

## Special Worship Service ~ Sunday, November 5 ~ All Saints' Day

Tim and Lois Hunter, Missionary's with Spoken Worldwide, will be present to talk about their mission of Oral Bible Translation. We will celebrate with the Bag Pipes (Kelly McCoy), a Love Offering for The Hunter's, and a Loaf & Ladle lunch after worship.

**Come for worship, Come for music, Come for fellowship, Come for food and depart with your heart full.**



\*Please contact the church office if you are interested in providing a favorite soup, fresh bread or a dessert for our Loaf & Ladle lunch. ~ 229-924-2162~



# First Presbyterian Church

Americus, Georgia

## The Shema Prayer

וְאַהֲבַתְּ אֶת יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ	You shall love Adonai your God
בְּכָל לִבְבְּךָ וּבְכָל נַפְשֶׁךָ	with all your heart, with all your soul,
וּבְכָל מְאֹדֶךָ	and with all your might.
וְהָיוּ הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה	And these words
אֲשֶׁר אֲנֹכִי מְצַוְּךָ הַיּוֹם	which I command you today
עַל לִבְבְּךָ	shall be in your heart.
וְשִׁנְנָתָם לְבָנֶיךָ	You shall teach them diligently to your children
וְדַבַּרְתָּ בָם	and you shall speak of them
בְּשִׁבְתְּךָ בְּבֵיתְךָ	when you are sitting at home
וּבְלַכְתְּךָ בַּדֶּרֶךְ	and when you go on a journey,
וּבְשֹׁכְבְּךָ	when you lie down
וּבְקוּמְךָ	and when you rise up.
וְקָשַׁרְתָּם לְאוֹת עַל יָדְךָ	You shall bind them as a sign on your hand
וְהָיוּ לְטֹטְפֹת בֵּין עֵינֶיךָ	and they shall be jewels between your eyes.
וְכָתַבְתָּם עַל מְזוֹזוֹת	You shall inscribe them on the doorposts
בֵּיתְךָ וּבְשַׁעְרֶיךָ.	of your house and on your gates.

A community of faith responding to God's call.  
Loving, learning and leading people to Jesus Christ.

Shema Yisrael (“שמע ישראל”)Hear, O Israel”) are the first two words of a section of the Torah that is the centerpiece of the morning and evening prayer services in the Jewish Community. This beautiful Jewish prayer comes from Deuteronomy 6 and our Savior, Jesus, repeated this prayer in Matthew 22.

The Shema Prayer is a declaration of faith in one God. The faithful in the Jewish community say the Shema in the morning and at night (Deut. 6:7). The first line of the Shema, "Hear O Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord is One" (Shema Yisrael Adonai eloheinu Adonai ehad) (Deuteronomy 6:4) is repeated throughout Jewish prayer services. It is said in the morning blessings, in Shabbat and holidays, as a bedtime prayer, as part of the deathbed confessional, and at various other times; traditionally with your right hand covering your eyes.

The word Shema is the transliteration of the first Hebrew word in Deuteronomy 6:4, which is sama. This word means “to hear” or “to obey.” The Shema Prayer is actually more than just the famous six words, but is composed of three parts linked together into a unity: In Hebrew this means "witness". The idea thus conveyed is that through the recitation or proclamation of the Shema one is a living witness testifying to the truth of its message.



## CHURCH EVENT CALENDAR

OCTOBER ELDER ~ Tom Collins

NOVEMBER ELDER ~ Ronnie Greer

**FPC OFFICE HOURS** ~ The church office is open Monday - Thursday 9:00am-3:00pm. Feel free to stop by and say hello to Jaimie Minich!

**141st Flint River Presbytery Virtual Stated Meeting** ~ Saturday, November 4th 10am, on ZOOM. Elder Richard Pollette is our voting commissioner.

**Sunday, November 5** ~ All Saints' Sunday ~ Special Guests, Special Music, Special Food.

**First Presbyterian Hosting GSW Pres House** ~ A Sign Up sheet is in the narthex for covered dishes and volunteers as our congregation is hosting a Thanksgiving Feast for the GSW Pres House lunch on **NOVEMBER 16**; averaging 15 students.

**Flint River Presbytery TRAIN RIDE** ~ Saturday, November 11; The roundtrip train ride departs from Willacoochee Station in Valdosta at 10am with a short stopover in Nashville, GA at the Farmer's Market and turnaround at Moody Air Force Base. Estimated trip time is 6 hours. [Please email \(ecantrell@flintriverpresbytery.org\) to RSVP no later than November 5th.](mailto:ecantrell@flintriverpresbytery.org) Your ticket(s) must be paid for ahead of time by either sending a check with "Train Ride" in the memo line or paying online on our website. Tickets are \$45 each and include lunch.

**Sunday, November 12** ~ Gary Cullison's commissioning service at First Presbyterian of Cordele at 4pm. ~ 301 East 14th Ave, Cordele, Georgia 31015

**Tuesday, November 14 at 7pm** ~ Community Thanksgiving Worship Service at Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church. Hosted by SAMA. ~ 225 Forrest St ~

### October Birthdays:

October 6 ~ Jo Childers

October 6 ~ David Rhyne

October 14 ~ Lisa Poudrier Collins

October 17 ~ Justin Minich

October 18 ~ Bob Bryan

October 21 ~ Harper Tidwell



### October Anniversaries:

October 6 ~ Meda and Bill Krenson

If we have missed a birthday or anniversary, please let us know. A sign up sheet is with the Prayer Grams in the entry/narthax.



First Presbyterian financially supports the Harvest of Hope Food Pantry each month. **The month of October we will be collecting 6 oz—Stuffing Mix** as our monthly donation. You may bring your donations to Sunday 11am Worship or to the office on Tues & Thurs 9am—3pm. As we are fed each month by our Lord Jesus through Holy Communion, we do our best to help feed others in need.

**SESSION (Ruling Elders):**

Class of 2024

Class of 2025

Class of 2026

Tom Collins

Ronnie Greer

Mary Catron

Carrie Hawkins

Terry McDonald

Jim Griffith

Sharon McFarland (clerk)

Richard Pollette

David Minich

2023 Corporation Officers elected on Feb.12, 2023

President: Tom Collins - VP: Carrie Hawkins

Secretary: Sharon McFarland - Chief Financial Officer: Bill Krenson

**PRAYER LIST**

We lift up prayers for those listening Sunday mornings on WISK 98.7, Radio.

May they be spiritually fed. Please Pray For - Our Nation, Our Church; Our

Presbytery, Our Pastor, Our Staff, Our Officers, Campus Ministry,

Our Community and especially:

MEMBERS AND CHURCH FRIENDS AT HOME &/OR IN RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES

Bob & B.J. Bryan

Nancy Miller

Gloria Johnson

Pat Hill

Blanche Palmer

Kathy Newkirk

Anne & Malcolm Perry

MEMBERS REMEMBERED

Terry McDonald

Tom and Sharon McFarland

PRAYER REQUESTS

~ Keith and Donna Lee ~ Thank-you for your continued prayers for Coach Keith Lee. He had open heart surgery at Piedmont in Atlanta on Thursday, October 26th. He remains in need of prayers for strength and recovery.

~The GSW PresHouse ~ Flint River Presbytery has requested intentional and perpetual prayer for all the churches and affiliates in our Presbytery. This week we are lifting up The GSW PresHouse from right here at home. Congratulations to Katie Minich, the new Campus Ministry Director!

MISSIONARIES REMEMBERED IN PRAYER

-Ben & Esther Campbell, Push the Rock Intl.

- Tim & Lois Hunter, Spoken Worldwide

- Rev. George Haugen (PC USA Minister), Antioch Partners

Please notify the church office at 924-2162 or [office@americuspresbyterian.org](mailto:office@americuspresbyterian.org) if you would like to add someone to our prayer list and/or request a PrayerGram.

*First Presbyterian Church of Americus, GA*

Sunday, October 29, 2023 ~ 11:00 a.m.



\*All Are Invited to Stand in Body or in Spirit  
The congregation is invited to respond at the **bold** print

**PRELUDE**.....Pianist Candice Godby

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**.....Pastor Sommer Bower

**\*HYMN (#63)** .....Pianist Candice Godby  
"The Lord Is God"

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Deuteronomy 6: 4-8 (Shema Prayer)

*Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord is One.*

*Blessed be the name of the glory of His kingdom forever and ever.*

**You shall love Adonai your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul,  
and with all your might.  
And these words which I command you today shall be upon your heart.  
You shall teach them thoroughly to your children,  
and you shall speak of them when you sit in your house  
and when you walk on the road, when you lie down and when you rise.  
You shall bind them as a sign upon your hand,  
and they shall be for a reminder between your eyes.  
And you shall write them upon the doorposts of your house  
and upon your gates.**

*Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord is One.*

*Blessed be the name of the glory of His kingdom forever and ever.*

**SCRIPTURE**

NRSV updated version

**Leviticus 19:18**

**18** You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

**Matthew 22: 34-46**

***The Greatest Commandment***

**34** When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, **35** and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. **36** “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” **37** He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ **38** This is the greatest and first commandment. **39** And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ **40** On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

***The Question about David’s Son***

**41** Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: **42** “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” **43** He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

**44** ‘The Lord said to my Lord,  
“Sit at my right hand,  
until I put your enemies under your feet” ’?

**45** “If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” **46** No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

*This is the Word of God, for the people of God.*

**Thanks be to God.**



**\*HYMN (#711)**.....Pianist Candice Godby  
*“Lord of All Good”*

**SERMON**.....Pastor Sommer Bower  
*“Final score: Jesus 4, Others 0 ”*

**PRAAYER OF DEDICATION**

*Scriptures points to a grand reality rooted in love and how the world is ruled by a Messiah who we cannot quite wrap our heads around. May Christ’s revealing work through the Holy Spirit continue to upset our foundations so that our lives may be as grand and loving as God intends. May we give and receive with that kind of holy spirit.  
Amen.*

**OFFERTORY**.....Pianist Candice Godby

**\*DOXOLOGY (606)** .....Pianist Candice Godby

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

**\*HYMN (#828)**.....Pianist Candice Godby  
*“More Love to Thee, O Christ”*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**.....Pianist Candice Godby



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