



Stated Session Meeting Summary

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

This summary includes discussion points and action taken by the Session. Full minutes will be available by request in the church office on Friday, August 21, 2026.

- Elders present – Laura Hall, Melody Jenkins, Dan Jeter, Aileen McNair, Joan White, Elaine Barber, Laura Johnson, Marshall McCranie, Brooks Sheldon.
- Visitors present –Charmaine Johnson, Jim Soos, Brett Johnson, Terry Turner, and Marty Mathis.
- Rick Douylliez gave the devotional and opened the meeting with prayer.
- Clerk's Report
 - Approval of June 16, 2026, and July 26, 2026, Congregational Meeting Minutes, as published.
 - Approved the transfer of membership letters to the Moultrie Methodist Church for Click Peters, Debbie Peters, John Peters, and Rebecca Peters.
 - Reported on the August 1, 2026, Presbytery Meeting, noting the sale of New Hope Church in Columbus, Camilla church, and the acceptance of Austin Pounds as an Inquirer.
- Pastor's Report
 - Noted 3 pastoral visits, 1 counseling session, 1 community event, and 3 Presbytery meetings in the last month.
 - Reported on the success of *Dinner at Five* during the summer.
 - Recommended approval for the baptism of William Bius and Allegra Porteus after their successful completion of the Communicants class. The recommendation passed unanimously.
 - Announced a called session meeting on Sunday, August 30, 2026, for the examination and acceptance into membership for 4 communicants at 9:00 am. Breakfast will be served for elders, communicants, mentors, and parents of communicants.
- ORDER OF THE DAY
 - Marty Mathis presented the July financial report, which showed that yearly expenses are within budget.
 - Presented the following recommendations based on current and expected revenue for 2026:
 1. Withdrawal of \$73,586.81 from the Pastoral Fund
 2. Withdrawal of \$5,062.25 from the Designated interest Fund
 3. Withdrawal of \$6,744.90 from the Designated Mission Fund
 4. Withdrawal of \$65,00.00 from the Trust Fund Overages
 5. Cancel WATCH meals beginning in September 2026. (cut \$18,402.82)
 6. Offer severance package to kitchen personnel (add \$4K to expenses)
 7. Cancel guest musicians in the Music budget (cut \$7,000)
 8. Cancel all seasonal events (cut \$1,100)
 - All recommendations passed unanimously.
- The DCE and committees presented written reports.
- Joan White reported on the Stephen Ministry 50th anniversary celebration on September 12th in Atlanta. She encouraged elders to attend.
- Aileen McNair presented a report from the Missions Committee detailing all projects and dollar amounts that First Presbyterian supports.
- Heard a report from Bill Jones about Georgia Gun Concealed Carry laws. Approved a motion to appoint a committee to develop a Concealed Carry Policy for our church to be presented to the Session for approval. Melody Jenkins, Laura Hall, Aileen McNair, Marshall McCranie, and Bill Jones were appointed to this committee.
- Agreed to investigate asking Moultrie City Council to close the portion of 6th Ave SE (between the 2 church parking lots).
- Approved installation of newly elected elders on January 10, 2026.
- Next Stated Session Meeting is TBA pending a survey of newly elected elders.
- Adjourned with prayer by Rick Douylliez

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To all who are weary and need rest, to all who mourn and need comfort, to all who are lonely and need friendship, to all who are glad and would serve others, to all who are complacent and need disturbing, to all who sin and need a Savior, this Church opens wide its door in the name of Christ, and bids you welcome.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday, August 20 at 4 p.m. Spiritual Growth

Saturday, August 22 Cornerstones trip to *Swamp Gravy*

Monday, August 24 at 7 a.m. Biscuits & Blessings

Tuesday, August 25 at 9 a.m. Shalom Bible Study

Wednesday, August 23 at 5:30 p.m. LAST WEDNESDAY SUPPER

Friday, August 28 at 6 p.m. Movie Night

Sunday, August 30 at 11 a.m. Worship & CONFIRMATION SERVICE

Monday, August 31 at 7 a.m. Biscuits & Blessings

Monday, August 31 at 10 a.m. PW Women Executive Board

Anne Foster & Jim Soos are celebrating the arrival of twin boys into the Williams family:
Oak'Lynn & Omori Williams



LOVE OFFERING FOR FRANCIS KEY

Our longtime nursery and kitchen staffer, Francis Key, lost her husband, Johnny Robinson, August 22. Session voted to accept love offering donations to help Francis and her family during this difficult time. If you would like to contribute, please make out a separate check to FPC and put "love offering" in the memo line.

 

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

AUGUST 30TH DURING NORMAL WORSHIP TIMES

"The chief end of man is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever" - The Westminster Catechism

Please join us on Confirmation Sunday to congratulate and support our confirmands as they are completely confirmed into our church family as full members.

Join us after Church at the FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BENEFIT DINNER

Sunday, September 20, 2026

12 noon to 1:00 pm

Eat In or Take Out

If your church gets out early, take a seat in our cool Fellowship Hall and be first in line

***Benefits FDP-Women &
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TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

BIBLE STUDIES CONTINUE

The first one will be at Shalom on Tuesday mornings. We are reading *Second Thoughts About Hell* which explores all the ways Christians have thought about eternal judgment. The second study is our Wednesday night study and we are doing *Appreciate These Things: 8 Ways of Cultivating Compassion*. We will continue our Wednesday night studies/programs even though suppers will be undergoing a transition at the end of the month.

Both books are \$10 each. Contact Austin to get your books: dcefirstpresmoultrie@gmail.com



SEPTEMBER 13TH RESONANCE SERVICE

A DISCUSSION ON SCIENCE & FAITH

Guest Speaker: Janet Kellogg Ray holds a PhD in curriculum and instruction. She has spent 21 years teaching science at the University of North Texas. Raised a creationist, she's now a passionate evolution educator and committed Jesus follower who brings rare personal insight to the conversation between faith and science.

She loves explaining evolution to questioners, doubters, deniers, and the genuinely curious, and is the author of *Baby Dinosaurs on the Ark*, *The God of Monkey Science*, and *Fish with Feet*.

Come join us on September 13th. In this conversation with Janet Kellogg Ray, we explore how evolutionary science and Christian theology aren't in conflict but instead illuminate each other.

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Wednesday Nights at the Church

Our LAST

W.A.T.C.H. SUPPER

WEDNESDAY

at 5:30 p.m.

MENU for Wednesday, August 26:

Regular & Children: Brisket with brown gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad Bar, Dinner roll

Diet: Baked Chicken, Steamed Vegetables, Salad Bar

Dessert: Strawberry Jello with fruit, Cookies & Ice Cream

Reservations

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