



Covenant Chimes



January/February 2022

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

Notes from Session

December 2021 & January 2022

Because there are two sets of minutes this month, there will be a general summary of each. For more detailed information, see Judy Strogonoff in the office and ask to see a copy of the minutes. Thanks.

DECEMBER 7, 2021

December Session was held in person December 7. Katelyn Gordon Cooke moderated the meeting. Her devotion continued the use of the Book of Order, using G.5 for the content of the devotion.

The consent calendar dates for 2022 Special Offerings were approved as were the 2022 communion dates.

Clerk's Report: Judy Grieve reported Carol Paulson's death November 15, 2021.

Treasurer Aubrey Moore was able to report a surplus of \$9,000 in November for the church. The preschool budget showed good economy and has repaid the \$2,500 loan from the church.

Open the Gates Task Force recommended Stage 5 guidelines. This recommendation was approved.

Stewardship Task Force was pleased with the responses to the stewardship campaign and informed

From Our Pastor

Epiphany Sunday and Katelyn's sermon ("Another Way") brought to mind a prayer written by Walter Brueggeman in *Prayers for a Privileged People* in which he asks God to make us like the Magi: "Give us the imagination like theirs to go home by another route on the path where foolishness is wisdom and weakness is strength and poverty is wealth." As we journey into 2022 together, I feel that we may be called to seek those alternative paths more and more. It is always more comfortable to seek the path that you know, but certain challenges may make it necessary to return by another way.

Covenant is facing several challenges in the year ahead. COVID-19 is the obvious challenge that never seems to go away, but there are others that may be less obvious. We have a looming \$400,000 balance on our building loan that may hamper us twelve months from now. The Session recently voted to create a task force to explore the possibility of a capital campaign to address this need. We have a Sunday school program that has dwindled over the past two years and may not return to its former vitality. We have an 8:30 worship service that many want to see return but which may not be practical with our current levels of participation. The Worship Ministry Team has been discussing this question for months, and it has become apparent that there are no easy answers.

At the same time, there are many parts of our ministry that have been lively, meaningful, and joyful. The Matthew 25 initiative, Food Truck Fridays, the resurgence of the music program, youth outings, and the preschool are just a few examples.

As leaders, we are wondering if we are putting twice the energy and resources into ensuring that we can return by the same path when it might be better, wiser, or more faithful to return by another way. We ask this question because we want Covenant to have a bright future, but we are also aware that our wonderings may cause anxiety for some.

Katelyn and I have asked the Session to join with us in pondering these hard questions—especially as we look ahead to our officer retreat in February. We want to hear from you too as we do this work. We are not sure what "another way" looks like, but we are confident that God will guide us on this journey. Please pray for us, and for all the leaders at Covenant, as we seek to be faithful in leadership in the coming year.

Grace and peace,
Andy

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Presbyterian Men

MEN'S BROWN BAG LUNCH

After nearly two years without a men's lunch, we are bringing back the long-held tradition of our twice-monthly gatherings for food, fellowship, study, and prayer. Mark your calendars for the second and fourth Tuesdays at noon in the Fellowship Hall. You are invited to bring your own "brown bag" lunch, or pick up something on the way to the church. Andy will lead us in a study of the book *From Wild Man to Wise Man: Reflections on Male Spirituality* by Richard Rohr and Joseph Martos. You don't need to read the book to participate, but you are welcome to read it if you like.

Andy Cooke

CHURCH STAFF

Ministers: All Covenant Members

Co-Pastors:

The Rev. Katelyn Gordon Cooke and
The Rev. Andy Cooke

Director of Music and Organist:

Lyn M. Patterson

Parish Associate:

The Rev. Karla Conditt Daniels

Nursery Caregivers: Sherry Nash and
Caley Boomer

Church Secretary: Judy Strogonoff

Finance Secretary: Jenn Harrison

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9:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. Mon-Fri

Presbyterian Women

YOU ARE INVITED!

All Covenant women are invited to join us for our monthly Presbyterian Women (PW) get together on the **third Tuesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.** Our in-person meetings are combined and include both the Faith and the Deborah Circles. Masks are needed at this time.

We will be discussing the PW Bible study, *What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus* by Merryl Blair. The women in Jesus' family tree have backstories that are exactly the kind of story you can imagine hearing while sitting spellbound as your grandmother reminisces about her early life. What can these Grandmothers-of-the-Faith teach us about being followers of Christ? Please contact Cindy Wallerich, Gail Baker or Kathy Ordelt if you have questions.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On Sunday, January 30 immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service, we will hold our annual congregational meeting for the purposes of receiving the annual report, receiving the 2022 budget, voting to elect our 2022 corporate officers (President and Treasurer), and voting to approve the terms of call for the Co-Pastors. More information about this meeting will be available in the bulletin and in the weekly email as the date approaches.



Sunday, February 27
11:00 a.m.

Ordination & Installation of New Officers

Elder Class of 2025:

Dalton Cooper
Charlotte Ealick
Judy Grieve
Maria Rivera-Rivera

Deacon Class of 2025:

Joyce Bowers
Kathy Ordelt
Sabina Widner

OUTGOING OFFICERS

We would like to thank the outgoing Officers for their service and leadership.

Elder Class 2022: Chuck Baldwin, Charlotte Ealick, Judy Grieve, and Joe Huff

Deacon Class 2022: Gail Baker, Beverly Dorn, and Sabina Widner

Session Notes

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Session that Lola Bell had sent the thank you notes on behalf of the task force for which they were most grateful.

Building and Grounds Ministry and Congregational Life Ministry Teams reported all was going well.

Mission Ministry Team made a recommendation to use the \$947.09 donation from the Fontaine family to purchase an additional camera, monitor, and any other A/V needs. This motion passed.

Sustainability Ministry Team made a motion to approve the 2022 Proposed Budget which is a balanced budget of \$569,944. This motion passed. Sustainability also made a motion to form a task force to study the possibility of a capital campaign. The motion passed.

Worship Ministry Team will begin discussing the 8:30 service.

Deacons met December 6 and they decided to begin providing home communion again in the new year. They continue to meet the needs of the congregation with energy and grace.

Andy gave the Co-Pastor's report stating that both he and Katelyn appreciated the annual review which gave them time to reflect on the past year and begin envisioning the new year. Andy also informed Session that his Doctoral Ministry studies are going well. He received a good grade in his first class and looked forward to being in Austin for in person classes the first of January 2022.

The meeting closed in prayer.

JANUARY 4, 2022

The Session met on Zoom January 4, 2022. Andy Cooke moderated the meeting

Andy used W-1.0101 and W-1.0102 from the Worship section of the *Book of Order* for his devotion.

Clerk's report: Four new members Susan & Philip Monk, Philson Humphries, and Philip Mixon joined the church on December 5, 2021. Judy presented Covenant's 2021 statistical report to the Session and made a motion to approve it. The motion passed.

Treasurer Aubrey Moore did not have the church financial data to report. He will send to Session when he does. He reported that preschool continues to operate with a budget surplus.

The Open the Gates Task Force did not have any recommendations. Charlotte Ealick made a motion that the choir sing wearing masks during rehearsals and Sunday Worship until Sunday January 30, 2022. This motion passed.

The Stewardship Task Force reported 71 pledges totaling \$454,729. Chuck Baldwin made a motion to dismiss the task force with gratitude. This motion passed.

No Ministry teams met in December. Each team will be working on activities in January/February. Charlotte Ealick did ask for an update from the Matthew 25 Task Force event scheduled for February 4-6, 2022. Andy reported that the team continues to meet to organize the event.

Deacons: Katelyn reported the Deacons are continuing to work hard caring for the congregation and are still planning on starting home communion.

Co Pastor's Report: Katelyn reported that she and Andy appreciated the presence and support they had received from Session during the past few months. She informed Session that a confirmation class of five eighth and ninth graders would begin on January 12th. Those participating are Miller Cooke, Rollin Cartee (Andy and Katelyn's niece) Naomi Gilles, Blake Rogers, and Audrey Baldwin. Katelyn reminded Session that the Annual Meeting would be January 30, 2022 following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

New Business: Officer Training for the incoming officers starts with dinner at the Cookes' on January 30 following by Sunday classes on February 13 and 20. The officer retreat is scheduled for Friday, February 25 in the evening and Saturday, February 26. Ordination and installation will be Sunday, February 27 during the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

The meeting closed with prayer.

Judy Grieve,
Clerk of Session

Education

ADULT

SALT (fellowship hall) and Choir (parlor)

All Covenant members are invited to participate in our adult Sunday School class each week at 9:45 AM in room 12. Our topic is an interesting and engaging book by Brian McLaren titled, *We Make the Road by Walking*. The book can help us explore what a difference an honest, living, growing faith can make in our world today. Since the chapters are short, we will be reading and discussing them together in class.

For questions about adult classes, feel free to contact Judy Grieve, Steve Bell, or Kathy Ordelt.

YOUTH



Our primary youth activity in January and February is planning Youth Sunday! Youth Sunday is **Sunday, February 13**, and all of the youth are invited to be part of the service. We have lots of ways to be involved (including non-speaking parts for those who'd rather not!), and we'd love to have as many youth as possible participate in the planning sessions.

Here's the schedule and a general idea of what we're doing at each planning session:

Sunday, January 16

3:00 p.m. // Zoom (link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82337192509>)

Select theme; start writing liturgy

Sunday, January 23

3:00 p.m. // Youth Room
Finish liturgy; select music and design cover art

Sunday, January 30

No youth group // Fifth Sunday Sabbath

Sunday, February 6

3:00 p.m. // Youth Room
Odds and ends; finalize details and bulletin

Sunday, February 13

9:00 a.m. – Practice // Sanctuary

10:15 a.m. – Breakfast // Gathering Area

11:00 a.m. – Worship // Sanctuary

Sunday, February 20

3:00 p.m. // Youth Room
~~Second~~ Third Sunday Service:
College Care Packages

Sunday, February 27

3:00 p.m. // Youth Room
Fourth Sunday Fellowship: Movie Afternoon!



Souper Bowl of Caring

Sunday, February 13

At the end of the service on February 13, the youth will collect the Souper Bowl of Caring Offering. Souper Bowl of Caring is a national movement of young people working to fight hunger and poverty in their communities, and they give 100% of the collection directly to the local hunger-relief charity of their choice. This will be Covenant's 17th year of participating in Souper Bowl of Caring, and our collection will go to GAP Ministry.

Confirmation



Sunday, February 6

10:00 a.m. // Youth Room

This month, confirmands are learning about worship. Why do we

do what we do in worship? How is our worship similar to other traditions and how is it different? Why does worship matter? We'll explore these questions and more together this month.

CHILDREN

Preschool Sunday School



Preschool Sunday School continues to meet on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45 a.m. in Room 4. Here's what we're learning about in January and February:

January: Baptize!

January 9: Remembering Baptism
January 16: Unifying Waters
January 23: Living Waters
January 30: Nourishing Waters

February: Practice Joy

February 6: See Joy in God's Creation
February 13: Feel Joy in God's Mercy
February 20: Share Others' Joy
February 27: Practice Joy at All Times

Elementary Sunday School

The elementary Sunday School class is taking a break in January and February. We'll be back in March with a special series for these kiddos. Stay tuned for more info coming soon!

Congregational Life

Preschool News

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

WNF Dinners

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner from 5:30-6:15 p.m. Members are invited to bring their own dinner .

Programs

Starlight – An Epiphany Series



Wednesdays, January 12, 19, and 26 // 6:15-7:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

During the month of January, we'll explore the significance of the star that led the magi to the Christ child and the stars in our own lives that help us to notice God's presence in the world around us. We hope you'll plan to join us!

Take Up the Cause

Wednesdays, February 2, 9, and 16 // 6:15-7:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Covenant has committed to being a Matthew 25 church, and we have taken a special focus on the eradication of systemic poverty. In February, Covenant members and members of the Matthew 25 task force will lead us in conversations about how systemic poverty affects the Augusta community and how we might respond as neighbors and people of faith. This is an important conversation, and we look forward to seeing you there.

WINTER OUTING

AU JAGUAR BASKETBALL against Clayton State University Lakers (with their mascots Loch and Nessie – not making that up) Saturday, January 29, with games starting at 1:30 p.m. (women's game) and 3:30 p.m. (men's game). Please plan to join fellow members of Covenant for an afternoon of basketball (watching) and fellowship at the Christenberry Fieldhouse on Wrightsboro Rd. You can come for all afternoon or just part of the afternoon. General Admission Tickets – which you can purchase at the door – are \$10.00 per adult, with special rates for AU faculty, students and retirees (FREE), seniors and non-AU students (\$7.00), and children 6 and under (FREE).

PLEASE let us know if you plan to join by emailing Joe Huff at jhuff@ktslaw.com. We will look for you at game and plan to sit as a group.



The preschool is back in full swing after winter break! We're excited to open enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year at the end of January to current families and the beginning of February for new families. If you know of anyone looking for a faith-based early education experience for their child, send them our way. More information about registration for next year will be available soon on the preschool website.

We're also looking for substitute teachers for the schools. Subs are so helpful for us when a teacher is sick or needs to be out with a sick child or family emergency. We train all of our subs in our Child, Youth, and Vulnerable Adult Protection policy, and we pay by the hour.

If you or someone you know is interested in subbing at the preschool, please contact Preschool Director Katelyn Gordon Cooke (kcooke@covenantaugusta.org). Thank you!

Worship

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

THANK YOU to all Covenant's volunteer musicians: members of the Covenant Festival Choir; EnsemBells; JuBellation Ringers; Brock Daniels (guitarist and song leader); Joan Lancaster and Ella Davis (vocal soloists); and Debbie van Tuyll and Angel Cleary (Celtic Harpers) who helped enrich our worship services by sharing their exceptional talents. Music opens the Door to the Sacred and you helped fling it wide open for us to enter during the special seasons of Advent and Christmas!

Thank you, Lyn Patterson,
Director of Music & Organist
Soli Deo Gloria!

Matthew 25



MATTHEW 25

The Matthew 25 task force would like to thank our congregation for participating in the conversations we began in 2021 focused on systemic poverty. We have all learned a lot. There is still a lot to learn.

Much effort has been put into hosting the “Take Up the Cause” event on February 5-6. We had invited the Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharris to speak and energize us through a Saturday event and as a guest pastor in our pulpit on Sunday. Due to the current Covid surge, we made the difficult decision to postpone this event until spring. One benefit from our planning is the welcome addition of interested members of Christ Presbyterian Church and Church Women United to our task force. We will publicize the new date for this event when it is set.

We are moving ahead this year, offering opportunities to continue the conversation during Wednesday night fellowship programs. The first 3 weeks of February we will host panel discussions on the effects of poverty on education, healthcare and mental health. Each week panelists from our congregation and their peers will provide information on what they experience in their careers with regard to poverty in Augusta.

If you are interested in joining us on the task force or have any suggestions for programs or activities, please contact Elaine Lea (leaje81@gmail.com or 706-339-4484).

MONTHLY LIVESTREAM SERIES WELCOMES HARD CONVERSATIONS

by Melody K. Smith | Presbyterian News Service

LOUISVILLE — Being Matthew 25, a new Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA) monthly livestream series, begins at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Jan. 20.

Being Matthew 25 is an interactive online event that makes space for stories, reflections and conversations about what it means to live out the Matthew 25 vision. The livestream will be available for viewing on the PC(USA) Facebook page or PC (USA) YouTube Channel during the event and after.

More than just talking heads, Being Matthew 25 includes video storytelling, song, poetry, art, guest interviews, case studies, testimonials and Q&A sessions that invite the Church to consider how to be a relevant presence in the world and to more fully live into Matthew 25.

“This broadcast creates a sacred space online to explore our shared future as the Church and people of Christ,” said the Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett, president and executive director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. “I believe it is exactly the conversation we need in the middle of this transformational time for the mission agency and as we envision our ministries for the next generation.”



Dr. Diane Moffett

Being Matthew 25 is an arena for PMA leadership, staff, colleagues and community partners to converse and consider what it means to be the Church in the 21st century. It speaks to moving beyond institutional processes to crafting mutuality, creating generational change and advancing the kin-dom of God in a new way.

The invitation to become a Matthew 25 church was issued in April 2019 and as of Tuesday included 1,065 congregations, groups and mid councils who have accepted that invitation to help the denomination become a more relevant presence in the world. Matthew 25 provides a common language and lens for doing mission and increasing the spiritual energy of our congregations and entities.

“We need to focus on how to actively engage the world around us by shining a light on systems of racism, oppression and injustices,” said Moffett. “We will look at systems. Systems need to be fixed, not just people.”





JANUARY 2022

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26 9:45 AM Sunday School* 11:00 AM Worship Service and Live Stream on Vimeo*	27 Church Office Closed Preschool Christmas Holiday	28 Church Office Closed Preschool Christmas Holiday	29 Church Office Closed Preschool Christmas Holiday	30 Church Office Closed Preschool Christmas Holiday	31 Church Office Closed Preschool Christmas Holiday	1 New Year's Day 10:00 AM Meals on Wheels 1:30 PM Overeaters Anonymous, Room 104
2 11:00 AM Worship Service and Live Stream on Vimeo* 12:00 PM Prayer Action Team, Prayer Circle, Parlor*	3 Preschool Christmas Holiday 4:00 PM Open the Gates Task Force, Zoom 5:00 PM Companions in Christ, Parlor 7:00 PM WADING Bible Study, Fellowship Hall	4 Preschool Teacher Workday 12:00 PM Men's Brown Bag Lunch, Fellowship Hall 3:30 PM Communion at Brandon Wilde 7:00 PM Stated Session Meeting, Zoom	5 Preschool Students Return to School	6 Epiphany 6:30 PM JuBELLation Ringers 6:30 PM Matthew 25 Task Force, Fellowship Hall	7	8 10:00 AM Meals on Wheels 1:30 PM Overeaters Anonymous, Room 104
9 9:45 AM Sunday School* 10:00 AM Confirmation Class, Youth Room 11:00 AM Worship Service and Live Stream on Vimeo* 12:00 PM Confirmation Lunch, Fellowship Hall 3:00 PM Youth Sunday Planning, Zoom	10 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 5:00 PM Companions in Christ, Parlor 5:30 PM Congregational Life Ministry Team, Zoom 6:30 PM Building & Grounds Ministry Team 7:00 PM WADING Bible Study, Fellowship Hall	11 6:00 PM Education Ministry Team, Room 104	12 9:30 AM Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary 1:00 PM Disciple Bible Study, Room 104 1:30 PM Covenant Staff Meeting, Fellowship Hall 5:30 PM WNF Dinner, Fellowship Hall 6:15 PM WNF Program, Epiphany Series 7:15 PM Covenant Choir Rehearsal, Music Room	13 6:30 PM JuBELLation Ringers	14	15 10:00 AM Meals on Wheels 1:30 PM Overeaters Anonymous, Room 104
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27 Ordination and Installation Sunday Transfiguration Sunday 9:45 AM Sunday School* 11:00 AM Worship Service and Live Stream on Vimeo* 12:30 PM Worship Ministry Team, Parlor 3:00 PM Fourth Sunday Fellowship: Movie Afternoon	28 5:00 PM Companions in Christ, Parlor 7:00 PM WADING Bible Study, Fellowship Hall	1 3:30 PM Communion at Brandon Wilde 7:00 PM Stated Session Meeting, Gathering Area	2 Ash Wednesday 9:30 AM Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary	3	4 World Day of Prayer	5 10:00 AM Meals on Wheels 1:30 PM Overeaters Anonymous, Room 104

Church Member Profiles

CHARLES HAROLD JAY

Charles Harold Jay was born on July 13, 1949, in Brookline, MA. He was born into an Air Force family, so the first 18 years of his life were spent in a variety of locations: in Mary Esther, FL; Hyde Parke, MA; Minot, ND; and Easton, MA, with visits to Canada interspersed to visit relatives on both parents' sides who still reside there. Both of Charles' parents came from Canada to the United States where they met.

In 1963, Charles' mom and grandmother moved to Easton, MA while Dad was stationed in Alaska, Vietnam, and later at the South Pole.

In 1968, on December 9, Charles met a girl named Linda-Jean Cote on a blind triple date, and it was love at first sight.

They were married on November 2, 1969, not quite two years later.

Victoria Jean Jay was born on August 24, 1971 and Katherine Elena Jay was born on May 2, 1978. Charles and Linda-Jean raised two great daughters and today have five wonderful, precious grandchildren: Ava (21), Emory (19), Lydia (17), plus Alex and Lexie (17) a boy-girl pair of twins!

Charles has been professionally trained in a number of areas of specialization: as an aircraft mechanic/inspector; as a paid and volunteer firefighter (who saved the life of a paid firefighter in a flashover inferno); an electrical and electronics technician; an aide to the president of a world-wide teaching ministry; a logistics coordinator for domestic and international travel; an A/V technician; an administrator of budgetary resources and government contracts; as well as director of operations for a homeless shelter and domestic violence shelters, just to name a few of the many hats he has worn throughout the years.

In July of 2019, Charles celebrated his 70th birthday and in November of the same year, Charles and Linda-Jean celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a renewal of their wedding vows.

They have become members of Covenant Presbyterian Church due to the love, generosity, and mercy LJ saw extended during her tenure as Church Financial Secretary. Charles came to observe the same qualities in the folks here and they became members in 2020. They are looking forward to great things in store in the future!

Linda-Jean Jay

WILLIS "BUSTER" BOSHEARS, JR.

Buster was born in Augusta into a flying family. His father started Augusta Aviation in 1940, and his mother was one of the first women in Georgia to obtain a pilot's license (she never learned to drive a car!). He was destined to become a pilot, too, soloing when he was 16. Buster earned five ratings to his pilot's license by the time he graduated Richmond Academy and entered the University of Georgia in 1962 on scholarship.

Upon graduation, he entered the Air Force serving during the Vietnam War from 1967-1973. He left active duty in 1973 and served in the Air Force Reserves until 1996, retiring with the rank of Colonel. He flew F-4s, F-105s, and F-16s throughout his Air Force career.

Buster returned to Augusta to work at Augusta Aviation in 1974. He met Janet soon after and they married in 1975. Her son, Carson, got the flying bug when he was older, obtaining his pilot's ratings and flying for Continental Airlines for a number of years.

After selling Augusta Aviation, Buster became Airport Manager at Daniel Field and later served as the Airport Director at Augusta Regional Airport from 2003-2008.

Upon retiring, Buster enjoyed playing golf and traveling. In 2016, he flew his last flight in the same Piper Cub he soloed 56 years before.

Buster and Janet have now lived at Brandon Wilde for over five years, where they enjoy the fellowship and many activities offered there.

Janet Boshears



Mission

GAP MINISTRIES ITEM OF THE MONTH

The item of the month for January is hot chocolate and the February item of the month is canned pork and beans. These items will be a welcome addition to our Food Pantry shelves.

Mary Beachum

List of Items by Month

January: Hot chocolate

February: Canned pork and beans

March: Canned chicken or ham

April: Boxes of cereal

May: Toothbrushes & toothpaste

June: Deodorant

July: Canned fruit

August: Toilet paper

September: Canned soup

October: Instant grits or oatmeal
(Individual packets)

November: Stuffing mix (type which only needs water added)

December: Beef stew or chili

EQUAL EXCHANGE COFFEE AND CHOCOLATE SALE

Mission Ministry will be hosting a sale of coffee and chocolate from Equal Exchange on Sunday, January 30 and Sunday, February 20. Look for the table in the narthex after the worship service.



January/February Worship Schedule

USHERS

- 1/23: Steve Bell, Dalton Cooper,
John Ealick, Angela Hobby
- 1/30: Jim Buckalew,
Jim Crimmins, Jimmy Lea,
Johnny Lowe, Charlie Terry,
Jim Wade
- 2/6: Hugh Dobbins, Dave Lapp,
Lucyle Ferris,
Fidelis Ndingwan
- 2/13: Judy Grieve, Chris Henry,
Ruth Mayhall,
Buddy Simpson, Bill Usry
- 2/20: Steve Bell, Dalton Cooper,
John Ealick, Angela Hobby
- 2/27: Jim Buckalew,
Jim Crimmins, Jimmy Lea,
Johnny Lowe, Charlie Terry,
Jim Wade

LITURGIST/READER

AT 11:00 AM SERVICE

- 1/23: Pat Ritter
- 1/30: Gail Kouame
- 2/6: Steve Bell
- 2/13: Youth Sunday
- 2/20: Dalton Cooper
- 2/27: Maatsi Ndingwan

PREACHER

- 1/23: Andy Cooke
- 1/30: Katelyn Gordon Cooke
- 2/6: Andy Cooke
- 2/13: Youth Sunday
- 2/20: Andy Cooke
- 2/27: Katelyn Gordon Cooke

GREETERS

- 1/23: Fred and Jane Gehle
- 1/30: Mary Beachum and
Martha Bertrand
- 2/6: Buddy Simpson
- 2/13: Mary Beachum and
Martha Bertrand
- 2/20: Gail Baker
- 2/27: Sabina Widner

A/V TEAM

Steve Bell, Terry Bowers, John
Ealick, Owen Gillies, Charles Jay

COORDINATORS

Lindsay Kircher, *Greeter
Coordinator*
John Ealick, *A/V Team Coordinator*
Chris Henry, *Usher Coordinator*
Kaye Petkas, *Liturgist/Reader
Coordinator*

Prayer Concerns



New Celebrations and Prayer Concerns

Covenant members
who currently have
COVID-19

Continued Prayer Concerns

All of Covenant's **Missionaries**
All who serve in the **U.S. Military**

Cameron Lokey (friend of Joan
Lancaster) – Bike accident with
serious injuries (1231)

Lois Reynolds – Appling, GA
(0728)

David Rhoades – At home (0518)

Thelma Spill (Gail Kouame's
mother-in-law) – cancer (1007)

Kenneth Ziegler (friend of Wanda
Pittman) (1103)

Enduring Concerns

Dorris Andrews (Elaine Lea's moth-
er) – Brandon Wilde

Phyllis Daniels – Brandon Wilde

Lois Davis – Kentwood

Juanita Davis (Andrea Butt's aunt) –
Jacksonville, FL

Anne Degrazia – Alpharetta, GA

Priscilla Gilman – Brandon Wilde

Betty Johnston – Brandon Wilde

Larry Lutcher – Brandon Wilde

Leah Mannel – Brandon Wilde

Jocelyn Martin-Moses (Karell Mo-
ses' mother) – At home

Andy McCraw – At home (1111)

Anita Parker (Joslyn Field's cousin)
– Beauford, SC

Elizabeth Swink – At home

Jane Terry (Chris Terry's mother) –
Lake Wales, FL

Don Yost (Pat Ritter's father) – At
home (1112)

**And for all those whose names we
hold in our hearts.**



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Our Flower Calendar is a meaning-
ful way to show love and to glorify
God. If you would like to donate
flowers, check with Judy Strogonoff
in the Church Office to make sure
your meaningful date is available.
Forms to order flowers and to in-
clude a special message for the bul-
letin are located in the Church Of-
fice. You are welcome to use your
own florist or Judy can place the
order with the florist that Covenant
uses. The cost of each arrangement
is usually \$75-100.

The prayer ministry is led by deacons Lindsay Kircher, Sabina Widner, and Dana Johnson. To
add a prayer concern, please contact the church office at jstrogonoff@covenantaugusta.org.

Covenant Chimes

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Advent Workshop, December 28



Presbyterin Women's Christmas Social, December 14



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