

WAYS TO WORSHIP:



IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Every Sunday at 11:00 am in the church sanctuary.
125 South Jackson Street, Americus, GA 31709

RADIO

Our Church Service is on the radio.
You are encouraged to tune in to WISK radio 98.7
or on the radio website www.americusradio.com

FACEBOOK

You can join us for Sunday Worship via Facebook live at First Presbyterian Church of Americus. Visit: for live stream at 11:00 am on the church Facebook page- <https://www.facebook.com/fpcamericus/>

CHURCH WEBSITE

You can always find past worship services on our church website
www.americuspresbyterian.org

Under the worship tab you will find bulletins, radio recordings and Facebook videos.

WAYS TO CONTINUE GIVING:

You can now **GIVE ONLINE** on the church website through a secure portal hosted by Presbyterian Foundation: <http://www.americuspresbyterian.org/give/>

First Presbyterian Church

Americus, Georgia

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



A modern stained glass window from St Aloysius' church in Somers Town, London of the Holy Spirit descending on Our Lady and the apostles, as is recounted in Acts 2:1-11.
Picture taken by Lawrence OP & found on Flickr

On the day of Pentecost, when the Jewish people had gathered in Jerusalem fifty days after Passover, they gathered to celebrate the festival of the first fruits of the garden and the Torah being given to Moses at Sinai, the festival of Shavuot. The disciples were all together when they felt the rush of wind so powerful it shook the room they were in, and divided tongues, as of fire, appeared above them. Suddenly, the disciples could speak all the languages of the Jewish diaspora around the Mediterranean. Some of the crowds were perplexed, others said they were drunk, but Peter boldly declared that this was what God spoke through the prophet Joel, that the Holy Spirit was to be poured out on everyone. This was a sign of God's faithfulness and God's power upon the people, and there would be even more signs to come as prophesied of the day of the Lord.

First Presbyterian Church of Americus, GA

Sunday, May 19, 2024 ~ 11:00 a.m.

PENTECOST SUNDAY



*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 (#291) verse 4**.....Pianist Candice Godby
"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

**Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

**You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;
From the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.**

**Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise.**

**Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

*When Pentecost Day arrived,
they were all together in one place.*

*Suddenly a sound from heaven
like the howling of a fierce wind
filled the entire house where they were sitting.*

*They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire
alighting on each one of them.*

**They were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and began to speak in other languages
as the Spirit enabled them to speak.**

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

SESSION (Ruling Elders):

<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Carrie Hawkins	Ronnie Greer	Mary Catron
Sharon McFarland (clerk)	Terry McDonald	Jim Griffith
	Richard Pollette	David Minich

2024 Corporation Officers elected on Feb. 4, 2024

President: Ronnie Greer - VP: Terry McDonald
Secretary: Sharon McFarland - Chief Financial Officer: Bill Krenson



*First Presbyterian supports the Harvest of Hope Food Pantry each month financially and with food donations. **The month of May, we will be collecting 3oz. Jello Gelatin.** Donations can be brought to Sunday 11am Worship or to the office Mon - 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. Harvest of Hope also collects egg cartons and plastic bags. Those items can be delivered directly to 606 McGarrah Street on Tuesday Mornings 8:30am - 11:am.*

May Birthdays

- May 7 - Richard Pollette
- May 16 - Wynonna Norton
- May 20 - Terry McDonald
- May 22 - David Catron
- May 26 - Fred Richmond

Anniversaries

- May 11 - Jim and Pat Buffaloe
- May 12 - John and Sharon Parks
- May 12 - Joshua and Sommer Bower
- May 25 - Tom and Sharon McFarland
- May 27 - Bob and BJ Bryan
- May 28 - Lisa and Rod Collins

***If we have missed a birthday or anniversary, please let us know.
A sign up sheet is on the narthax table.**

CHURCH EVENT CALENDAR

*For a complete calendar, please visit: <https://www.americuspresbyterian.org/calendar/>

~ May 2024 ~ Elder of the Month ~ Mary Catron ~
~ June 2024 ~ Elder of the Month ~ Sharon McFarland ~

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ~ Sunday, May 19 directly following 11:00am worship. The Nominating Committee has the slate of nominees for the Class of 2027. The Nominating Committee would also like to bring a recommendation to the congregation for session classes to be made up of two (2) people, instead of three. The nominees for the class of 2027 are: Joshua Minich and Carrie Hawkins.

GARDEN ~ The church garden is growing; tomatoes, cucumbers, sweet potato's, zucchini, beans & carrots. Ready to harvest; dill, fennel, peas and radishes!

CHURCH SOFTBALL ~ It's time to Root, Root, ROOT for the home team at the old ball game! Presbyterians have a game this week; Thursday, May 23 at 6:45pm.

PASTOR SOMMER ~ Attending her grandmothers memorial service Thurs, May 23 - Mon, May 27.

PULPIT SUPPLY ~ On Sunday, May 26th, Elder David Minich will lead us in worship.

JAIMIE MINICH VACATION ~ The church office will be closed Sun, June 2 - Thurs, June 6.

MOVIE NIGHT ~ Featuring "The Chosen" Seasons 1-3 miniseries, is hosted every Friday at 7pm in the church library with Elder Richard Pollette! (will run thru the first week of July)

WEDDING REHEARSAL ~ Friday, May 31 ~ Harmon/ Ellis Wedding

WEDDING ~ Saturday, June 1 ~ Harmon/ Ellis Wedding

NEXT FLINT RIVER PRESBYTERY TRE (Trained Ruling Elder) CLASS ~ SAT, June 8th.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9 ~ City of Americus hosting downtown Beach Party/ Food Truck Fest. Jackson Street may be closed, please be prepared to use Forrest St and our rear parking lot for worship.

CALLLED FLINT RIVER PRESBYTERY MEETING ~ Tuesday, June 11 at 10:00am via ZOOM.

HANDBELL WORKSHOP ~ Director Cynthia Richmond has arranged for a special workshop with Rick Wood; Wednesday, June 19 and Sunday, June 23. If you would like to participate, please contact Cynthia at 229 942-6547.

NEXT STATED SESSION MEETING ~ Tuesday, June 25 at 6:00pm.



2024 Adult Church Softball League

First Presbyterian Game Schedule

- * Thursday, May 9 @ 8:00pm *
- * Thursday, May 16 @ 6:45pm *
- * Thursday, May 23 @ 6:45pm *
- * Thursday, May 30 @ 6:45pm *



Single elimination tournament: Monday, June 3rd and Tuesday, June 4th

Championship Game: Thursday, June 6 @ 6:45pm

All games played at Sumter Co Regional Park Annex: 726 S MLK Blvd, Americus, GA 31709

*HYMN (#288).....Pianist Candice Godby

"Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me;

Fill me; use me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

SCRIPTURE Acts 2: 1-21

The Common English Bible

Pentecost

When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. **2** Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. **3** They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. **4** They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

5 There were pious Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. **6** When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered. They were mystified because everyone heard them speaking in their native languages. **7** They were surprised and amazed, saying, "Look, aren't all the people who are speaking Galileans, every one of them? **8** How then can each of us hear them speaking in our native language? **9** Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; as well as residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the regions of Libya bordering Cyrene; and visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism), **11** Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the mighty works of God in our own languages!" **12** They were all surprised and bewildered. Some asked each other, "What does this mean?" **13** Others jeered at them, saying, "They're full of new wine!"

14 Peter stood with the other eleven apostles. He raised his voice and declared, "Judeans and everyone living in Jerusalem! Know this! Listen carefully to my words! **15** These people aren't drunk, as you suspect; after all, it's only nine o'clock in the morning! **16** Rather, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

17 In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy.

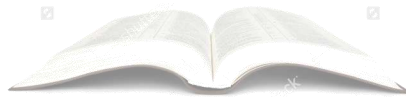
Your young will see visions.

Your elders will dream dreams.

18 Even upon my servants, men and women,
 I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
 and they will prophesy.
 19 I will cause wonders to occur in the heavens above
 and signs on the earth below,
 blood and fire and a cloud of smoke.
 20 The sun will be changed into darkness,
 and the moon will be changed into blood,
 before the great and spectacular day of the Lord comes.
 21 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

This is the Word of God, for the People of God,

Thanks be to God.



HYMN (#286, remained seated).....Pianist Candice Godby
"Breath on Me, Breath of God"

SERMON.....Pastor Sommer Bower
"Breathing Fire"

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 (#610)**.....Pianist Candice Godby
"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE.....Pianist Candice Godby



We are absolutely delighted that you've chosen to worship with us today!

You can revisit this service on our website: americuspresbyterian.org

(click on the WORSHIP tab) and on facebook:

www.facebook.com/fpcamericus/.

May Christ's peace be with you until we meet again!



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

Amelia Bibler

Revs. Josh & Sommer Bower; Cade & Dianna

*You are invited to sign the Prayergrams on the narthex table in fellowship.

MISSIONARIES REMEMBERED IN PRAYER

-Ben & Esther Campbell, Push the Rock Intl.

- Tim & Lois Hunter, Spoken Worldwide

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

~ Emily Collins ~ Please keep Emily Collins in your prayers. She is now home from the hospital after experiencing a fall in her driveway and being outside for *many* long hours. She thankfully has no broken bones, but is sore and bruised. Despite the very scary experience Emily is in good spirits and you are welcome to call or visit. Let us unite in praying for Emily as she heals and recovers. To contact Emily:

~171 Westshore Drive, Americus, GA 31709 ~ (229) 886-9359 (Emily's cell)~

~ Forsyth Presbyterian Church ~ From the Flint River Presbytery perpetual prayer calendar, we celebrate and pray for the Pastor, Session and Congregation of Forsyth Pres. Special prayers for the pastor of Forsyth Presbyterian, Rev. Marilyn Tucker-Marek, who is expecting her first baby this summer with her husband.

~ Fernando Louis Gonzales ~ Fernando Louis passed away Wednesday, May 15 at his home in Lubbock, TX after 6 years of battling bone cancer. Fernando is the father-in-law of Julie Minich and grandfather of the twins, Ignacio and Simón. Thank you for keeping the Gonzales Family in your prayers, especially Dominic Gonzales (Julie Minich's husband).