


Please click here to view Covenant's Worship Service on You Tube for **Sunday, January 26, 2025 at 11am:** <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens>  
Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

## THE COVENANTER JANUARY 26, 2025

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

### Ordination/Installation for Melissa Cobb

Join us on Wednesday, January 29  
at Covenant Connection at 6:00pm  
for the Ordination/Installation service  
for Melissa Cobb class of 2027.




DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU ARE  
**The Heart of Covenant!**  
Join us as we celebrate YOU at:  
**The Heart of Covenant Dinner  
&  
Evening of Fun!**  
**Saturday, February 22, 2025  
at 6:00pm**  
**Suggested Donation \$15**

Please RSVP on the signup sheet by  
February 16 so that we can let the caterer  
know how many meals to prepare and of  
course SAVE THE DATE!

### Gentle Wings, Noble Things

La Table, the major fundraiser for Family Promise, will be **Tuesday, February 25**. You can learn more about how Family Promise helps homeless families in so many ways and also enjoy a delicious luncheon among beautiful, creative tables and the good company of your Covenant family and friends from around the community.



Please register online by going to [familypromiseathens.org/events](http://familypromiseathens.org/events). Please indicate your meal preference and type in Covenant as your host. You may also register by seeing Karen in the church office.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Covenant Children and Youth Programs**— The children's and youth programs at Covenant rely almost entirely on volunteers! Please consider sharing your unique gifts with our children's and youth programs either as a teacher for Sunday School or as a Meal Provider for Youth Group. Thank you so much to each of you for giving of your time to serve the children and youth of Covenant! We appreciate you! SIGNUP HERE: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AA5AA22A20-54091633-covenant#/>

**RETIREES COVERED DISH LUNCHEON  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11 AT 12:30PM**

Join us for a delightful covered dish luncheon. Lord & Stephens will present their program—*"Easy As Pie"* and will provide the dessert.


Please bring a covered dish to share and a friend. Beverages will also be provided. See ya there!

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Barbara Burnett and family in the passing of her brother, Jim Morris, January 23 in Lilburn, Georgia; Hayleigh Smith, Bert & Marie's great niece, facing serious health problems; Dennis Calbos recovering at home from surgery Tues, Jan 14; Sandy Whitney's brother, Steve Endrodi and wife Linda. Linda fell while caring for her mother and broke her hip; John Wilkin's brother in law, Jim Negro in Wellsley, Mass., recovering from lung cancer surgery; Ann Anderson at home; 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; all those affected by the California fires; our Country

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

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 \* **DAILY BIBLE READINGS:** \*  
 \* **Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19;** \*  
 \* **I Corinthians 12: 12-31a; Luke 4: 14-21** \*  
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**Financial Summary for Week #29**  
 Anticipated Pledges—\$248,691.73  
 Pledges Received—\$251,342.23  
*Thank Covenant for your faithful giving!*  
 Joy Offering—\$990.00

 **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.



**Did you receive a Christmas gift you can't use? Will you be doing some cleaning out for New Year? Soon we will 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 Covenant for the date.**



**THE FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY TEAM INVITES YOU TO JOIN OUR TEAM**  
 The Fellowship Ministry Team would like to reach out to any of you who enjoy meeting and working on a team of delightful folks; are interested in volunteering to help plan and organize fun events for Covenant's Members; or who enjoy completing discreet tasks that help make an event run like a dream. We will soon be having a committee meeting. If you are interested in participating with the members of this team, please contact me at 706-207-0118, at [ohiosilver@windstream.net](mailto:ohiosilver@windstream.net) or find me at church. I hope to chat with you soon.  
**REBECCA SILVER**, Chair of the Fellowship Ministry Team



**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

9:30am Nursery

9:45 Church School  
for all ages!

11:00am Worship

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025**

**USHERS/GREETERS:** Luanne & Bill Rigsby, Catharine Tyson, Bill Barstow

**LITURGIST:** Warren Combs

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

**USHERS/GREETERS:** Hank & DeLynda Tweedell, Paige Cummings, Stephanie Cahill

**LITURGIST:** Jim Newland

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE MEAL COORDINATOR**

for January: *Sarah Lamb* For February: *Ellen Stoneburner*



**January 26, 2025**

Lily McKay, Pam Knox,  
Rebecca Silver

**February 2, 2025**

Nancy Alila, Phil & Sallie Hale

**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 29, 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.



# WAYSTOSERVE @COVENANT

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



**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#/>



**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#/>

Please email Amy at [abaer@covpresathens.org](mailto:abaer@covpresathens.org) if you have questions!



**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.

## 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.

### DONATIONS NEEDED: Cedar Shoals High

**School Care Center**—For January, students over at Cedar Shoals are most in need of deodorant for both boys and girls. You can bring items to the donation table outside the church office OR use this Amazon Wishlist link if you would like to donate and the items will be delivered directly to us at the church office: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1SVZ12J14YBNN/?ref=nav\\_wishlist\\_lists\\_3](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1SVZ12J14YBNN/?ref=nav_wishlist_lists_3)

# Covenant by the Week!

January 26, 2025

**SUNDAY - 9:30am** Nursery  
9:45am Sunday School for all ages  
**11:00am Worship**  
12:30pm 12 Step Group  
5pm Covenant Youth Connection  
6:30pm Campus Kitchen

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

**TUESDAY** Office Open 10am—4pm  
4:30pm OLLI - Arts and Crafts with Caly  
6:00pm—8pm Campus Kitchen  
7pm 12 Step Group Meeting

**WEDNESDAY** Office Open 10am—4pm  
11:30am New Horizons Band Rehearsal  
5:30pm Covenant Connection  
**6:00pm Ordination/Installation of Melissa Cobb**  
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 preparing bags for food distribution**  
**1pm Covenant Food Distribution**  
**5:30pm CE Meeting via Zoom**  
2:00pm Knitters & Knotters

**FRIDAY** Office Open 10am—4pm  
**1:00pm Green Dream Team Meeting**  
7pm - 12 Step Group Meeting

**SATURDAY**  
10:30am 12 Step Group

February 02, 2025

**SUNDAY - 9:30am** Nursery  
9:45am Sunday School for all ages  
**11:00am Worship**  
12:30pm 12 Step Group  
**3:00pm Youth leave for Rock Lobster Match  
at the Classic Center**  
6:30pm Campus Kitchen

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7:00pm Bells of NEGA  
6:00pm Campus Kitchen  
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**SATURDAY**  
**9AM—3PM SCOUTS COUNCIL IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**  
10:30am 12 Step Group



The beginning of this year has brought unprecedented challenges for our neighbors in California, who are now facing a devastating disaster. The harrowing images of wildfires consuming parts of Los Angeles and Ventura counties have deeply impacted us all, stirring our hearts with sorrow and compassion. Authorities are reporting this as a historic and deadly wildfire event. More than 40,000 acres have burned, with over 12,300 structures destroyed, entire communities wiped out, and tens of thousands of residents displaced. Currently, 92,000 residents are under evacuation orders, and 89,000 more remain in evacuation warning zones, meaning they may need to leave their homes at a moment's notice. Tragically, at least 24 lives have been lost, and the numbers continue to rise as fires remain uncontained. This is an ongoing disaster, and the extent of damage and loss continues to evolve, with figures expected to change as the situation develops. As part of the ongoing response and in consultation with the Presbyteries of the Pacific, San Fernando and San Gabriel, as well as the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii and its leadership, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has been in communication with faith leaders in the affected communities. In addition to providing emotional and spiritual care, PDA has already released emergency grants to meet the urgent needs of the communities and to provide immediate assistance. Though the final outcomes of these fires are yet to be known, we are clear that the magnitude of the event will require the development of long-term projects and assistance, both for the physical and emotional long-lasting effects. Presbyterians in the region are participating in coordination calls with nonprofit and faith-based disaster organizations to ensure that no one is forgotten.

PDA affirms our commitment to accompany those affected by this disaster. As people of God, once again we are called to stand with our siblings in the "GAP" — *Give, Act and Pray*.

**Give Now**

Give online by major credit card or electronic bank transfer. Make a one time or recurring gift.

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