

Volunteer Spotlight!

**MEET OUR DEDICATED
VOLUNTEERS**



**SPECIAL
OPPORTUNITIES &
SUNDAY SCHEDULE**



**SERVE WITH
COVENANT THIS
SEASON**



**COVENANT IN THE
COMMUNITY!**



Covenant Presbyterian Church is a neighborhood church in the middle of the city. If you are looking for connection and care in a community of faith, come see us at Covenant. We may not have all the bells and whistles of the big church; but, we have the basics: a sincere desire to follow after Christ and love God's people.



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Priscilla Cross, Kitchen Leader

I had been thinking for a few years about joining a smaller church when I met Sue Johnson after a class at the Benson Center. She invited me to Covenant and I went the next week. Sue and Tom were out of town, but JoAnn and Condit made me feel very welcome. They introduced me to others and everyone was so friendly and kind. I felt like I was home. I follow their example when I see new faces at church.

My favorite scriptures are from Corinthians. Let all that you do be done in love (I Corinthians 16:14); Love is patient ... (I Corinthians 13:4-7)

The best thing about volunteering at Covenant is feeling needed. After I retired I was looking for opportunities where I could give back. Volunteering at the church has helped fill that need.



Will Simson, Teacher

My favorite Bible stories are the Exodus and when Jesus goes to dinner at Matthew's house. My favorite parable is the Prodigal Son story. My favorite verse would be Corinthians... "Love is patient, love is kind, love does not keep score..."

The best thing about my volunteer work with Covenant is sharing my knowledge as I learn new things about Christian and pre-Christian history.

In my community, I also sing with OurSong, an LGBTQ and allies chorus and have done so since 2010. I support through recovery organizations those struggling with addiction.



Spring Focus on Relationships

SERMON SERIES: "It's Complicated"

When: April 14 to May 12, Sundays at 11:00

Who: Jamie Butcher and Justin Fannon

Description: We know the Bible is not an "answer book." But looking at contemporary culture, we also know that scripture profoundly influences our lives. Through this series, Justin and Jamie will consider the wisdom of scripture for relationships. What can we learn? What do we need to unlearn? Join us for a creative and in-depth exploration of the ways Christian faith impacts our interactions with friends, children, ancestors, and others.

GRIEF GROUP: "Tears to Blooms: Supporting our Grief"

When: Mondays in April starting the 8th, 3-4.

Who: Anyone and everyone is invited to participate.

Description: Losing a loved one can be an overwhelming experience, and the journey through grief is often complex and difficult to navigate alone. That's why we are offering a safe and nurturing space where individuals can come together to share their stories, express their emotions, and find comfort in the presence of others who understand.

LUNCH & LEARN: "LAGONAVE HAITI PARTNERSHIP Updates"

When: Sunday, April 28, 12:15

Who: Alison Caughman, John Greeley, Jim Ingvolstad and more

Description: Learn from our committed members about our largest mission partner - The LaGonave Haiti Partnership. The mission of LGHP is that Haitian and American partners, working side by side in mutually-transformative relationships, will build vibrant, hopeful, and resilient communities on the island of la Gonâve. **See insert for more information.**

SUNDAY FORMATION: "Fixing, Helping, and Serving"

When: April 28 & May 5, Sundays at 9:30

Who: Carson Meredith

Description: We are called to address suffering on both a societal and personal level. But how do we find humanity in carrying out this mission? We will contemplate the differences between fixing people as if they are problems, helping people as if we are the stronger ones, and serving people as equals in a relationship.

SEEK

***SPRING & SUMMER SUNDAY MORNINGS *
9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

April 7 & April 14

with Justin Fannon, "The Significance of Spiritual Beliefs in Addiction Recovery"
Learn from Justin's research as to why spiritual beliefs are an effective pathway
in recovering from addictive behaviors. Come learn what it is about spirituality
that radically heals and changes one's life and what the significance of spiritual
beliefs are for Christians and humanity.

April 21

with Claude Cox and Jamie Butcher
Claude and Jamie report back from their advocacy day at the Capitol with
Presbyterians for a Better Georgia.

April 28 & May 5

with Carson Meredith, *Fixing, Helping and Serving*
See course description above

May 12

Mother's Day Card Making
Join us to make Happy Mother's Day cards for families of TSA.

May 19

with Barbara Gifford
Women's Spirituality Group leader Barbara Gifford is back by popular demand
to offer a workshop on memoir writing. You don't want to miss it!

June 2, 9, 23, 30

with Will Simson
In line with our sermon series, Will Simson explores the Biblical books of 1 & 2
Samuel in the month of June. Who is Samuel? Why is he important? How does
the people's desire for a king elicit a prophetic response? These often
overlooked books tell us much about persevering in faith.

No Sunday School on Memorial Day Sunday, May 26 or Sundays in July!

WORSHIP NOTES

SUMMER WORSHIP NOTES

May 19 is Pentecost Sunday. This is the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit for the church. Plan to wear red, and join us to lay hands on our incoming elders as they are ordained and installed in worship.

In June, the choir will meet on Sunday mornings at 10:15 for rehearsal for the worship service that day at 11:00. Summer choir is open to anyone!

In June, Jamie's sermon series will follow the lectionary cycle through the books of 1 & 2 Samuel. The series gives us space to learn from prophets and leaders who are following after God.

On the Sundays of Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day weekends, we will worship at 11:00 in the Fellowship Hall with a more informal service. Also, please note there will be no Sunday school on those Sundays.

The Office is closed on Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day, Thursday, July 4 for the Fourth, and Monday, September 2 for Labor Day. We also are closed on Wednesday, June 19th to observe Juneteenth.



CELEBRATE



Save the Date for a reception on **Sunday, May 5** after worship at 12:15. We'll celebrate our graduates and give thanks for Pastoral Resident, Justin Fannon who is finishing his contract with us and graduating from Candler School of Theology. Contact office@covpresatl.org for ways to be involved.

Claude Cox is heading up the **Braves Baseball Game** again this summer. Stay tuned for the exact date and time.
~~Go Phillies!~~ Go Braves!

Looking for a way to be involved on an ongoing basis? Covenant has a vibrant **Dinner Group** program. Members meet monthly in individual's homes. Want more information? Contact jamie@covpresatl.org

SERVE

We are collecting donations for Memorial Drive Ministries' Welcome Kits. Plan to leave your items in the Fellowship by April 14 at 11:00:

NEEDED ITEMS:

Towels and wash cloths
Tooth brush and tooth paste
bath soap
shampoo
deodorant
shaving cream and disposable razors
feminine hygiene products
toilet paper, packs of 4 rolls
small stuffed animals
notebooks and packs of pens

SERVE with Covenant at Central Presbyterian Church on Sunday, April 14, 8:40 - 9:45. We are looking for 4 - 6 people to provide basic breakfast items while greeting guests at Central. This is headed by the Mission Committee and anyone who wants to help.

The place to be on Tuesday, July 4 is on Covenant's Front Plaza for the Peachtree Road Race. We need you to help us welcome runners for bathroom and banana breaks. Save the date.

Ongoing service opportunities include sandwich making for Central's night shelter and Parish Care Groups. One of our women's spirituality groups volunteers monthly. Contact jamie@covpresatl.org for more information

Covenant in the Community

Brent hands out water at the Peachtree Road Race. Claude and Jamie advocate with Presbyterians for a Better Georgia at the State Capitol for Lobby Day. Karen, Lynne, Condit, Sally & Jill serve at Lost - n - Found youth, an organization working to end homelessness for LGBTQ & all sexual minority youth.

