



From left, Sadie-Laurel Cato, Ford Bates, Rick Douylliez, Allegra Porteus and William Bius



Confirmation Sunday, August 30, 2026

This past Sunday was Confirmation Sunday, and what a beautiful day it was. We celebrated four confirmands as they professed their faith before their church and before God, stepping forward as official members of Moultrie First Presbyterian Church. I want to pause and thank William Bius, Sadie-Laurel Cato, Allegra Porteus, and Ford Bates for their courage in taking this next step on their spiritual journeys. And to every mentor who poured into their lives throughout the confirmation process: my deepest gratitude. If you are one of those mentors reading this, thank you for answering the Holy Spirit's call to be a steady, spiritual anchor for these youth as they walked this road.

We were also given two baptisms on Confirmation Sunday. Both William Bius and Allegra Porteus were baptized by Pastor Rick Douylliez. Witnessing their baptism filled me with pride and overflowing gratitude to God for the privilege of having taught them. It truly was an honor to walk alongside all four of these young people, and I can say with full confidence that they have worked hard and grown so much. They asked hard questions. They wrestled honestly with what it means to follow Christ. And through all of it, they laughed, and they loved. My heart was full last Sunday, and I hope yours was too — I know their families' hearts certainly were.



Moultrie First Presbyterian has weathered some storms lately. For me, Confirmation Sunday felt like a ray of sunshine breaking through after a long, soaking rain: a reminder that God is still moving in this church. I don't know what the future holds, but I know this: the same God these youth belong to, the God who loves them, loves all of us too. And that is enough. I ask that you keep these confirmands in your prayers as they continue seeking God in their lives, and I ask you to surround them with the love of Christ. And to the confirmands themselves: you are beloved children of God, and you are remarkable. I am so proud of you!

Austin Pounds

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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

(Sunday's September Thrive event has been cancelled)

Monday, September 7 ---Labor Day ---office closed

Tuesday, September 8 at 4 p.m. Missions – dinner planning session

Wednesday, September 9 – W.A.T.C.H. food & fellowship from 5 to 6 p.m.

- see details below & >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>

Thursday, September 10 at 11 a.m. Cornerstones Lunch on the Road

Friday, September 11 & Saturday, Sept. 12 – Stephens Ministry trip to Atlanta

Sunday, September 13 at 3:30 p.m. Resonance Service

Monday, September 14 at 10 a.m. Christian Service

Monday, September 14 at 7 p.m. PW Evening Circle

Wednesday, September 16 at 10 a.m. Finance Meeting

Wednesday, September 16 –W.A.T.C.H. food & fellowship from 5 to 6 p.m.,

Followed by Programs & Choir

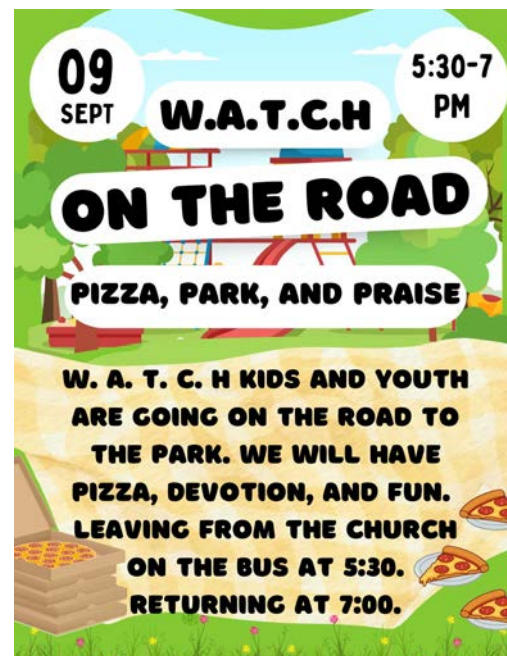
Thursday, September 17 at 1 p.m. CARDS

Sunday, September 20 at Noon - Missions Dinner

Monday, September 21 at 9 a.m. Tidy Team

Monday, September 21 at 12:30 p.m. Cornerstones Meeting

Monday, September 21 at 7 p.m. SESSION



**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 & Children in BANGLADESH

Best Fried Chicken in Moultrie,
Creamed Corn, Green Beans, Roll,
and Peach Cobbler

(and Ice Cream and Iced Tea for those who eat in)

Donation \$10.00 per plate

TICKETS AVAILABLE until Sept 15 FROM

THE OFFICE OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 985-3158
501 First St SE

SUPPORTING OUR PRESCHOOL

Our new preschool season is going great. The classes are full and we are enjoying these precious children. Please follow on social media to see all of the fun and learning! (First Presbyterian Preschool of Moultrie on Facebook).

In the past, we have funded some scholarships for the Preschool, but this is not currently in our budget. Our Preschool is funded and on sound financial footing, but scholarships and funds for additional opportunities are always welcome. If anyone is interested in sponsoring the Preschool in any amount, please contact Laura Perry Johnson. Your support would be greatly appreciated! Office # 229-985-3158



Our teaching staff, from left: Skyler Hopper-Crosby, Logan Hall, Hope Keigans, Mary Madelyn Jacobs, Aubrey Bennett and Dawn Davis

PRESCHOOL T-SHIRTS!

T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER

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TURN A FORM IN TO THE OFFICE WITH A CHECK



YOUTH SIZES \$18

ADULT S-XL \$20

ADULT 2X-3XL \$22



Above 1 Comfort colors come in Youth XS - Adult 4X



2T- 5T available- Toddler size, not comfort colors - color may be slightly different

SIZES 2T—5 T

\$14

OUR TIME

12-3 PM SEPTEMBER 26TH

For ages Pre-K to Fifth Grade, join us in the fellowship hall for lunch, indoor playground games, and lots of fun!

For More Questions
Contact DCE Austin Pounds:
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HELPING HANDS: BACKPACKS FOR HOPE

Our church is supporting our Backpacks ministry to local children during this. At the end of the last school year, our Alice Griner Backpacks for Hope Ministry was serving 24 families, which included 82 kids, with bags of food weekly to help them get through the weekend. The ladies who prepare the bags of food can stretch every dollar by purchasing items that are on sale each week of delivery. **So, as we prepare for the new school year, the BEST thing you can do to support the ministry is make a financial donation** by writing a separate check to First Presbyterian and put "backpacks" in the memo line. You can bring/send the check to the office or put it in the collection plate. If you prefer to donate food items, here are the suggested items: Peanut butter, Vienna sausages, Individual packaged fruit (raisins, fruit cups), breakfast bars, granola bars, spaghetti sauce (ONLY can or plastic containers - no glass) and Spaghetti noodles.

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September WEDNESDAYS AT THE CHURCH Schedule

W.A.T.C.H. now starts at 5 p.m.

It's okay if you can't be here til 5:30 p.m. But we will have food & fellowship time from 5 to 6 p.m. to allow enough time for programs starting at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, September 9 at 5p.m.—BROWN BAG DINNER (& Pizza, Park & Praise for the kids)

Wednesday, September 16 at 5p.m.—BROWN BAG DINNER

Wednesday, September 23 at 5p.m.—BROWN BAG DINNER

Wednesday, September 30 at 5p.m. DINNER AT FIVE- We will eat at a restaurant *(stay tuned for the location).*

No programs on Sept 30th.

WE HAVE FPC STICKERS
for bumpers, windows, laptops etc...

Pick up a few on the lobby table.

*Show your support &
make First Presbyterian
more visible in our community*

