

Please click here to view Covenant's Worship Service on You Tube for **Sunday, March 09, 2025 at 11am:** <https://www.youtube.com/cpcathens> Link to the bulletin: <https://www.covpresathens.org/bulletin/>

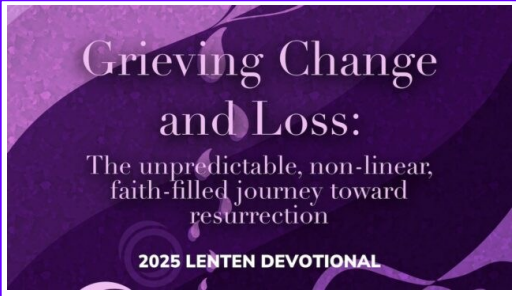
THE COVENANTER MARCH 09, 2025

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



March 9
Daylight
Savings
Time
Begins!

RETIREES COVERED DISH LUNCHEON –Tuesday March 11 at 12:30pm
Join us for a great time of fellowship and entertainment by the Green Flag Band.
Bring a dish to share and a friend. Beverages will be provided.



Grief touches every corner of our lives — not just in moments of death but in quiet farewells, conflict, and lost health. *Grieving Change and Loss* invites you to embrace the wilderness of loss and rediscover the horizon of hope offered by Christ's resurrection. Rooted in the wisdom of Elisabeth Kübler-Ross and David Kessler's six stages of grief outlined in their seminal work *On Grief and Grieving*, this daily 2025 Lenten devotional offers a pathway through the heartache of life's goodbyes, guiding you toward the

promise of resurrection. Please click on this link to access the devotional: <http://www.covpresathens.org/wp-content/uploads/simple-file-list/newsletter/Lenten-Devotional-2025.pdf>

Beginning Sunday March 9 Sunday School will begin at 9:30am (instead of 9:45am) for all classes children to adults!

Covenant PW will meet in person and via Zoom on Thursday, March 20 at 9:30am, in the Covenant Library. We will be studying Lesson #7, Economic Climate Justice, in our Bible Study book. Pam Thompson will be leading our lesson for us. Pam Butts & Deb Millwood will be providing refreshments that day. Please join us to learn more about PW and Environmental Justice, our Bible Study theme this year! Last month we had a wonderful guest speaker, Pam Knox, a Covenant member and renowned Meteorologist! She gave an enlightening presentation to our PW group. What a great surprise to have her join us and share her knowledge with us on this relevant topic. *Thank you, Pam!!*
For more info see page 3.



Asher Hill has accepted a full-time position with the Oconee Civic Center in Watkinsville. His last Sunday with Covenant will be March 30. Asher has been a awesome part of Covenant and he will be greatly missed.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Heide Wiegel and family in the passing of Juergen on February 23; Hank Tweedell and family in the passing of his brother, Bobby; Barbara Burnett and family in the passing of her brother, Jim Morris, Jan. 23 in Lilburn; Kathryn Fowler having surgery on March 24; Hannah Baird's best friend's mother, Michelle Gilbert; William Emerson, friend and mentor of Alice Rose, suffering from kidney failure; Friend of Joe & June Meyers, Brent Haglund of Madison, WI who suffered a severe stroke on Dec 28 is not doing well; Taylor Combs' father in law, Raul Rosales, Charleston, S.C. with lung transplant; Dennis Calbos recovering at home from surgery Tues, Jan 14; Sandy Whitney recovering from knee surgery Feb. 3 and beginning rehab; John Wilkin's brother in law, Jim Negro in Wellsley, Mass., recovering from lung cancer surgery; Bob Placek in skilled nursing at PVA and Joyce at home; Larry Hatfield under treatment for stage 4 colon cancer; Gene Holshouser living with his son in Houston, Texas; Karen Wetherington recovering from surgery; 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:

**Acts 2:44, Matthew 5:4, Psalm 118:24,
Mark 9: 24, Jeremiah 6: 14, Ruth 1: 20-21,
Psalm 22:1**

Please read in your Lenten Devotional

Financial Summary for Week #34

Anticipated Pledges—\$291,569.72

Pledges Received—\$294,505.17

Thank Covenant for your faithful giving!

Bowden Church Vocations Fund

\$3,600.00

There will be a celebration of life for Juergen Wiegel at the Presbyterian Village on April 11 at 2pm. In lieu of flowers, consider donating to the Juergen Wiegel Student Support Fund in Microbiology at the following link: <https://gail.uga.edu/commit?search=79015003&desonly=1>

Please click on this link for the full obituary: <https://www.onlineathens.com/obituaries/pgsc1107194>

Green Dream Team News—The Green Dream Team Planning Committee met with Hank Tweedell (resident expert on building maintenance) for a walk-through of Covenant and discussion of possible improvements to our facility. Caly DePalma, now Chair of Building and Grounds Ministry Team joined us for this discussion on Wednesday afternoon. Hank mentioned that many updates/ improvements have been made to the facility in recent years. Some examples are: 2 water heaters have been replaced (CE building and Kitchen); Lights have mostly been changed to LED bulbs; and he stated that the roof is good and that there is ample insulation for the building. There are some areas for improvement, such as checking the Thermal Air Flow to detect Infiltration; replacing remaining incandescent bulbs with LED bulbs; changing air filters more frequently; and upgrading Thermostats to Internet-capable ones (in order to regulate the temperature better, when the building is unoccupied). These are some of the items we discussed, which we would like to discuss further at an upcoming GDT meeting (possibly in April).

We all agreed that this discussion was enlightening and has given us ideas for action items for the Green Dream Team, Building and Grounds, and others who might wish to get involved. Hank has also said he is willing to come to a GDT Meeting and facilitate this discussion and answer questions. *Thank you, Hank!* We look forward to continuing this discussion with you. This month the Green Dream Team will meet on March 23, at 12:15pm in the Covenant Library. Please bring a Brown Bag Lunch and join us! We will have a Guest Speaker at our meeting- Pam Knox, Covenant member and Meteorologist! She will speak on Climate Change and the effects on our Environment. Pam speaks regularly to many groups, local and away, and recently spoke with our Covenant PW on this topic. As we have mentioned earlier, our Covenant PW is studying Environmental Justice for our current Bible Study. Pam did an excellent job with her presentation to us and we are delighted that she is willing to speak with the GDT this month! Thank you, Pam!

Please join us for this wonderful opportunity to learn more from an accomplished scholar and respected Meteorologist in our congregation! or questions, please contact Jennifer Frey (jenofrey@gmail.com) or another member of the Green Dream Team for more information.



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30am Nursery

9:30am CHURCH SCHOOL
for all ages!

11:00am Worship

SUNDAY, March 09

USHERS/GREETERS: Catharine Tyson, Bill Barstow, Hank & DeLynda

LITURGIST: Jim Anderson

SUNDAY, March 16

USHERS/GREETERS: Sandy Whitney, Stephanie Cahill, Bob Brewster & Sarah Lamb

LITURGIST: Kirche Rogers

Congregational Care for March: Ansley Land & DeLynda Tweedell



March 09, 2025

Nancy Alila, Clayton & Grace Adams

March 16, 2025

Lily McKay, Adam & Rebecca Rea

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 March 12, 2025

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

6:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

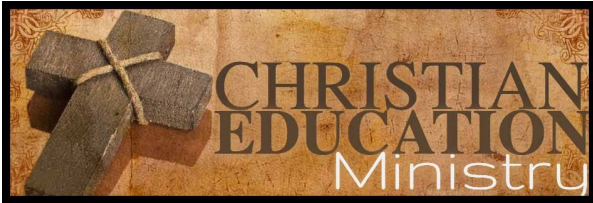
6:15pm Adult Bible Study facilitated by Pastor Tom

7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

The Athens Area Emergency Food Bank always needs brown paper grocery bags. 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. Thank you Covenant and *May We All Have Enough!*

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Our PW will also be joining with the NEGA PW in Cleveland, GA for our Annual Meeting on March 15. This is always a delightful day with our PW sisters from the NEGA Presbytery. Please consider attending with us to have worship, fellowship, and to learn more about what PW is doing locally and around the world! Presbyterian Women are a vibrant group dedicated to service, as well as spiritual growth and fellowship. Come and see what PW is learning and doing!! For more information, contact Jennifer Frey (jenofrey@gmail.com).



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES FOR ALL AGES!

The "GOD-BOTHERERS" Class at 9:30am. 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 9:30am. 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 9:30am

Location: "Journey" Classroom Room 216. On Sunday, February 2, we will begin our next class-selected book, *Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi*, written by Amy-Jill Levine. Professor Emerita at Vanderbilt University, Dr. Levine (AJ) describes herself as a "Yankee Jewish feminist who taught in a predominantly Christian divinity school in the buckle of the Bible Belt." We share leadership with class participants volunteering to lead our discussion each week. Class facilitated by Phil Hale.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES—

Juniors (K-3rd) Class at 9:30am. Taught by Katy Arora and volunteer shepherds meet each week downstairs in the "Temple Courtyard" classroom.

Middlers (4th—7th) Class at 9:30am. Betsy Burmeister facilitates this class downstairs in the "Potter's Workshop" classroom.

Covenant Youth Connection—Sunday, March 9 leaving at 4:30pm to meet with Milledgeville Youth for "Getting to Know You" activities and dinner.

Beginning Sunday March 9 Sunday School will begin at 9:30am
(instead of 9:45am) for all classes children to adults!

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#/>

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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#/>

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

Thank you to all who bring their plastic bags to the Pantry. It is a great help. For the month of January Covenant served 1,551 food insecure neighbors.



You Invited to "Jammin' in our Jammies!"
 Join us on March 28th in support of the children and families at Athens Area Homeless Shelter because there truly is no place like home, where sweet dreams come true!
Purchase tickets at <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/jammin-in-our-jammies>

DONATIONS NEEDED: Cedar Shoals Care Center Needs for March

The students of Cedar Shoals are needing **bar soap and sanitary pads for girls**. Please order from our Amazon Wishlist link [HERE](#) or at https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/lis/1SVZ12J14YBNN/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_2

and your donation will be sent directly to the church OR purchase items like those on this list and leave them on the hallway collection table this month.

MARCH

COVENANT YOUTH CONNECTION

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SUNDAYS
5-7 PM

**MARCH
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GAME NIGHT

All church game night led by the youth
Dinner for youth at 5 PM; Event 5:30-7:30 PM

JOINT GATHERING WITH MILLEDGEVILLE YOUTH

Meet Milledgeville youth group at Madison PC for "Get to Know You" activities & dinner - Leave 4:30 PM, return about 7:30 PM

**MARCH
9**

**MARCH
16**

FIELD TRIP: JUBILEE PARTNERS

Visit Jubilee Partners in Colbert, Leave 4:00 PM, return 7:00 PM

UGA WOMEN'S SOFTBALL GAME

2 PM Gametime

**MARCH
23**

**MARCH
30**

YOUTH GROUP

Join us for dinner and a program!



MORE INFO:

PASTORTOM@COVPRESATHENS.ORG

Covenant by the Week!

March 09, 2025

SUNDAY - 9:30am Nursery
9:45am Sunday School for all ages
11:00am Worship
12:30pm 12 Step Group
4:30pm Covenant Youth to Milledgeville Youth
6:30pm Campus Kitchen

MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED
4:00pm Athens Free Clinic
6:30pm—8pm Scouts in Fellowship Hall
7:00pm Bells of NEGA
7:00pm 12 Step Group in Journey Classroom

TUESDAY Office Open 10am—4pm
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 Handbell Choir Rehearsal
6:15pm Adult Bible Study
7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
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
2:00pm Knitters & Knotters
6:30pm Finance Ministry Team Meeting via Zoom

FRIDAY Office Open 10am—4pm
2:00pm Green Dream Team Meeting
7pm - 12 Step Group Meeting

SATURDAY
10:30am 12 Step Group

March 16, 2025

SUNDAY - 9:30am Nursery
9:45am Sunday School for all ages
11:00am Worship
12:30pm 12 Step Group
4:30pm Covenant Youth field trip to Jubilee Partners
6:30pm Campus Kitchen

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9:30am PW Bible Study
9:30am preparing bags for food distribution
1pm Covenant Food Distribution
2:00pm Knitters & Knotters
7:00pm Worship Ministry Team Meeting

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

SATURDAY
10:30am 12 Step Group



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 2 John Knox | 17 Ron Simpson |
| 3 Jack Pannecoucke | Jessica Johnston |
| 5 Sam Brewster | 19 Thomas Bowden |
| Josh Ballard-Myer | 23 Donny Whitehead |
| 6 Betsy Pless | Owen Barnett |
| Kathy Boyle-Gast | 24 Preston Devaney |
| Paige Cummings | 25 Karen Whelchel-Redwine |
| 8 Richard Page | 26 Andrew Mote |
| 9 Junan Crisler | Mckenzie Redish |
| 10 James Malone | 30 Phil Koehler |



Thank
You

Dear Covenant Family, Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, flowers, delicious meals and visits during my recent surgery and recovery. Your kindness and support mean the world to me. Hugs, Karen