

**First Presbyterian Church
Session Meeting
Monday, March 16, 2026**

A Session meeting of the First Presbyterian Church (Greensboro) convened in the Garden Room on March 16, 2026, at 5:30pm. Rev. Dr. Jill Duffield served as moderator. There were 27 elders in attendance and 4 excused absences. In addition to Rev. Duffield, attendees included Rev. Newton Cowan, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care, Dr. Erin Bowers, Associate Pastor for Christian Formation, Tim Millisor, Director of Property and Operations, Christine Ciaccio, Director of Finance, Matt Bussell, Associate Pastor for Outreach, and Erwin Fuller.

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Jill Duffield opened the meeting at 5:30pm. Rev. Duffield read Psalm 33 and offered a prayer, followed by a reading of the Session Group Covenant.

Consent Agenda

No changes were proposed, and the consent agenda was approved without objection.

- From the Clerk: Minutes of the February 16, 2026, stated meeting and March 1 Congregational Meeting
- From the Discipleship Office: February 2026 membership reports
- Committee Reports: Discipleship, Pastoral Care and Worship & Music Reports
- Upcoming Baptisms

Discussion of Proposed Statement

Rev. Dr. Jill Duffield moderated discussion of the proposed statement by breaking the Session into four groups. Each group discussed four questions and then came back together for discussion. Each breakout group provided feedback regarding the proposed statement. The small working group will meet again, edit the statement and bring it back to Session at the next meeting. We may need to figure out how to communicate with the church that we are working on this statement.

Scripture Reading

Andy Brantley read Romans 12: 13-21

Faith Sharing

Margaret Arbuckle shared her faith journey.

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 reviewed the February 2026 financial reports (attached).

- Mr. Thompson recognized the work that went into the published 2025 annual report - special thanks to Gay White and Ann Alexander
- At the end of January, pledge gifts were \$87K behind prior year
- At end of February, pledge gifts were \$37K ahead of prior year
- Caroline Woodriff, member of the Finance Committee, is heading up a group to get understanding of how we will use \$8.6M of cash on hand. There could be short term investment opportunities that could maximize income from cash, could be incrementally \$50,000 or more

Stewardship Committee

Tom Gillespie reports we currently have 418 pledges, up slightly from this time last year, totaling around \$2,630,000. We still have a ways to go to meet our goal. The ad hoc committee that is reviewing the use of space/property is up and running. In addition, another ad hoc committee to clean up the membership rolls has begun work. We have a large amount of people who have never given to the capital campaign or pledged. We need to figure out how to reach these folks.

Property

Homer Wade updated the Session on the Capital Campaign Renovation. A map of progress was presented. Two motions were presented. The first is to extend the date of contract for Blum Construction from January 19, 2027 to Feb 18, 2027. The motion comes from committee so does not require a second. A brief discussion to clarify dates around time extensions was held. All in favor, the motion passes.

Assessment of Capstones - project designed to repair the capstones. Some capstones are going to need more extensive work. This would add an additional \$300,000 to the budget for repairs. For replacement, the estimated cost is \$400,000. Total replacement gives us 50 years. This also gives us a new flat roof in the lower section. The repairs will give us 20-30 years. The committee feels the additional \$100,000 for total replacement will be well worth the cost. This cost will come from the contingency budget. The motion comes from committee so it does not require a second. All in favor, motion passes.

New Business – For the Good of the Session

Rev. Jill Duffield reminded the Session that on Sunday, March 22nd at 10:00am, the confirmands will be giving their faith statements. Sunday, April 5th, the national airing of the recorded Easter service will air at noon.

Closing Prayer

Rev. Dr. Jill Duffield offered the closing prayer and adjourned the meeting at 7:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Martin
Clerk of Session
2025-2026

**First Presbyterian Church
Greensboro, NC
Called Session Meeting
Sunday, March 22, 2026, 10:00am**

A called Session meeting of First Presbyterian Church (Greensboro) took place on March 22, 2026, at 10:00am in the Mullin Life Center for the purpose of hearing the faith statements of fourteen (14) FPC 8th grade confirmands as they complete their journey to church membership.

Rev. Dr. Jill Duffield, Senior Pastor, served as moderator for the meeting. In addition to elders and Rev. Duffield, confirmation mentors, and parents of the confirmands were in attendance. Rev. Newton Cowan, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care, Rev. Matt Bussell, Associate Pastor for Outreach & Mission, Lisa Witherspoon, Director of Children and Youth Ministry, and Nolan Chilton, Interim Director of Youth Ministry, also participated in the called Session meeting.

Having determined that a quorum was present, the Moderator opened with prayer and stated the purpose of the meeting.

With 2-3 confirmands at each table with 3-4 elders, the confirmands proceeded to share aloud their faith statements, written after nearly 5 months of confirmation activities. Following the time of sharing, Rev. Duffield suggested the Session recognize that the 8th graders had completed the requirements of Confirmation and accept the confirmands as full members of First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro. A motion was made, seconded, and approved.

Confirmands were asked to come to the front of the Life Center and respond in the affirmative to five (5) Questions of Faith, at which time mentors presented confirmation gifts. One confirmand was also receiving the sacrament of baptism as part of confirmation, and they received an additional acknowledgement.

Closing Prayer

Rev. Dr. Duffield closed the called Session meeting with prayer and adjourned at 10:35am.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Cochran
Assistant Clerk of Session
2027-2028