covenant Church: The Congregational Care Team invites you to an informal Visitors' Lunch after worship on Sunday, January 19 in the Fellowship Hall!

Join us to learn more and ask questions about Covenant and its many opportunities for spiritual growth, discipleship, and service! If at this time you are interested in becoming a member of the church, we can explore that with you as well. But whether you pursue that road or not, we are glad you're here and want to invite you more fully into all that Covenant offers! Hope to see you for lunch on the 19th!



In the month of January we collect for the Christmas Joy Offering.

The Joy Offering provides assistance to current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need, and develops our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Please indicate on memo portion your check for the *Joy Offering*. Thank you!

Discover the Magic of Butterfly Moments at LaTable 2025

Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend LaTable 2025. It is the major fundraising activity to support Family Promise, our interfaith organization that helps homeless families.

LaTable will be Tuesday, February 25 at 1055 Barber Street. You are encouraged to register now by going to familypromiseathens.org/events. Be sure to indicate your food preference and enter COVENANT as you host. You may also register in the church office.




IN OUR PRAYERS: Jere Bowden in the passing of her sister, Jan Jernigan on December 22; Hadley and Adrian King in the passing of their mother Dottie King, (Tom Buchanan cousins); Dennis Calbos having surgery Tues, Jan 14 at Piedmont for stage 1 colon cancer; Sandy Whitney's brother, Endrodi and wife Linda. Linda fell while caring for her mother and broke her hip; Anne Anderson in rehab at the Oaks; Brad & Nancy Courtenay recovering from a fall; John Wilkin's brother in law, Jim Negro in Wellsley, Mass., recovering from lung cancer surgery; Alice Rose fighting leukemia and heart condition and back pain; Dick Zimdars at home; Bob Placek in skilled nursing at PVA and Joyce at home; Larry Hatfield remains under treatment for stage 4 colon cancer; Juergen Wiegel in PVA memory care and Heide at home; Gene Holshouser at home; family of former President Jimmy Carter; and our country.

Please submit prayer concerns and/or celebrations to the church office 706-548-2756 or kwetherington@covpresathens.org or before worship service fill out the Prayer Concern form and put in offering plate or give to the Pastor.

 * **DAILY BIBLE READINGS:** *
 * **Isaiah 43: 1-7; Psalm 29, Acts 8: 14-17;** *
 * **Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22** *


Financial Summary for Week #27
 Anticipated Pledges—\$231,248.56
 Pledges Received—\$236,685.84
Thank Covenant for your faithful giving!
 Joy Offering—\$30.00

LUNCH BUNCH



Each month on the first Tuesday of the month at 11:30am at DePalma's Italian Restaurant (eastside). All are welcome to join us for a good time of fellowship and food.

Please keep Jere Bowden in your prayers as she mourns the loss of her beloved sister, Jan Jernigan, who passed away Sunday, December 22. Due to the inclement weather forecast the memorial service has been **rescheduled for Saturday, January 25** at Macland Community Church, Power Springs, Georgia.



Did you receive a Christmas gift you can't use? Will you be doing some cleaning out for New Year? In January we'll be bringing back our annual Bingo game night. Please set aside a few items you don't want but that someone else might treasure and we'll use these for Bingo prizes. Stay tuned to the Covenanter for the date.

Presbyterian Women's Bible Study
Thursday, January 16, 2025
at 9:30am in the Library—Betsy will be leading our Bible study lesson (#5), Air Quality. Arnelle and Ellen will be providing the refreshments that day. This Bible study lesson focuses on the air that we breathe, of which we became more acutely aware during the recent pandemic. We are reminded in this lesson that air is sacred and that God breathed in us the breath of life.



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30am Nursery

9:45 Church School
for all ages!

11:00am Worship

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

USHERS/GREETERS: Randy & Susan Parish, Caly DePalma, Katy Terry

LITURGIST: Sandy Whitney

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025

USHERS/GREETERS: Alan Edwards, Judy Capie, Sandy & Jim Whitney

LITURGIST: Lisa Buchanan

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MEAL COORDINATOR



January 12, 2025

Lily McKay, Luanne Rigsby,
Don Bower

January 19, 2025

Lily McKay, Ansley Land, DeLynda Tweedell

OPEN & 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 Bower & Alex Clark

Third Monday Week—Phil Hale & Phil Koehler

Fourth Monday Week—Susan & Randy Parish

5th Monday Week—Ellen Stoneburner & June Meyers



Covenant Connection January 15, 2024

5:30pm with a family style meal prepared by our own Chef Patrick McMaster. (donation \$3 each)

6:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

6:15pm Adult Bible Study facilitated by Pastor Tom

7:15pm Adult Choir rehearsal in Worship Center

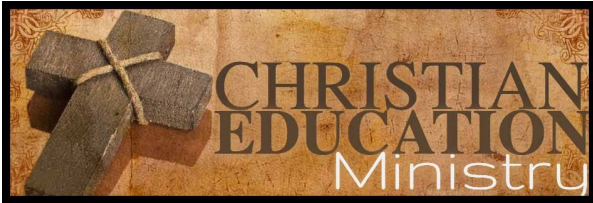


The Athens Area Emergency Food Bank always needs brown paper grocery bags. (*minus the cat*)

People who are experiencing short term emergencies such as job loss, medical bills, etc., go to the ARK which is sponsored by area churches, including Covenant. Some of our members helped start this program.

The people's needs are screened and various kinds of help are available for job loss, medial needs, etc. They are provided with meals for up to two weeks if needed.

The food for each day is put into a separate brown bag. The meals are nutritionally sound. Menus and recipe's are included.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES FOR ALL AGES!

The **"GOD-BOTHERERS" Class at 9:45am.** Join us in the library for this exciting class facilitated by Pastor Tom. This class is for anyone of any age who wrestles with tough questions.

The **"UPPER ROOM" at 9:45am.** Location: "Upper Room" Classroom at the top of the ramp and Via Zoom. James Malone hosts and different class members facilitate the discussion of the weekly chapter in *The Present Word*. If you would like to participate, via Zoom please contact James at gillbillvolume1@yahoo.com.

The **"JOURNEY" at 9:45am**

Location: "Journey" Classroom Room 216. On Sunday, Nov. 2, we will begin study and discussion of our newly-selected book, *The Substance of Faith and Other Cotton Patch Sermons* by Clarence Jordan (foreword by Jimmy Carter). We share leadership with class participants volunteering to lead our discussion each week. Class facilitated by Phil Hale.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES—JANUARY 12th

Juniors (K-3rd) Class at 9:45am. Taught by Katy Arora and volunteer shepherds meet each week downstairs in the "Temple Courtyard" classroom.

Middlers (4th—7th) Class at 9:45am. Betsy Burmeister facilitates this class downstairs in the "Potter's Workshop" classroom.

Covenant Youth Connection—Sunday, January 12 at 5:30pm

The Art Of
SABBATH

JOIN US AS WE EXPLORE SABBATH PRACTICES THROUGH THE ARTS.
IN JANUARY WE ARE REPEATING "LIFE IS SWEET!"
LEARNING TO DECORATE WITH ROYAL ICING

TUESDAY • JANUARY 21
9:30-11:30 A.M.

LOCATION: COVENANT - LIBRARY
RSVP BY JANUARY 14 TO AMY AT
ABAER@COVPRESATHENS.ORG
ALL SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED.

HOLY HAPPY HOUR

JOIN US!

THIRD THURSDAYS • 5 P.M.
AUTHENTIC BREWING COMPANY
INSIDE TAPROOM • 108 PARK AVE. ATHENS, GA

JOIN US FOR A "HOLY HAPPY HOUR:" A FUN-FILLED REFORMED THEOLOGICAL DISCUSSION!

WAYS TO SERVE @ COVENANT



Please look through these volunteer opportunities coming up at Covenant and sign up if you can help!



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. Here is the link to sign up for all of our upcoming volunteer spots: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-athens#/>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:
Covenant Cooks "First Tuesday" Dinners
 Sign up to volunteer here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-44868340-serving#/>



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:
Covenant Food Pantry (Every Thursday) Sign-up to volunteer here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-covenant#/>

Thank you Volunteers! Without you this vital ministry would not be possible.

Calling all Covenant Bakers

Covenant is providing a tasty buffet of sweet treats for the amazing teachers and staff of Gaines Elementary School on Friday, Feb. 7!

Please sign up on the SignUp Genius link or email Amy at abaer@covpresathens.org to your very best treats!

Calling all Covenant Bakers: VALENTINE'S SWEET TREAT BUFFET FOR GAINES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND STAFF- Covenant is providing a tasty buffet of sweet treats for the amazing teachers and staff of Gaines Elementary School on Friday, Feb. 7! Please sign up at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-54136496-calling#/>

Project Safe Needs List

JANUARY 2025

995 Hawthorne Avenue, inside Bell's Shopping Center

- Cell Phone Chargers (Blocks & Cords)
- Cleaning Supplies
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Trash Bags
- Hair Brushes
- Tracfones & Plans
- SIM Cards

To donate, please bag or box your items and bring them to the Thrift Store during business hours (Monday- Saturday 11am-4:30pm) and indicate that they are items for the shelter. Please, do not leave donations if the store is closed as they may get stolen or weather-damaged.

Covenant by the Week!

January 12, 2025

SUNDAY - 9:30am Nursery
9:45am Sunday School for all ages
11:00am Worship Installation/Ordination of Elders
12:30pm 12 Step Group
12:30pm—2pm Session Training
5pm Covenant Youth Connection
6:30pm Campus Kitchen returns

MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED
4:00pm—7:00pm Athens Free Clinic
7:00pm Bells of NEGA
6:00pm Scouts
7:00pm 12 Step Group

TUESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm
NO Retirees Covered Dish Luncheon
4:30pm OLLI—Arts & Crafts
6:00pm—8pm Campus Kitchen
7:00pm Athens Stamp Club
7pm 12 Step Group Meeting

WEDNESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm
11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal
1:30pm—4:30pm OLLI Arts & Crafts with Mimi
5:30pm Covenant Connection
6pm Handbells Choir
6:15pm Adult Bible Study with Pastor Tom
7:15pm Adult Choir in worship center
7:00pm 12 Step Group—downstairs

THURSDAY Office Open 10am—4pm
9:30am—11am Campus Kitchen
9:30am Presbyterian Women Bible Study
9:30am preparing bags for food distribution
1pm Covenant Food Distribution
2:00pm Knitters & Knotters

FRIDAY Office Open 10am—4pm
7pm - 12 Step Group Meeting

SATURDAY
10:30am 12 Step Group

January 19, 2025

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