

## Service Participants

Reverend Sommer Bower  
Pianist Alwen Yeung  
Elder Joy Thompson, Liturgist  
Dr. Pam Fields

## First Presbyterian Elders & Ushers

Ronnie Greer    Jim Griffith    Darryl Hawkins  
Bill Krenson    Tom McFarland    David Minich  
Richard Pollette    Earl Williams

*The Committal Service for Dr. Tom J. Collins will be on  
Wednesday, December 27, 2023  
at First Presbyterian Church of Pickens, South Carolina.  
Robinson Funeral Home in Easley, SC is handling the  
committal arrangements.*



## First Presbyterian Church

Americus, Georgia



*A Service of Witness to the Resurrection  
Giving Thanks for the Life of  
Dr. Tom J. Collins  
December 21, 1940 ~ December 10, 2023*

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Giving Thanks for the Life of  
Dr. Tom J. Collins*

*First Presbyterian Church of Americus, Georgia  
December 14, 2023 ~ 4:00 p.m.*

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

**PRELUDE**

Alwen Yeung , Pianist

**\*SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE**

*“Jesus said: I am the good shepherd.  
I know my own and my own know me.  
He will feed his flock like a shepherd,  
he will gather the lambs in his arms,  
and carry them in his bosom.”*

~John 10: 14; Isaiah 40:11

*“Come to me, all you that are weary  
and are carrying heavy burdens,  
and I will give you rest.”*

~Matthew 11:28

**OPENING PRAYER**

Elder Joy Thompson

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Elder Joy Thompson

**Our father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not to temptation,  
but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and  
the power and the glory forever, amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Alwen Yeung, Pianist

**SCRIPTURE**

~Isaiah 43: 1-4

*But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you,  
O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are  
mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers,  
they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you. For I am your God, the Holy One of Israel, your  
Savior. I gave Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.  
Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in  
return for you, nations in exchange for your life.*

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

“Knowledge Bound”

Rev. Sommer Bower

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Alwen Yeung, Pianist

**RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF TOM COLLINS**

Dr. Pam Fields, President of Dooly County Retired Educators

**COMMENDATION**

**CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

“Tiger Rag”

Alwen Yeung, Pianist

**\*DEPARTURE OF FAMILY**

**\*POSTLUDE**