Trinity News - November 2026

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Mission Statement

As Believers, we will worship God by. . .
Praising, praying, responding to His Holy Word.

As Disciples, we will follow God by. . .
Studying, learning, living His Holy Word.

As Stewards, we will honor God by. . .
Caring, serving, sharing His Holy Word.



Pastor's Ponderings

Who Is David Carter?

It has come to my attention that some members do not know much about me, while others would like the opportunity to know me better. So, let me introduce myself.

I was born in Warner Robins, Georgia, the fourth child in my family. Here is a fun fact: my sister Audrey and I were born in the same year. My parents had two children at Christmas 1960 and had four children by the following Christmas. No, we are not twins! Both of my parents grew up in Lake Park, Georgia, so our family spent one weekend each month there visiting my grandparents. I later graduated from the University of Georgia with degrees in Psychology and Economics. Before entering ministry, I spent more than 30 years in the automotive industry, serving primarily as a Parts and Service Manager. Most of my career was in the Atlanta area, with my final seven years spent at Prince Automotive Group in Albany and Valdosta.

I was raised in the Southern Baptist Church but was invited to attend Alpharetta Presbyterian Church at age 30. Since then, I have remained active in the Presbyterian tradition. My faith journey has included more than 15 years in youth ministry, service as a trained Stephen Minister, and participation in more than 14 mission trips, both in the United States and abroad. In the early 2000s, I attended Columbia Theological Seminary. After a year of study, life took a new direction when Deb and I married, and I was unable to complete my degree. We were married in 2008, and overnight I went from being a bachelor to becoming part of a family of five. Today, we have two sons and a wonderful granddaughter. Our third son, Austin, passed away in November 2024 after a long battle with cancer. While his loss remains a profound sorrow, we are grateful for the love and memories he brought to our lives.

In November 2017, we moved from Atlanta after purchasing my grandparent's farm in Lake Park. While attending First Presbyterian Church in Valdosta, I began the TRE process alongside Bill Wicks and Brittany DiGiammarino. Deb and I are devoted Georgia Bulldog fans. We enjoy spending time with our three dogs and five cats, as well as the many blessings of life on the farm. Most importantly, we have found a wonderful church family at Trinity and truly believe this is where God has called us to be. My door is always open, and I look forward to getting to know each of you better.

Blessings,

David



Remember to set your time displays BACK one hour before you retire for the evening on Saturday, 31 October.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Session has authorized Communion to be celebrated on Sunday, **1 November 2026.** This table is open to all who put their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

The Office Manager will be on vacation 7 - 14 November. Please Plan Accordingly.

Noisy Offering



The children will be collecting the "Noisy Offering" during the Children's Message on Sunday, **8 November 2026.** Please remember to bring your spare change (folding money is also welcome) to help with our Food Pantry ministry.

Soup Kitchen Meal Preparation



Sunday, **8 November 2026,** is Soup Kitchen meal preparation day. Please contact Glennie Wicks if you wish to assist in the meal preparation.

BINGO Night



It's time for another BINGO night! Care Share/Missions will be hosting another night of BINGO **Monday, November 9th** at 6:00 pm. There is no cost but please sign-up to let us know you are attending! A sign-up sheet will be located in the atrium. We are looking forward to a fun night!

The Canopy Sing-Along

All are welcome to join the Trinity Singers for a Sing-a-Long with residents of The Canopy. Our monthly gathering will be on **12 November at 2PM.** Anyone who feels the call and has the time is welcome to assist in this sing-along. You don't have to carry a tune, just tote your smile and make a joyful noise with us!

Session Committees to Meet

All Session Committees will meet, Sunday, **15 November, at 12:30 PM** in various rooms around Trinity. Much help is needed gearing up for many activities taking place this Advent Season. Please attend the Committee Meeting of your choice and contribute to the ministry of the church in this way.

Trinity Stated Session Meeting

The Session will hold the Stated Session Meeting in the Emmaus Classroom, **Sunday, 22 November 2026, at 9:00 AM.** Please contact Clerk of Session, Zirkia Snyman, if you cannot be present.

Greening of the Church

Join us after worship on **22 November,** for our annual Greening of the Church! We'll decorate the sanctuary for the Advent season and enjoy fellowship as we prepare our hearts and space for Christ's coming. All ages welcome—many hands make light work!

2026 / 2027 Flower Calendar

The 2026 / 2027 Flower Calendar is here. Please take time to reserve your date to give flowers to the Glory of God and to remember, honor, or celebrate a person or occasion.

Prayer and Birthday Grams

Please remember to sign prayer and birthday grams. If you submit a prayer request and the address is not in the Church Directory, please make sure to include the mailing address on the request card, or email the request to the office.

November Birthdays

Gracia Velásquez	10-Nov
Joanne Akuoko	12-Nov
Nita Cross	12-Nov
Brian Greene	15-Nov
Grant Wright	19-Nov
Zirkia Snyman	21-Nov
Daniélle Snyman	25-Nov

1st Friday Contemplative Service at First Presbyterian Church

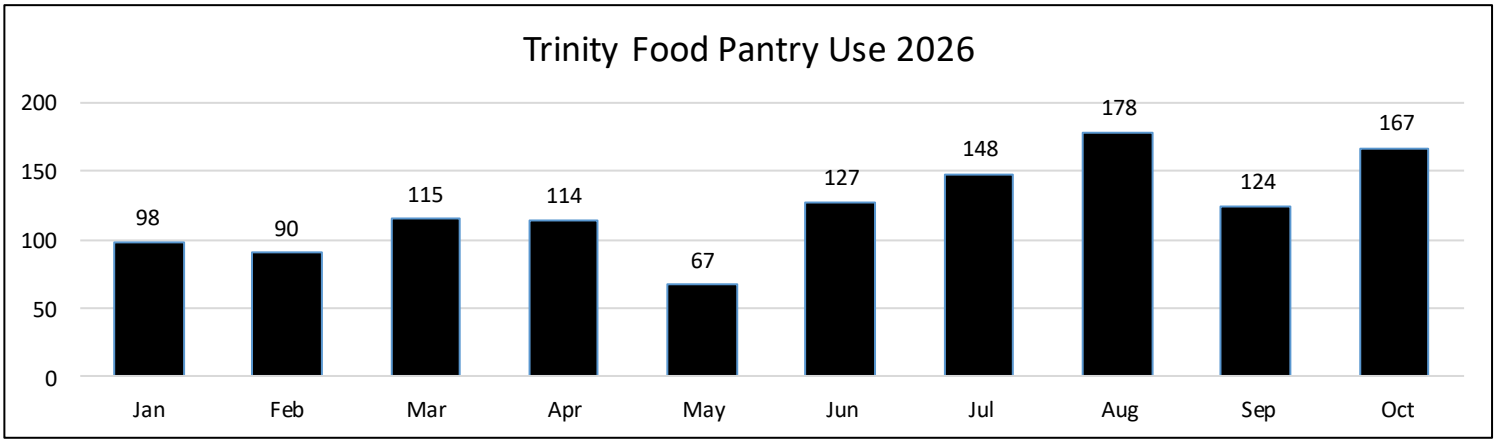
Our sister church, First Presbyterian Church on 313 N. Patterson St. invites you to their 1st Friday Contemplative Service. **The next service will be held on Friday, 6 November 2026, at 5:30PM.** Contemplative Worship is a setting in which we quiet ourselves in order to open our souls to the ministry of God within. It is one way to hear the voice of God with our hearts. Contemplative Worship waits for God in the silence.

Pub Theology: Different Brews, Different Views

Join members of our sister church, First Presbyterian at the Wooden Nickel, 3269 Inner Perimeter Rd, at **6 PM on Thursday, 12 Nov** for Pub Theology. Fellowship with our Presbyterian brothers and sisters and join in on conversation about God, current events, and testimonies.

Trinity's Food Pantry Numbers

Thank You for your continued food donations, money, and time to help our neighbors. Our food pantry needs **Pasta** and **condiments**. Remember the church is open on Wednesday thru Friday for donations, 8:30 AM to 3 PM. The chart below indicates the number of individuals we helped so far this year. Not included in the chart are individuals who eat the meal Trinity prepares for the Lowndes Associated Ministries to People. That meal feeds approximately 200 people a month.



FOR YOUR DAILY PRAYER

The elders meet at 10:45 each Sunday morning to pray for the morning service and to remember by name each person on our prayer list. Please lift the names of these persons to God in your prayers.

Members & Regular Participants

Kathy Farlow
Melissa Mittelstadt
Mickeala Mittelstadt
John Roe

Relatives

Ashli England, *daughter of Patsi Peacock*
Bill Hayes, *brother of Barbara Bradley*
Melanie Jones, *neice of Jackie Wright*
Archer Martin, *son of Nadia Cambridge*

Friends (contact person)

James Allred and family (Mark Ferguson)
Carolyn Bell (Kathy Roe)
Jean Bruder (Kathy Roe)
Billy Hamilton (Mark Ferguson)
Jake Hogan (Sid Leak)
Dot Koemstedt (Mark Fersuson)

Long Term Prayer List Members

George Bennett
Martha Bennett
Lee Bradley
Kim Culpepper
Anna-Marie Schaer
Dottie Davis
Mark Ferguson
Jane Gore
Brian Greene
Jan Hobson
Nancy Knobel
Lyle McGhin
Bob Radabaugh
Bill Stonestreet

Long Term Prayer List Relatives

Michelle Aliotti and family, *relative of Mark and Karen Ferguson*
Shawn Corrigan, *son-in-law of Denise Dupras*
Scott Ferguson, *brother-in-law of Kathy Roe*
Myra Guarino, *mother of Anna-Marie Schaer*
Nancy Guilbeau, *mother of Paul Guilbeau*
Diane Haines, *mother of Leonard Mittelstadt*
Gail B. Hudgens, *sister of Lee Bradley*
Tre' and Desi Jackson, *grandchildren of Patsi Peacock*
Jerry Johnson, *relative of Beth Reid*
Ann Luketic, *aunt of Sherry Stranahan*
Sheri Norris, *sister-in-law of Kathy Roe*
Jeff and Sheri Norris, *brother and sister-in-law of Kathy Roe*
Holly Norris, *niece of Kathy Roe*
Michael Rivera, *cousin of Anna-Marie Schaer*
Doris Ross, *relative of Mark Ferguson*
Hilda Sumner, *aunt of Sonja Guilbeau*
James Taylor, *father of Sonja Guilbeau*

Prayer Ministry

We appreciate the congregation sharing prayer concerns for loved ones and friends who need God's care. This is a very important ministry of our church. We appeal to those making prayer requests to assist us by keeping the Church Office informed of the circumstances of those placed on the Prayer List.

Long Term Prayer List Friends

Helga Allison (Sherry Stranahan)
Mary Beckett (Kathy Roe)
Derry Bennett (Sonja Guilbeau)
Nancy Brishin (Becky Leak)
Glenn Everett (Anna-Marie Schaer)
Jayne Fox (Linda Brown)
Leon Fox (Linda Brown)
Greg Garrett (Jeff Bickers)
John and Connie Gibson (Beth Reid)
Lori Gurley (Sonja Guilbeau)
Mark & Mrs Gustason (Charlie Oliver)
Robin Hesford (Patsi Peacock)
Lena Hess (Mark Ferguson)
Janice Hunt (Kathy Roe)
Angela Koehmstedt (Mark Ferguson)
Lori Leland (Kathy Roe)
Dana Mifsud (Jan Hobson)
Alexiz Natham (Sonja Guilbeau)
Laura Peiper (Britanny DiGiammarino)
Mary Price (Kathy Roe)
Pat Rantz and family (Melissa Mittelstadt)
Steve and Kelly Russell (Beth Reid)
Pam Sapp (Jeff Bickers)
Dianne Smith (Linda Brown)
Lauri Smith (Kathy Roe)
Allie Jo Spires (Kathy Roe)
Jim Sumner (Sonja Guilbeau)
Wanda (Sonja Guilbeau)
Hazel Williams (Britanny DiGiammarino)
Becky Willis (Bryan Wright)
Vera Wright (Leonard Mittelstadt)

Members Remembered in Prayer

1 - 7 November	8 - 14 November
Roberta Boyd	Linda Brown
Lee and Barbara Bradley	Melissa and Royce Coleman

15 - 21 November	22 - 28 November
Mike Cross	Nita Cross
Tyler Cross	Dottie Davis

29 November - 5 December
Jeff and Britanny DiGiammarino Toby, Arwen
Winnie and Mickey Dooly

Flint River Presbytery Worshipping Communities and Staff Remembered in Prayer

1 - 7 November	Westminster Presbyterian Church Warner Robins
8 - 14 November	Elizabeth Cantrell Ministry Associate
15 - 21 November	Britanny DiGiammarino Small Church Coordinator
22 - 28 November	Laura Peiper, Small Church Coordinator
29 November - 5 December	Toni Hatfield Bookkeeper

November 2026 - Worship Assistance Calendar

	Pulpit	Communion	Ushers	Counting Team	Lay Reader	Lectionary
SUN 1	David Carter	Frank Kilgard Beth Reid Bill Wicks Grant Wright	Doug Maxwell	Glennie Wicks Bryan Wright	Grant Wright	**1st Reading:** Revelation 7:9-17 **Psalter:** Psalm 34:1-10, 22 **2nd Reading:** 1 John 3:1-3 **Gospel:** Matthew 5:1-12
SUN 8	David Carter		Leonard Mittelstadt Glennie Wicks	Patsi Peacock Zirkia Snyman Grant Wright	Glennie Wicks	**1st Reading:** Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 **Psalter:** Psalm 78:1-7 **2nd Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 **Gospel:** Matthew 25:1-13
SUN 15	David Carter		Kaliece Bush Bill Wicks	Denise Dupras Doug Maxwell	Herb Reinhard	**1st Reading:** Judges 4:1-7 **Psalter:** Psalm 123:1-4 **2nd Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 **Gospel:** Matthew 25:14-30
SUN 22	David Carter		Jeff Bickers Grant Wright	Jeff Bickers Mark Ferguson	Bryan Wright	**1st Reading:** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 **Psalter:** Psalm 100:1-5 **2nd Reading:** Ephesians 1:15-23 **Gospel:** Matthew 25:31-46
SUN 29	David Carter		Ray Josey Kelly Wicks	Jeff Bickers Mark Ferguson	Margie Vollenweider	**1st Reading:** Isaiah 64:1-9 **Psalter:** Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 **2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 **Gospel:** Mark 13:24-37

COMMITTEE ELDERS

Building & Grounds.....Doug Maxwell, Zirkia Snyman, Kelly Wicks
Care & Share - Missions.....Jeff Bickers, Zirkia Snyman
Christian Education.....Kelly Wicks
Finance & Stewardship.....Mark Ferguson, Grant Wright

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November 2026 -Schedule of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Choir Practice 11:00 AM Worship	10 AM - 12 PM Food Pantry 7 PM Boy Scouts	8AM-2PM Greater Valdosta Home School 7 PM Cub Scouts	5:45 PM Handbells 6:15 PM Fellowship Supper 7 PM Adult Bible Study 7 PM Chancel Choir	6 - 7 PM Food Pantry 3rd Thursday		**Set your Clocks back 1 hour before going to bed**
1 Hope you set your clocks back David Carter Preaching Communion	**2** Voting Equipment Delivery	**3** **General Election** **No GVHSA**	**4** Voting Equipment Pick-up Judy Bickers' Cooking Team *Chicken Pot Pie*	**5** Denise Dupras and Bryan and Jackie	**6** 5:30PM First Friday Service @ 1st Pres	**7** Bryan-Vacation
8 Noisy Offering Soup Kitchen Meal Prep	**9** 6 PM Bingo	**10** *Gracia Velásquez's Birthday*	**11**	**12** 2PM Canopy Sing Along 6PM Pub Theology *Joanne Akuoko's Birthday* *Nita Cross' Birthday*	**13**	**14**
Bryan - Vacation						
15 David Carter Preaching 12:30PM Committee Meetings *Brian Greene*	**16**	**17**	**18** Jan Hobson's Cooking Team *Minestrone/Broccoli Cornbread*	**19** Dutch Lunch Bunch Denise Dupras and Bryan and Jackie *Grant Wright's Birthday*	**20**	**21** *Zirkia Snyman's Birthday*
22 David Carter Preaching 9 AM Stated Session Meeting Greening of the Chruch	**23**	**24**	**25** NO WNS *Daniélle Snyman's Birthday*	**26** **Office Closed** Thanksgiving Day	**27**	**28**
29 First Sunday of Advent David Carter Preaching	**30**	**31**				

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