

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Session Meeting**  
**Monday, September 15, 2025**

A Session meeting of the First Presbyterian Church (Greensboro) convened in the Sanctuary on September 15, 2025, at 5:30pm. Rev. Dr. Jill Duffield served as moderator. There were 27 elders in attendance and 3 excused absences. In addition to Rev. Duffield, attendees included Rev. Newton Cowan, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care, Tim Millisor, Director of Property and Operations, Christine Ciaccio, Director of Finance, Matt Bussell, Associate Pastor for Outreach and Mission, and Anne Albert, Director of Worship.

**Welcome**

Rev. Dr. Jill Duffield opened the meeting at 5:30pm by reading Psalm 3 and offering a prayer, followed by a mention of the Session Group Covenant.

**Consent Agenda**

No changes were proposed, and the consent agenda was approved by acclamation.

- From the Clerk: Minutes of the August 18, 2025, stated meeting
- From the Discipleship Office: August 2025 membership reports
- Committee reports: Discipleship, Adult and Children Formation Reports
- Upcoming Baptisms

**Discipleship**

Rev. Matt Bussell announced Will Edwards has requested to be received by reacclamation of faith. Mr. Edwards started working at FPC in May 2022. Mr. Edwards will be pursuing his divinity degree. These membership changes were approved without objection. A card was provided by the Discipleship Committee to Mr. Edwards.

**Installation of FPC Trustee Responsible for L. Richardson Trust**

Rev. Jill Duffield read Ephesians 4: 1-6, then led the Session through the Commissioning and Installation of Louann Clarke as Trustee responsible for the L. Richardson Trust (attached).

**Update on Security**

Tim Millisor reported two recent break-ins at the church. The person was identified via camera footage. Change and jewelry were taken from lost and found. A report was filed.

On September 9th, the same person came back. They went down to the basement of Memorial and took a TV. Tom Millisor reports the chapel door was broken. It is wired shut at the moment until it is able to be fixed. We have a picture of the person from video footage. We will have security training with ushers. A general communication will be sent to church members about making sure doors are locked. If a member sees this person, call 911 since he is known to police after two reports.

### **Time to Connect**

Rev. Dr. Duffield presented an activity. Groups of six answered the following three questions:

- What do you love about this place?
- What is a challenge we face?
- What do you want this congregation to look like in 10 years?

### **Prayers of the People**

Rev. Newton Cowan offered Prayers of the People, and both joys & concerns were shared.

### **Finance**

Dave Thompson, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported his committee is working hard to address revenue issues. Mr. Thompson reviewed the September 2025 financials.

In 2022, there were 493 units that pledged, and the average pledge was \$5,000 per unit. This year, 2025, there are 454 pledging units, with the average pledge being \$6,000 per unit. The pledging commitment is up 20% from three years ago.

In 2022-2023, we were profitable. In 2024, we lost \$197,000. The budget forecasted this year to lose \$238,000. Currently, pledged and non-pledged gifts total \$3.25 million (\$2.8 million pledged income, the rest non-pledged).

In May 2025, we were \$70,000 behind the year before. In August 2025, we were \$47,000 ahead of last year. In pledged income, June, July, August, \$100,000 more than last year was brought in. Non-pledged income is down \$150,000 from the year before. Mr. Thompson feels good about expenses.

The Stewardship Committee and the newly formed Generosity Committee will assist in addressing these issues.

### **Scripture Reading**

Andy Brantley read Romans 8:31-39.

### **Faith Sharing**

Tim Cook shared his faith journey.

### **Communion Training**

Director of Worship, Anne Albert, led Session members through training for plated communion and intinction in the sanctuary.

### **New Business – For the Good of the Session**

There was no new business.

**Closing Prayer**

Rev. Dr. Jill Duffield offered the closing prayer and adjourned the meeting at 7:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Martin

Clerk of Session

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