

First Presbyterian Church
Albany, Georgia
Agenda of Stated Meeting of the Session
July 16, 2019
6:00pm

“To encourage, equip, and empower people with the compassion of Christ to renew our changing congregation and community” (Note: This is our church’s mission statement, which we include in all published materials)

Ruling Elders:

Class of 2019

Larry Patrick
Shelly Cox
Kelly Courtney

Class of 2020

Anna Wilschetz, clerk
Cory Kunkle
Terry Bundies

Class of 2021

Veronica Johnson
Arnold Hammack
Bill Crocker

Pastor:

Joshua Bower, moderator

Call to Order and Opening Prayer (6:00pm)

- I. Prayer requests/concerns
- II. Silence
- III. Opening Prayer

Approval of Session Minutes

- I. June 18, 2019 stated meeting of session

Communications/Reports

Clerk’s Report and General Information

I. Clerk’s Report/Communications

II. Upcoming Church/Community Events

- “Advent in July” event at the Flint River Presbytery office Saturday, July 20, 10am-3pm, \$10 per person. Great ideas will be exchanged for celebrating Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany in the church, and a homemade lunch served.
- The Presbyterian Foundation (a Presbyterian organization whose goal is to “gather, steward, and distribute funds for mission” in Presbyterian churches and organizations) is hosting a “Small Church Forum” on Wednesday, July 24, 12:00—2:00pm at the presbytery office here in Albany. The focus is on helping churches do long-term financial planning and visioning.
- “Discover 1st Pres Albany” new member class will be Sunday, August 11 immediately following worship. Invite some folks to it!

Diaconate Report—Margaret Fulford, moderator of diaconate

Pastor’s Report

- Pastor’s report emailed with the session agenda. Any questions?

Presbytery Report

- I. Next meeting of Flint River Presbytery is Saturday, October 26 at Carver Heights Presbyterian Church in Columbus. *We need to elect a commissioner to this meeting no later than our October 15 session meeting.*

Committee Reports (*Note: please send written reports of each of your committee meetings [in a Word document format] to all elders and copy administrative assistant Marie Kreiser [marie@1stpresalbany.org]*).

- I. Buildings and Grounds—Larry and Arnold
- II. Stewardship and Finance—Kelly

Consent Agenda (Omnibus Motion)¹

- *Worship Committee* recommends that the session authorize the baptism of Tate Tolar, son of Merritt and Bryant Tolar, in worship on Sunday, October 20, 2019.
- *Veronica Johnson* requests the use of the fellowship hall on Sunday, October 20, 2019, to host a luncheon for invited guests to celebrate the baptism of Tate Tolar.

Committee Action Items

Unfinished Business

- I. Church Signage

New Business

- I. *Note: Unless new business is extremely urgent, the deadline for new business items to be discussed is the Thursday prior to the Tuesday session meeting, to give people time to think about it before they come.*

The Lord's Supper (*Note: We celebrate the Lord's Supper quarterly at session meetings*)

- I. Scripture Reading—Luke 12:22-34
- II. Prayer of Thanksgiving
- III. The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who 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 into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

- IV. Communion

- *Note: As the cup and bread are passed, each session member offers one sign of God's presence, new life, and hope they've seen in our church, community, or world recently.*

Adjournment and Closing Prayer (No later than 7:30pm unless there is a majority vote of all those present to continue) (*Note: We vote each year to institute/reinstitute a 1½ hour limit to session meetings. This helps keep us on task and focused. It is really a very loose limit, and we go over if something is truly worth discussing*)

NEXT MEETING: August 20, 6pm

- *Note: We normally list here any "big ticket" items on the horizon for the next meeting.*

¹ the "Consent Agenda/Omnibus Motion" is used to approve non-controversial items together in 1 motion. This motion is not debatable and once the motion is made we go straight to a vote. If anyone feels any item needs to be discussed for any reason, any elder may request (with or without giving rationale) that it be moved either to "committee action items" or "new business." (*Note: This wording is included in the agenda*)

Session Agenda
Tuesday, September 24, 2019
5:30 p.m. - Parlor

- I. Declaration of Quorum
- II. Call to Order
 - a. Lighting of Christ Candle
 - b. Devotional – Name of person giving devotion
- III. Reception of New Members
- IV. Approval of Previous Minutes
- V. Communications / Presentation of Omnibus Motion
- VI. Clerk's Report
- VII. Continuing Education
- VIII. Flint River Presbytery
- IX. Diaconate Report
- X. Trustees Report
- XI. Old Business / Vote on Omnibus Motion
- XII. Ministry Reports (*Please limit reports to items to be voted on by the Session. Each ministry's minutes are available in the Session Packets.*)
 - a. Christian Education
 - b. Evaluation and Planning
 - c. Mission/Evangelism
 - d. Operations
 - e. Personnel
 - f. Stewardship and Finance (Financial Report)
 - g. Worship
- XIII. New Business
- XIV. Staff Reports
- XIII. Adjournment and Closing Prayer

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 22 at 5:30 p.m. in the Parlor

Devotional to be given by: _____

Please submit information and documents for the next month's Session packets to designated person's email in the church office by Wednesday, October 16.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Thomaston, Georgia

STATED SESSION MEETING
21 October 2019

AGENDA

1. Opening prayer
2. Financial report
3. Order of the day: Elder Perkins and pastor's evaluation report
4. Order of the day: Elder Perkins and Mark Hawkins on a property report
5. Clerk's report
 - a. Approval of minutes
6. Pastor's report
 - a. Correspondence
 - b. Information (including Elder Undershepherd updates)
 - c. Reminders
7. Committee reports
 - a. Personnel
 - b. Property
 - c. Other
8. Old business
 - a. Church schedule in manual
 - b. Committee descriptions in manual
 - c. Unbudgeted financial planning list
 - d. Safe deposit box
 - e. Other
9. New business
 - a. Pastor's request for leave during week of Thanksgiving
 - b. Other
10. Closing prayer and adjournment

Trinity Presbyterian Church – Sylvester, GA

SESSION MEETING AGENDA

(generic, with notes on each agenda item)

Date / Time Date/time, where, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th Qtr Stated (or called) mtg.
Attendance List names for various categories.
- Moderator
- Elders
- Others
- Elders Absent/Excused
Quorum (moderator +2 elders minimum) Acknowledgement whether or not quorum present.

Prayer Usually by moderator.

Minutes Approval
- Prior Session Mtg Date & qtr if stated mtg (or date & purpose if called mtg).
- Congregational/Corporate Mtg Date + whether annual, special, or called mtg.

Treasurer's Report Date + portion of financial year covered by report.

Elder Commissioner's Report Date, church where FRP mtg held, commissioner name.

Old Business Include statements: "If Session Mbr has item (old or new business).
Session Mbr may bring-up any item (whether on/not on agenda)."
- If Any State topic subject.

New Business
- Correspondence "Clerk to review" items sent/recvd+state disposition+discuss as needed.

- Standing Cmte (SC) Action State whether or not there are any SC items to consider.
(Review/Ratify/Modify) State topic if any item is to be considered.

- Financial Items At 1st mtg of year, use draft minutes as guide to address all
financial/scheduling/other items for year + list documents for session
- Scheduling Items to approve (Mbr Rolls, statistical report), to review (pastor terms call
or contract, elder/deacon registers, etc). At follow-on mtgs, list topics
- Other Items requiring follow-up (completion annual financial review, setting budget,
session records review, release church funds for benevolent projects. etc).
List date, day of week, time, place, & appropriate remarks.

- Next Presbytery Mtg
- Next Congregation Mtg
- Next Session Mtg

Adjournment & Prayer Adjournment by mbr motion & vote + prayer by moderator.

Clerk of Session, Larry Almand, 229-776-1925, Print Date 1-30-2019.

First Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) Valdosta, GA
Session Agenda
October 20, 2019

Class of 2019

Class of 2020

Class of 2021

(Note: Names of Ruling Elders appear beneath these 3 columns. Regarding reports below, the name of the person reporting is added to the right side of the document at the appropriate line.)

CALL TO ORDER

Moderator

DECLARING QUORUM

Clerk of Session

OPENING PRAYER

Moderator

Lighting of the Candle, Prayer & Devotion

PRAYER OF BLESSING

Let us take a moment of silence to reflect on our concerns and the many reasons we have for giving thanks.

(Silence is kept.)

Gracious God, we thank you for the hope you have placed within our hearts—the hope of Christ, our Lord. By the power of your Spirit, give us the strength, wisdom, and courage to follow the way of Jesus. Now, as elected Elders of your church, touch our lives with your loving kindness and guide us in our deliberations. May our decisions be in the same spirit that was in Christ Jesus. This is our fervent prayer. Amen.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (pp. ___)

CONSENT AGENDA

TREASURER'S REPORT (p. __)

CLERK'S REPORT

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration, Finance & Property (p. __)

Faith & Nurture (p. __)

Mission, Evangelism & Media (p. __)

Worship (p. __)

CRE REPORT (p. __)

PASTOR'S REPORT (p. __)

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Next Committee Meeting Dates:

UPCOMING DATES

ADJOURNMENT & CLOSING PRAYER

All who wish to adjourn, please stand and let us pray together:

Christ, our Lord, we are grateful that you have brought us together as workers in your field. Strengthen us in our labors so that your harvest may be bountiful. Keep us mindful of your presence so that when we go our separate ways, we may see the larger vision of your Kingdom at work in us and through us. Amen.

Trinity Presbyterian Church
Stated Session Meeting
Sunday, June 9, 2019 – 4:00 pm
AGENDA

- I. OPENING PRAYER – Elder Grant Wright
- II. ATTENDANCE
- III. PREVIOUS MINUTES
 - A. Sessional
 - B. Congregational
- IV. COMMUNICATIONS
- V. SESSIONAL COMMITTEES
 - A. Building & Grounds
 - B. Care & Share
 - C. Christian Education
 - D. Finance
 - E. Missions
 - F. Worship
- VI. PASTORS' REPORT
- VII. REPORTS OF INTEREST
- VIII. OLD BUSINESS
- IX. NEW BUSINESS
- X. UPCOMING EVENTS
 - A. Montreat Youth Conference – **Jun 8-15**
 - B. Dutch Lunch Bunch – Tue **Jun 18**
 - C. Dogwood Acres Summer Camp – **Jun 24-28**
 - D. Summer Mission Project – Heart for the City 4.0 – **Jul 4-8**
 - E. Communion Sunday – **Jul 7** – 11:00 am
 - F. Stated Session Meeting – Sun **Jul 14** – 12:30 pm
 - G. PCUSA Youth Triennium – **Jul 15-21**
 - H. KOW trip to Albany GA Aquarium – Sat **Jul 20**
 - I. Others
- XI. ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER – Elder Ruth Stonestreet

Washington Avenue Presbyterian Church, USA
Pastor Kenneth Moye
Session Meeting
September 19, 2019

Moderator – Rev. Ralph Hawkins

Opening Prayer – Pastor Kenneth Moye

Roll Call – Elder Diann McMillan, Clerk

Following Elders are present or absent:

- Dr. Jackson Sheftall, Jr.
- Mrs. Diann McMillan
- Mrs. Meredith Dunn
- Mrs. Geraldine McCord
- Mr. Paul David Allen, Sr.

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Communications

Pastor's Concern

Clerk's Report

Treasurer's Report

Standing Committee Reports

- Building and Grounds
- Music and Theology
- Christian Education
- Evangelism and Mission
- Finance and Stewardship

Old/New Business

Motion to Adjourn and Closing Prayer

Signature of the Clerk _____

_____ Presbyterian Church
Session Meeting Minutes

_____, Moderator

Date: _____

- The stated _____ Session meeting was held at the church and was opened with prayer by _____. The Devotional was from _____
- Elders present were _____.
- Elder _____ was not present. _____ made a motion to excuse _____ from the meeting. _____ seconded and the motion carried.
- A quorum was present.

Correspondence:

Minutes from last meeting:

- Minutes from the _____ meeting were read. Corrections were made to the minutes. _____ made motion to accept the minutes with corrections. _____ seconded and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

- The treasurer's report for _____ was received with a beginning balance of _____ and an ending balance of _____.
- A motion was made by _____ to accept the treasurer's report as stated by the treasurer. _____ seconded and the motion carried.

Old Business:

New Business:

Next Meeting: The scheduled meeting will be on _____ at _____ at the church,

Prayer Concerns:

The _____ Session meeting was close with prayer by _____ and was adjourned at _____.

Respectfully submitted, _____ Clerk of Session
Moderator of Session, _____