

# Trinity News - October 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 - The Power of Prayer

Prayer is one of the most powerful tools in our discipleship toolbox. I have always enjoyed the practice of corporate prayer in church services. The sound of all those different voices praising our Father at the same time. I am sure we all have our prayer routine; some folks are morning prayers while others are bedtime. There is no right or wrong time or place to take a moment to find some silence and talk to God. I often pray while driving; usually a longer and deeper conversation that I have aloud. I find I open my prayers with gratitude for all my blessings. The more I remind myself of what I have been given, the more I find.

Years ago, when I was increasing my prayer discipleship; I scheduled time daily, found quiet locations, turned off my cell phone, and lastly found something to focus on. Focusing on an object or a setting allowed more sincerity and depth; such as a candle, a sunrise, a painting, I believe anything will work. Reverend Sommer Bower led a wonderful class on prayer. I want to share some of her thoughts from "Common Problems We Encounter When Praying".

- Find the time-maintaining a daily discipline
- Not enough privacy to concentrate-find a quiet spot
- No focus and not listening-find something to help you focus.

In the end your prayers need not be perfect; they're your prayers to God. It's like jogging or walking daily, you get better with practice.

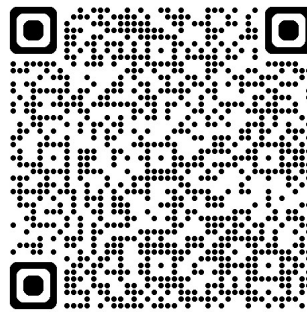
Blessings,  
David

### Soup Kitchen Meal Preparation

Sunday, **4 October 2026**, is Soup Kitchen meal preparation day. Please contact Glennie Wicks if you wish to assist in the meal preparation.

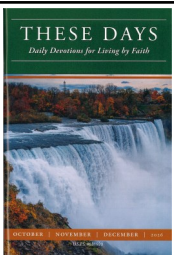


Flint River Presbytery will again come together to support Rise Against Hunger and pack over 55,000 meals throughout the Presbytery on World Communion **Sunday, 4 October 2026**. Trinity has pledged \$650.00 to aid in the purchase of the meal ingredients and transport costs. Please help us offset the expense by donating to this mission. Remember any donations are above your pledge. Please put RAH on the memo line of your check. This year's packing event, in the Southern Cluster, will take place at First Presbyterian Church, Valdosta in their Fellowship Hall. You may pre-register on line for the event using the QR Code, or click the link [Meal Packaging Event - Flint River Presbytery... - Campaign](#)



### These Days Devotional Booklets

These Days Devotional Booklets are available in the atrium. These booklets are published by The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and are provided at no charge. This issue begins **1 October**. Be sure to pick up your copy.



### 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 **8 October** at 2 PM. 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!

### Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Session has authorized Communion to be celebrated on Sunday, **4 October**. This table is open to all who put their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

### Session Committees to Meet

All Session Committees will meet on Sunday, **11 October 2026, after worship** in various rooms around Trinity. Much help is needed gearing up for many activities taking place this Fall. Please attend the Committee Meeting of your choice and contribute to the ministry of the church in this way.



### Noisy Offering

The children will be collecting the "Noisy Offering" during the Children's Message on Sunday, **11 October 2026**. Please remember to bring your spare change (folding money is also welcome) to help with our Food Pantry ministry.

### Dutch Lunch Bunch

Dutch Lunch Bunch will meet at Chicken Salad Chick, 3219 N Oak St. Ext. on **15 October** at 11:30 AM. Look for an email and reply if you plan on attending.

### Trinity Stated Session Meeting

The Session will hold the Stated Session Meeting in the Emmaus Classroom, **Sunday, 18 October 2026, at 12:30 PM**. Please contact Clerk of Session, Zirkia Snyman, if you cannot be present.



### Annual Kirkin' O' The Tartans at Trinity

**Sunday, 25 October 2026**, is our annual *Kirkin' O' The Tartans* celebration. Plan now to be present and begin assembling your attire for the occasion. Gentlemen are encouraged to wear kilts. Ladies may choose to wear plaid accessories.

The service of worship will include recognition of our Scottish heritage as Presbyterians. Tartans will be displayed, bagpipe music and prayers of blessing will be offered for all families. Paul Guilbeau will serve as our bagpiper. Hymns and special music will be from the Reformation era. Prayers and other parts of the liturgy will be taken from our Protestant tradition.

The service will be followed by a Fellowship Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. The main course of Boston Butt will be provided. All who attend are asked to bring side dishes to share, enough for your family plus a little extra. Drinks will be provided.

### Trunk-or-Treat 28 October

Come visit us on **Wednesday, 28 October**, from 6:15-8PM as we celebrate our annual Trunk-or-Treat festival! Grab a hot dog and stroll down the line of creatively decorated trunks. Make your rounds for treats and play some games. There's something for everyone at Trunk-or-Treat. Would you like to showcase your ride? We need lots of decorated trunks, so sign-up in the Atrium today! We are also accepting candy donations for this event. Please place all donations in the labeled box in the Atrium.

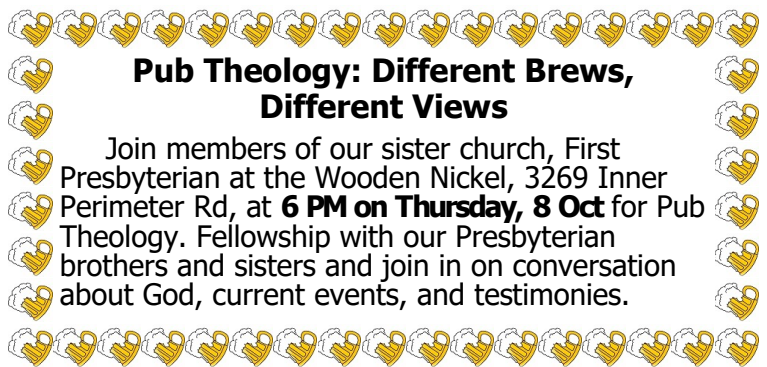
### 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Contemplative Service at First Presbyterian Church

Our sister church, First Presbyterian Church on 313 N. Patterson St. invites you to their 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Contemplative Service. **The next service will be held on Friday, 2 October 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.



### October Birthdays

|                            |        |
|----------------------------|--------|
| <i>Catherine McArthur</i>  | 3-Oct  |
| <i>Brooke Martinez</i>     | 4-Oct  |
| <i>Patricia Gordon</i>     | 15-Oct |
| <i>Stephanie Radabaugh</i> | 20-Oct |
| <i>Josephine Johnson</i>   | 24-Oct |
| <i>Paul Guilbeau</i>       | 26-Oct |
| <i>Martha Bennett</i>      | 29-Oct |



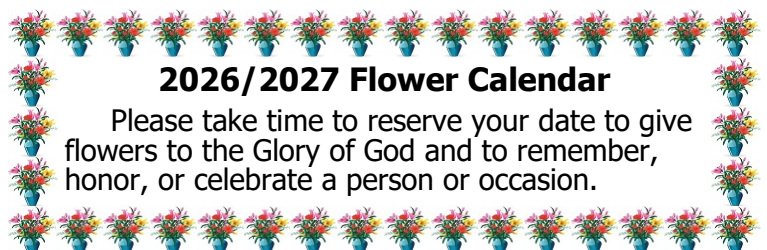
### Pub Theology: Different Brews, Different Views

Join members of our sister church, First Presbyterian at the Wooden Nickel, 3269 Inner Perimeter Rd, at **6 PM on Thursday, 8 Oct** for Pub Theology. Fellowship with our Presbyterian brothers and sisters and join in on conversation about God, current events, and testimonies.



### Candy Donations for Trunk or Treat

We are looking for candy donations for Trunk or Treat. These donations will be used to supplement candy supplies for those who are providing trunks for the 28 October 2026, Trunk or Treat event. Please consider donating or better yet come out with your vehicle and a smile in support of this event.



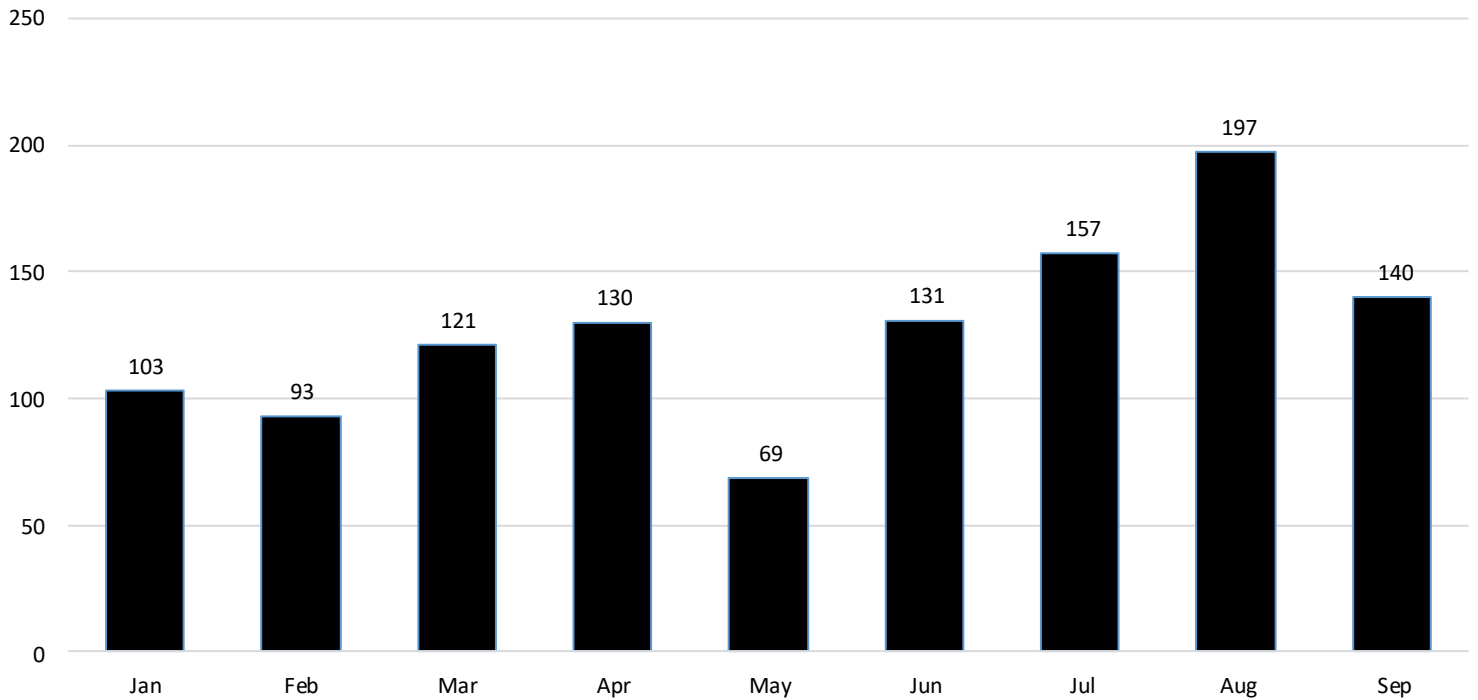
### 2026/2027 Flower Calendar

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.

## Trinity's Food Pantry Numbers

Thank You for your continued food donations, money, and time to help our neighbors. Our food pantry needs **condiments**. Remember the shopping cart is out for donations on Tuesday thru Friday, 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 LAMP Soup Kitchen. This meal feeds approximately 200 people a month.

Trinity Food Pantry Use 2026



## October 2026 - Worship Assistance Calendar

|                         | Pulpit       | Communion                                                   | Ushers                               | Counting Team                                  | Lay Reader    | Lectionary                                                                                                                                                     |
|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>SUN</b><br><b>4</b>  | David Carter | Paul Guilbeau<br>Doug Maxwell<br>David Roe<br>Patsi Peacock | Leonard Mittelstadt<br>Glennie Wicks | Kelly Wicks<br>Grant Wright                    | Jan Hobson    | <b>1st Reading:</b> Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20<br><b>Psalter:</b> Psalm 19:1-14<br><b>2nd Reading:</b> Philippians 3:4b-14<br><b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 21:33-46   |
| <b>SUN</b><br><b>11</b> | David Carter |                                                             | Kaliece Bush<br>Bill Wicks           | Patsi Peacock<br>Zirkia Snyman<br>Bryan Wright | Frank Kilgard | <b>1st Reading:</b> Exodus 32:1-14<br><b>Psalter:</b> Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23<br><b>2nd Reading:</b> Philippians 4:1-9<br><b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 22:1-14          |
| <b>SUN</b><br><b>18</b> | David Carter |                                                             | Jeff Bickers<br>Grant Wright         | Denise Dupras<br>Doug Maxwell                  | Bryan Wright  | <b>1st Reading:</b> Exodus 33:12-23<br><b>Psalter:</b> Psalm 99:1-9<br><b>2nd Reading:</b> 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10<br><b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 22:15-22           |
| <b>WED</b><br><b>25</b> | David Carter |                                                             | Ray Josey<br>Kelly Wicks             | Jeff Bickers<br>Mark Ferguson                  | Bill Wicks    | <b>1st Reading:</b> Deuteronomy 34:1-12<br><b>Psalter:</b> Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17<br><b>2nd Reading:</b> 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8<br><b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 22:34-46 |



## 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  
Mickeala Mittelstadt  
John Roe

### Relatives

Ashli England, *daughter of Patsi Peacock*  
Scott Ferguson, *brother-in-law of Kathy Roe*  
Bill Hayes, *son 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)  
John and Connie Gibson (Beth Reid)  
Billy Hamilton (Mark Ferguson)  
Jake Hogan (Sid Leak)

### 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*  
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*

### Members Remembered in Prayer

| 4 - 10 October  | 11 - 17 October           |
|-----------------|---------------------------|
| The Ault Family | Annalee Bickers           |
| Libby Beckham   | George and Martha Bennett |
| 18 - 24 October | 25 - 31 October           |
| Bill Bickers    | Jeff and Judy Bickers     |
| Woodson Bickers | Chance Bickers            |

### Long Term Prayer List - Relatives, continued

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*

### 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)  
Doug Farwell (Paul Guilbeau)  
Jayne Fox (Linda Brown)  
Leon Fox (Linda Brown)  
Greg Garrett (Jeff Bickers)  
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)

### Flint River Presbytery Worship Communities Remembered in Prayer

|                 |                                              |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 4 - 10 October  | Trinity Presbyterian Church,<br>Valdosta     |
| 11 - 17 October | UKirk at Mercer University,<br>Macon         |
| 18 - 24 October | Washington Ave Presbyterian<br>Church, Macon |
| 25 - 31 October | Wayside Presbyterian Church,<br>Gray         |

### 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. *As a general practice, we remove the names friends and relatives of those who have been on the current list for 60 days or more, if we have not received an update of their circumstances. Thank you!*

## Welcoming Baby Liam

Pictured left to right, Tage France, Amado Velásquez, Hilda Arrazola, Liam France-Velasquez, and Gracia Velásquez.



## Dutch Lunch Bunch Returns to The Wharf Casual Seafood.

Click on this link <https://youtu.be/1NZKDYaw5LA> to see the video of us singing happy birthday to Jean Snyder.

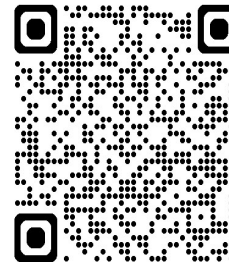


# October 2026 - Schedule of Events

| Sunday                                                                                                       | Monday                                                      | Tuesday                                                      | Wednesday                                                                                               | Thursday                                                                                                              | Friday | Saturday                                      |
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| 10:00 AM Sunday School<br>10:00 AM Choir Practice<br>11:00 AM Worship<br><br>↓                               | 10 AM - 12 PM Food<br>Pantry<br><br>7 PM Family Scouts<br>↓ | 9AM-3PM Greater Valdosta Home<br>School Association<br><br>↓ | 5:45 PM Handbells<br>6:15 PM Fellowship Supper<br>7 PM Adult Bible Study<br>7 PM Chancel Choir<br><br>↓ | 6 - 7 PM Food Pantry 1st &<br>3rd Thursdays<br><br>↓                                                                  |        |                                               |
|                                                                                                              |                                                             |                                                              |                                                                                                         | 1<br><br>Denise Dupras &<br>Bryan & Jackie Wright                                                                     | 2      | 3<br><br><i>Catherine McArthur's Birthday</i> |
| 4<br>Communion<br>Soup Kitchen Meal Prep<br>2PM Rise Against Hunger<br><br><i>Brooke Martinez's Birthday</i> | 5                                                           | 6<br>Bryan - Second Harvest Training                         | 7<br>Zirkia Snyman's Cooking Team<br><i>Bobotie and Yellow Rice</i>                                     | 8<br>2PM The Canopy Sing Along                                                                                        | 9      | 10                                            |
| 11<br>Noisy Offering<br>Committee Meetings                                                                   | 12                                                          | 13                                                           | 14<br>Jan Hobson's Cooking Team<br><i>Cowboy Supper</i>                                                 | 15<br>11:30 AM Dutch Lunch Bunch<br>Denise Dupras &<br>Bryan & Jackie Wright<br><br><i>Patricia Gordon's Birthday</i> | 16     | 17                                            |
| 18<br>Stated Session Meeting                                                                                 | 19                                                          | 20                                                           | 21<br>WNS - Brown Bag Fellowship                                                                        | 22<br><br><i>Stephanie Radabaugh's Birthday</i>                                                                       | 23     | 24<br><br><i>Josephine Johnson's Birthday</i> |
| 25<br>Kirkin' O' the Tartans<br>Fellowship Luncheon                                                          | 26<br><br><i>Paul Guilbeau's Birthday</i>                   | 27<br>The Center Board Meeting                               | 28<br>Trunk or Treat                                                                                    | 29<br><br><i>Martha Bennett's Birthday</i>                                                                            | 30     | 31                                            |

## 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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