

# Stained Glass Gazette

First Presbyterian Church, Moultrie, GA

February 5, 2026

Dear Church Family,

Last Saturday, I had the joy of accompanying Ruling Elder Marshall McCranie to my very first meeting of the Flint River Presbytery. We represented YOU as voting commissioners by driving the two-hour trek to FPC Columbus with the bed of his truck overflowing with the recyclables that we've been collecting here in Moultrie for months. Thank you for your donations!

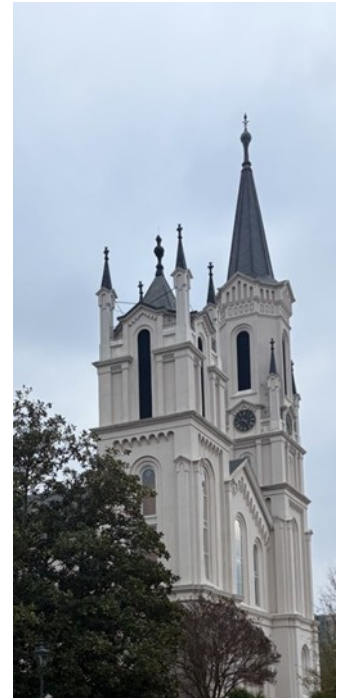
Even with snow flurries, and a fierce and blustery wind, approximately 75 of us showed up to be together and to share our covenantal connection and shared mission. As a presbytery leader for many years, I am always encouraged by the mutual support and nurturing that occurs when congregations work together. It is true that local sessions are accountable to the presbytery, while at the same time, presbyteries are designed to serve and strengthen congregations within its bounds.

The presbytery meeting was couched in worship. From the opening welcome to the singing of hymns, the business at hand, and the closing prayer, it was one of the most collegial mid-council gatherings I have attended in years.

A highlight of the gathering was the opportunity to vote on advancing Mr. Mark Montgomery, a member of First, Columbus, and under the care of Flint River's Committee on Preparation for Ministry, from Inquirer status to Candidate status. Mark was examined on the floor of the presbytery by sharing his own faith journey, and fielding questions from voting commissioners.

Your session voted recently to host the August 1 meeting of the presbytery here in Moultrie. It is anticipated that a very special item of business will take place at that event. If the way be clear, our own Austin Pounds will be received as an Inquirer, the first phase of preparing for the Gospel ministry. Austin's faithfulness and dedication to serve Christ on so many levels has been one of my greatest gifts since arriving here to be with you.

A continued and heartfelt thank you for the opportunity to sojourn with you here in Moultrie.



**FPC COLUMBUS**

*Rick*

# 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, February 5 at 1 p.m. Card Playing

**Sunday, February 8 SOUPER BOWL OF CARING—Bring money or food to tackle hunger locally.**

**Sunday, February 8 at 3:30 p.m. RESONANCE Alternative Worship Service**

Monday, February 9 at 7 a.m. Biscuits & Blessings

Monday, February 9 at 10 a.m. Christian Service

Monday, February 9 at 7 p.m. PW Evening Circle

Tuesday, February 10 at 10 a.m. PW Morning Circle

Wednesday, February 11 at 1 p.m. Finance Meeting

Wednesday, February 11 at 4 p.m. Spiritual Growth

Wednesday, February 11 at 5:30 p.m. WATCH SUPPER

Thursday, February 12 at 11 a.m. Cornerstones Lunch on Rd.

Monday, February 16 at 7 a.m. Biscuits & Blessings

Monday, February 16 at 12:30 p.m. Cornerstones Meeting

Tuesday, February 17 at 5:15 p.m. Session

Wednesday, February 18 – ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE (following the 5:30 p.m. supper)

*Wednesday, February 18 Christian books & materials deadline for WAFT collection*

Thursday, February 19 at 1 p.m. Card Playing

Monday, February 23 at 7 a.m. Biscuits & Blessings

Tuesday, February 24 at 9 a.m. LENT STUDY begins at Shalom Café (6 week study) — *see below*

Wednesday, February 25 at 5:30 p.m. WATCH SUPPER

Thursday, February 26 at 1 p.m. Card Playing



## PUTTING THE WORD OF GOD INTO HANDS AROUND THE WORLD

**Love Packages** collects bible donations—as well as donations of Christian books, Sunday School materials, and more—from people and publishers across the U.S. and ship it to their network of distributors all over the world. They ship over 1,500 tons of recycled gospel literature on the mission field every year.



**February** is the month that **Christian Radio Station WAFT** in Valdosta collects donations to Love Packages. So, check your shelves for old Bibles, Sunday School and devotional materials and get them to church by February 18. Contact Susan Pearson for more information: [supearso@gmail.com](mailto:supearso@gmail.com)

COME JOIN US

## LENT AND EASTER STUDY: WHY DID JESUS DIE?

In this study we will be reflecting on Jesus's atoning death

February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at Shalom Cafe! Starts at 9 A.M.

\$20 for the book or you can purchase an ebook on Kindle

ADAM HAMILTON  
WHY DID JESUS HAVE TO DIE?  
THE MEANING OF THE CROSS



**THIS SUNDAY!!!**

**Sunday, February 8th,  
bring food donations or  
monetary donations to feed  
hungry people in our area.**

You can bring cash or write a separate check to FPC with "hunger" in the memo line.

**CHRISTMAS CHEER TOY SHOPPE  
NEEDS A NEW DIRECTOR**

If you are interested in volunteering to help our community TOY SHOPPE, please contact the FPC Missions Committee via the church office. 229-985-3158, [firstpresmoultrie@gmail.com](mailto:firstpresmoultrie@gmail.com).



**RESONANCE**

First Presbyterian Church  
Alternative Service

Feb 8th, 2026 | **3:30-5:00 PM**  
Worship, Podcast-Style Conversations,  
snacks and Discussion

**Faith Harmonizing  
With Life**

501 First Street SE, Moultrie, GA

*Recent Snapshots*



Clockwise from top left: Young Disciples Message: *We might change but God's love never does.* Two snapshots from the MFPC and Trinity Valdosta trip to Orlando for Rock the Universe. Michael Alexander & Addilyn Spencer at their baptism celebration Feb. 1.

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL  
**VALENTINE'S**  
*W.A.T.C.H.*  
FEBRUARY 11, AT 6 P.M.  
*Bring Your Best Friend!*

WE WILL BE  
PLAYING THE  
COUPLE'S GAME  
WHICH IS FUN FOR  
COUPLES, FRIENDS,  
AND FAMILIES ALIKE

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## **W.A.T.C.H. SUPPER**

*Wednesday Nights at the Church*

*5:30 P.M.*

**MENU Wednesday, February 11:**

**Regular/Children:** Lasagna, Breadstick, Sweet Corn, Salad Bar

**Diet:** Baked Chicken, Steamed Vegetables, Salad Bar

**Dessert:** Ricotta Chocolate Chip Cake or Assorted Pies

**MENU Wednesday, February 18:**

**Everyone:** Soup & Sandwiches with salad bar

**Dessert:** Jell-O with Fruit or Ice Cream and Cookies

**MENU Wednesday, February 25:**

**Regular:** Hamburger Steak with gravy, Cornbread, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad Bar

**Children:** Hamburgers and French Fries

**Diet:** Baked Chicken, Steamed Vegetables or Salad Bar

**Dessert:** Strawberry Shortcake or Ice Cream and Cookies

*Make your reservation:* Email [firstpresmoultrie@gmail.com](mailto:firstpresmoultrie@gmail.com) Call 229-985-3158