

155th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of South Louisiana - Meeting Info

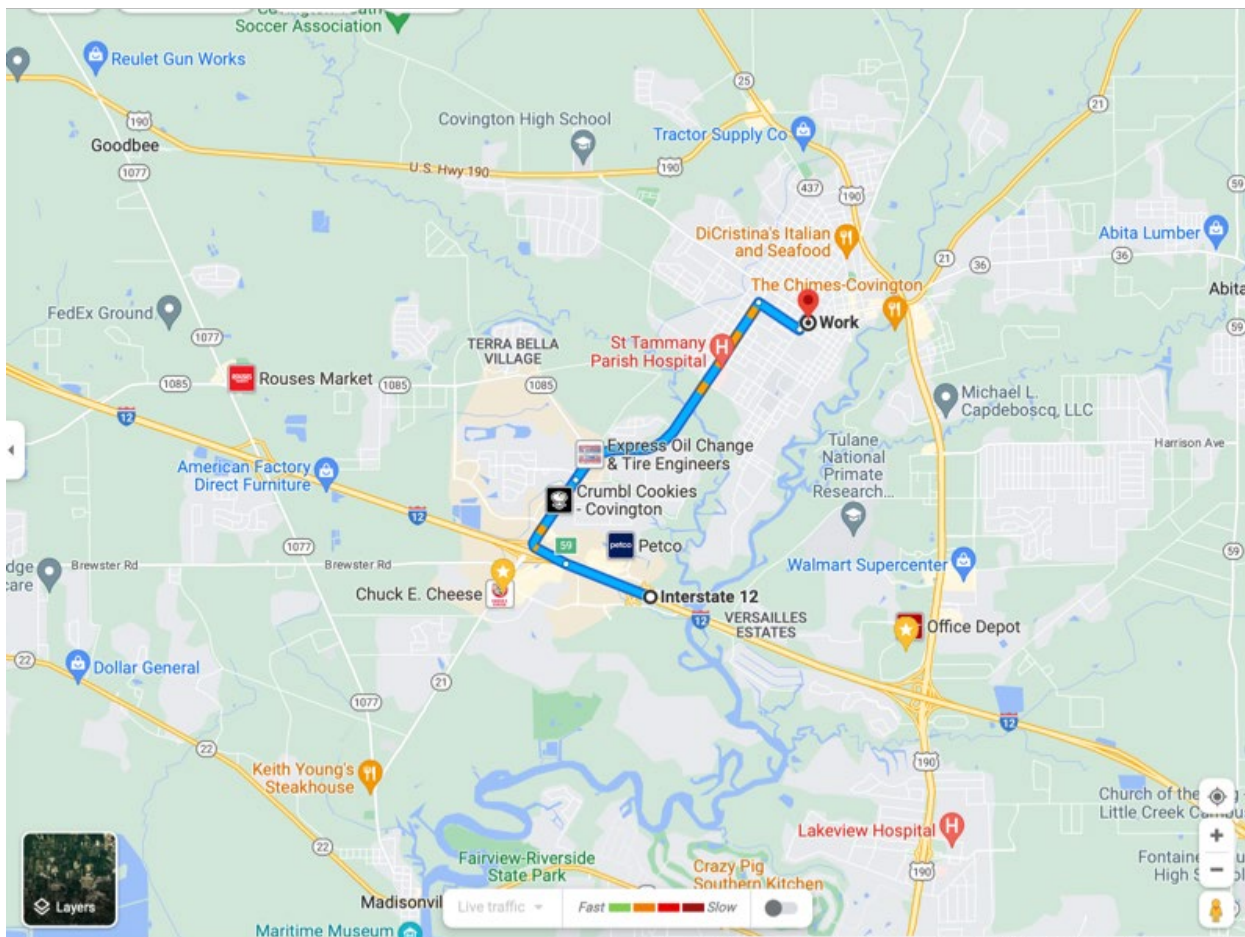


Covington Presbyterian Church

November 3rd, 2023 9am – 3pm

**Covington Presbyterian Church
222 South Jefferson
Covington, LA 70433**

<https://www.covpresbychurch.com/>



September 20, 2023

To all God's beloved in the Presbytery of South Louisiana:

Grace to you and peace from God, our Abba, and the Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome to Covington Presbyterian Church (CPC). We look forward with great anticipation for your arrival on November 3 – 4, 2023 in Covington, as we celebrate 175 years as a congregation and the PSL celebrates its 153rd Regular Stated Fall Meeting.



CPC dates its birth back to 1848, when Rev. Samuel B. Hall and a few faithful Presbyterians decided to form a church on the Northshore of Lake Pontchartrain. Rev. Hall served both the Madisonville and Covington Presbyterian Churches, the former being the Mother Church. The latter also known as "Berean Church Covington," for a period of time, operated sporadically due to the Civil War. In 1898, the New Orleans Presbytery formally recognized reorganization of CPC. CPC's sanctuary dates back to 1902 and its funding came about due to the faithful witness and work of the Ladies Aid Society, now known as Presbyterian Women, and from the sale of the former church building. The first service was held just six months after breaking ground, on January 4, 1903.

While the history of CPC is important, the future is important too, as those called by God to gather at CPC, consider our ministry and mission in our beloved city, Covington. While the warm and friendly people are a draw to CPC, the effort to discern our evolving identity as a church in a secular age is vital. CPC also has a desire to care for Covington by discerning and being involved in addressing our city's greatest needs. The great call to go and be a part of God's work in the world finds expression in our efforts with food insecure families, mental health, houseless persons, intentional faith development and our ecumenical work, which serve as guideposts, pointing others to the love of God found in Christ Jesus.

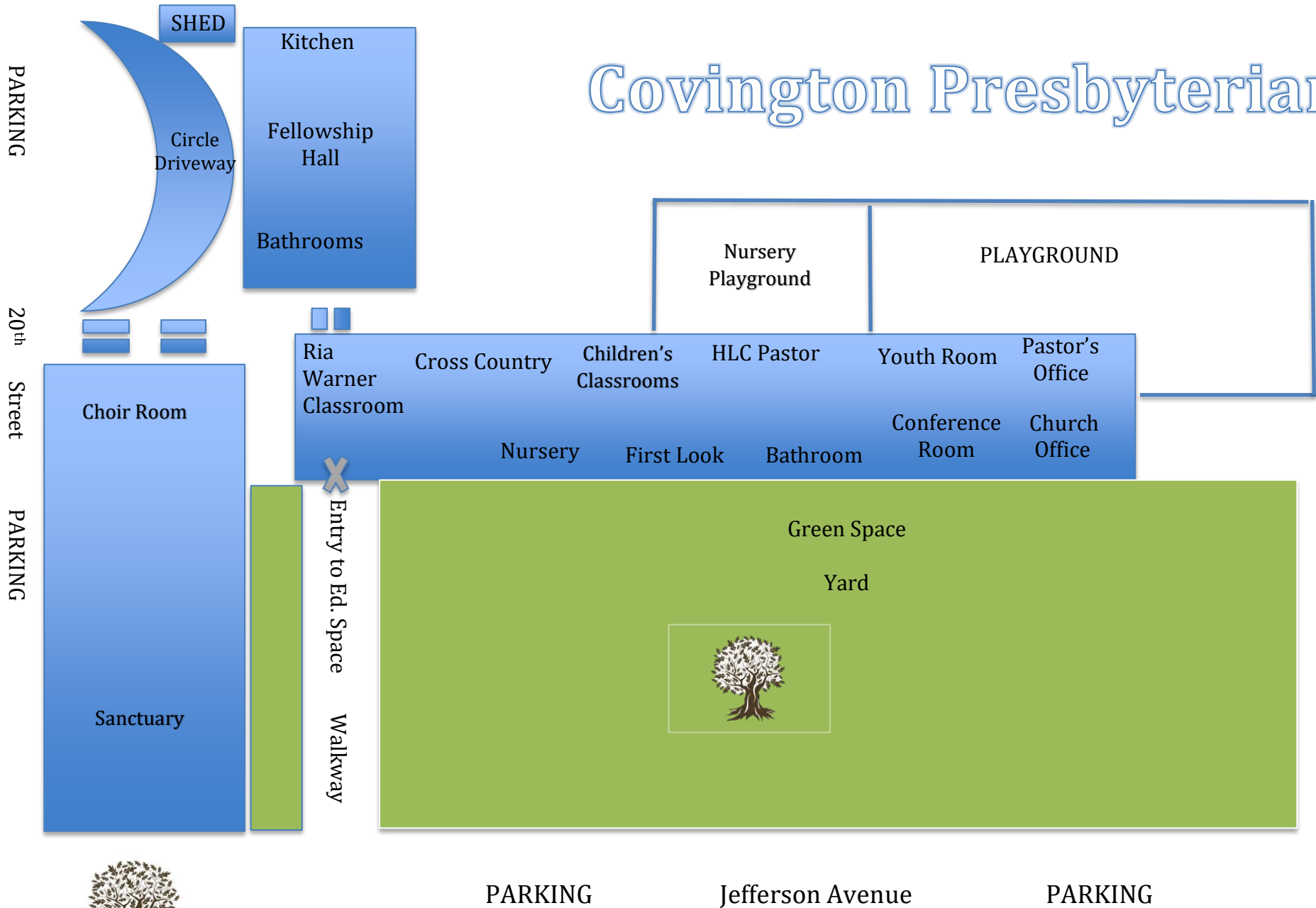
As we welcome our friends and neighbors from PSL, we hope you find our witness true and faithful. CPC also longs to hitch our wagon and oxen to PSL's efforts to build a better world and Kingdom of God, both present, and to come. CPC is excited to bear witness to how the Holy Spirit is moving in and around Covington and we long to lift up that work within PSL as well. Please pray for PSL and CPC as we prepare to be both guests and hosts to one another.

Please remember we have no private parking. All parking is public. Please plan accordingly and arrive early. Looking forward to being with you all soon!

Caring with you,

The Session of CPC & Pastor Jeff Sims

Covington Presbyterian



Directions to Covington Presbyterian

From Baton Rouge and parts West: Take I-12 East to Exit # 59 and head north on LA 21 and follow directions via link below.

From New Orleans and parts South: Take Causeway to I-12 West to Exit # 59 and head north on LA 21 and follow directions via link below.

From Slidell and parts East: Take I-12 West to Exit # 59 and head north on LA 21 and follow directions via link below.

From Bogalusa and parts North take LA 21 South or LA 25 South to Business 190 and follow Boston Street until you pass Acquistapace's Grocery or you come to the Oval-about. CPC is just behind Acquistapace's or the southeast side of the Oval-about.

There is no private parking lot. Parking is public, first come, first served and is on both sides of Jefferson in front of the church. There is additional parking on the northside of the church on 20th Street, behind Acquistapace's. You may also park in the Acquistapace's Grocery parking lot, next to the old Whitney Bank building just off the Oval-about.

<https://goo.gl/maps/Y7sVT3BVcXmprXWM6>



Meeting Information Presbytery of South Louisiana Saturday, November 4th, 2023

This packet contains the preliminary information for the 155th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of South Louisiana as we seek to discern and do the will of God for God's church in South Louisiana. The meeting will be held at Covington Presbyterian Church (222 South Jefferson, Covington, LA.) The full packet will be posted on October 27th. PSL Business items and reports will be loaded into a public DropBox. A link will be sent out on October 27th so that commissioners can login and download the reports. Any business items received after 10/27 will be included in the "Addendum" folder of the meeting.

Registration opens at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday. Registration lists will be moved to the Clerk's desk after lunch.

Display Space is available. Please contact Covington Presbyterian at cpcusa1848@gmail.com

Voting Members of Presbytery: The membership of the Presbytery consists of those Teaching Elders called through the Presbytery and those Ruling Elders commissioned by the Sessions of its constituent churches. In addition, Elders who are elected officers or professional staff of Presbytery, or chairpersons of Presbytery committees, or Commissioned Pastors, or the Moderator of Presbyterian Women shall be a member of Presbytery with voice and vote. Certified Christian Educators may be given vote in Presbytery meetings, during their service.

Those Who May Be Given Permission To Speak At Presbytery: Elected officers or professional staff of Presbytery, or chairpersons of Presbytery committees, or the Moderator of Presbyterian Women, who are not Elders, or past Moderators of the Presbytery of South Louisiana and Certified Christian Educators shall have the privilege of the floor at meetings of Presbytery. Official representatives of other presbyteries or higher governing bodies who are present, Christian Educators who are not certified, and any Minister of another presbytery who is serving in the Presbytery of South Louisiana as a stated supply or interim pastor of any of our congregations, plus any other Minister of the Word and Sacrament who is seated as a corresponding member may be given permission to speak. (Permission may be requested by a commissioner to Presbytery.) This group may not make a motion or vote, but may enter into debate.

Those Expected To Attend Presbytery are Elders elected by their Session and Minister members. Honorably retired teaching elders who are not serving a congregation, teaching elders who are infirm, military chaplains on assignment outside the bounds of Presbytery, minister members who have been approved to study outside of bounds, and teaching elders who have approval to labor outside of bounds, shall all be excused from meetings of Presbytery. However, all other active members of Presbytery who are in good health shall be expected to attend meetings of Presbytery and participate in all other ways as active members.

Lunch and Refreshments: \$10 per person charge for continental breakfast, lunch and snacks any donations beyond the cost of food will support the ministry of Covington Presbyterian. *To pay for lunch in advance, you can make a \$10 payment through the [PSL online giving](#) Please note the names of who the lunch payment is for.*

Child Care: The Presbytery is committed to having childcare available at all of its meetings. If a pastor or elder will be needing childcare, please contact our host, Jeff Sims (jeffsims77@gmail.com) in advance to make arrangements.

CPC Wifi Access

Sanctuary: Network: CovPres Password: Element2012

Christian Education Bldg: Network: CPCOffice or CPCOffice_5 Password: 42282240

Pre-Presbytery Meeting Day

Friday, November 3

Join us on Friday, November 3rd from 1pm – 5pm
for training, worship, and fellowship with other PSL leaders:



Pre-Presbytery Meeting Schedule

1 – 1:45	Gathering Worship
2 – 3:30	Clerk of Session Training w/ Jackie Cummings, PSL Treasurer
2 – 3:30	Treasurer Training w/ Nanette Cagney, PSL Stated Clerk
4 – 4:45	COM Q&A time w/ Sharon Fortin, Committee on Ministry Moderator and Richard Williams, Transitional General Presbyter

We'll also go to dinner in Covington together afterwards, if you are available.