

Stained Glass Gazette

First Presbyterian Church, Moultrie, GA

December 4, 2025

Greetings in Christ,

What a wonderful warm Advent welcome we have received here in Moultrie and First Presbyterian Church! Special thanks is extended to Dan and Fliss Jeter for their gracious hospitality in providing a place for us to reside while waiting on our home on 1st Street to be completed.

As indicated on Sunday, Cathy and I are so very happy to be starting off the liturgical year with you by participating in your holiday traditions. Today, I was blessed to spend time in your beloved sanctuary during the Tuesday prayer time provided by the faithful elders of this church. While sitting in the sanctuary, and enjoying the soft music and peaceful solitude, I began to do a little journaling and was reminded of my meditative moments on the Isle of Iona, just off the coast of Scotland. This is the very center of Celtic Christianity, a place where people come from all over the world for peace, reflection, and spiritual retreat. I'm glad to have that opportunity just steps away from my office on each Tuesday at FPC.

Speaking of which, my office, is located in Vereen Hall, directly across from the library. You will find me however roaming in and around our campus throughout the day. Feel free to drop in anytime. I am here in Moultrie three weeks out of four. Penny will always know of my location and availability to meet with you.

I am so excited about the remaining Advent activities. Our very first WATCH supper, the continuation of our Advent study celebrating communion, the lighting of the Chrismon Tree, the Christmas Cantata, parties galore, and of course our Christmas Eve service will be a true blessing.

Finally, I wish you all a most beautiful season of preparation and reflection in anticipation of Christ's coming. It truly provides a dedicated time to slow down, pray, and reflect on the themes of hope, peace, joy, and love, which helps in discerning God's will in our lives and in the world.

Hope to see you on Sunday!

Rick



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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship at 11 a.m. Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 9-5 and Friday 9-4

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, December 4 at 4:30 p.m. Cornerstones Christmas Lights Tour
Sunday, December 7 at 8:30 a.m. MEN'S BREAKFAST at FMC
Sunday, December 7 at 3 p.m. ADVENT FEST followed by soup & sandwiches
Sunday, December 7 at 6 p.m. CHRISMON TREE LIGHTING SERVICE
Monday, December 8 at 10 a.m. PRESCHOOL CHAPEL SERVICE
Monday, December 8 at 7 p.m. PW EVENING CIRCLE
Tuesday, December 9 at 9 a.m. ADVENT STUDY (at Shalom Cafe)
Tuesday, December 9 from 11:30 am-2 pm PRAYER & REFLECTION
Wednesday, December 10 at 1 p.m. FINANCE
Wednesday, December 10 at 4 p.m. SPIRITUAL GROWTH
Wednesday, December 10 at 5:30 p.m. CHRISTMAS WATCH SUPPER
Thursday, December 11 at 1 p.m. CARD PLAYING
Thursday, December 11 at 3 p.m. OFFICE CLOSING EARLY
Saturday, December 13 at noon CHOIR REHEARSAL BRUNCH
Sunday, December 14 at 11 a.m. CHRISTMAS CANTATA
Monday, December 15 *GOAL DEADLINE FOR YEAR-END GIVING*
Tuesday, December 16 at 9 a.m. ADVENT STUDY (at Shalom Cafe)
Tuesday, December 16 from 11:30 am-2 pm PRAYER & REFLECTION
Tuesday, December 16 at 5:30 p.m. CORNERSTONE CHRISTMAS PARTY (Coleman's)
Wednesday, December 17 at 5:15 p.m. SESSION
Thursday, December 18 at 4:30 p.m. CORNERSTONES THEATRE TRIP
Sunday, December 21 at 4 p.m. YOUTH PROGRESSIVE DINNER
Tuesday, December 22 at 5:30 p.m. STAFF CHRISTMAS PARTY (Coleman's)
Tuesday, December 23 at 9 a.m. ADVENT STUDY (at Shalom Cafe)
Tuesday, December 23 from 11:30 am-2 pm PRAYER & REFLECTION
Wednesday, December 24 *office will close at noon*
Wednesday, December 24 at 5:30 p.m. CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE
Thursday, December 25 and Friday, December 26 – *office closed*
Sunday, December 28 – *FINAL DEADLINE for year-end giving*
Tuesday, December 30 from 11:30 am-2 pm PRAYER & REFLECTION
Wednesday, December 31 at 1 p.m. office closes for New Year's



JOIN US
FOR OUR
CHRISTMAS
CANTATA
SUNDAY,
DEC. 14th
at 11 a.m.,

featuring our
Chancel Choir and
members of the
Albany Symphony
Orchestra.

PW Christmas Project: Heaters for Home Care

Once again this year the Presbyterian Women will partner with Colquitt Regional Hospice for one of our Christmas projects. The Presbyterian Women are asking for your help by donating funds to purchase small heaters for patients in the Home Care Program. Many of these patients have no heat in their homes and new patients are continually being added. Your generous help can make a real difference in keeping these patients warm this winter. Check the instructions on the wall by the tree in the Fellowship Hall. **The last day for donations will be Friday, December 19th.**



TUESDAY PRAYER & REFLECTION

On Tuesdays, now through Jan. 6, 2026, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the sanctuary will be open to allow anyone a time for silent reflection and prayer.



This time is intended to allow for a personal and intentional time of quiet to pray, read scripture, or journal to consider God's presence, fostering a deeper relationship with God and providing a spiritual anchor in a world full of distractions.

There will be no program or music. Come and go during this time as you wish.

UPDATES ON RECENT PROJECTS

YOUTH BAKE AUCTION: Thank you to all who baked and bought! We raised \$5,582 for our youth ministry.

THORNWELL OFFERING: Moultrie FPC raised \$873 for Thornwell to help children and families!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: The Youth had a great time filling the shoeboxes with gifts! They completed 21 boxes and we had 3 other boxes from the congregation. Thanks for all your donations to buy gifts and pay the shipping for the boxes.

Stewardship Update

2026 Goal: \$534,000

32 Cards Received

\$319,658 pledged

60% of goal

Thank You, pledgers!

Please support FPC in 2026. Pledge cards are in the lobby.



2026 FLOWER CHART

Holly Beard is working on the flower chart for 2026. If you are interested in a particular Sunday, please call or text her at 229-798-0669. **Dates will be first come, first serve.**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

Advent Festival

3 PM CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

5 PM SUPPER

potluck soup provided by congregation
and sandwiches provided by church.
Homemade bars and squares (brownies, etc)
for dessert also needed.

6 PM
CHRISMON TREE LIGHTING
SERVICE

Remember to bring candy donations this week for gingerbread houses!



Snapshots from our 2025 Preschool Thanksgiving



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W.A.T.C.H. SUPPER

*Wednesday Nights at the Church
at 5:30 p.m.*

LAST WATCH SUPPER OF THE YEAR**Menu: Wednesday, December 10 –****CHRISTMAS WATCH**

Everyone: Baked Ham, Mac-N-Cheese,
Collard Greens, Sweet Honey Carrots, Salad Bar,
Honey Cornbread

Dessert: Pies

Make your reservation

Email firstpresmoultrie@gmail.com

Call 229-985-3158

HELPING HANDS
COLLECTION BOX

This quarter, First Presbyterian is collecting money and food for the Colquitt County **FOOD BANK**. Bring in non-perishable items like canned food and peanut butter.

The Food Bank can maximize food purchases with dollar donations during this critical time. If you would like to donate money to feed local people in need, just write a separate check to FPC and put “Food Bank” in the memo line.

