# SPECIAL SESSION WORKSHOP MINUTES TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 11, 2024 4:00 p.m. Old Fellowship Hall

#### WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

Rebekah LeMon

The stated Session meeting for Trinity Presbyterian Church on **May 11, 2024** was called to order at 4:13 pm in the Old Fellowship Hall by the moderator, Rebekah LeMon. The clerk, Bonnie Holliday, confirmed the presence of a quorum.

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

All current members of the session and all incoming members of the session introduced themselves to the group.

#### SHARING OF FAITH STATEMENTS AND EXAMINATION OF INCOMING ELDERS

The incoming elders shared their faith statements with tables of current elders, and current elders asked questions and opened conversations about faith and the Presbyterian tradition as part of our examination of the incoming elders. Following the formal examination of elders, a current elder at each table provided background on each incoming elder and their faith journeys for the benefit of the entire session. A motion to close the examinations and receive the following elder candidates was made by Martha Craft and seconded by many:

Anne Blitch
Reese Jackson
Benjamin Walls
Scott Calhoun
Dave Higgins
Michelle Stancil
Gina Nana
Anne Marie Spalinger
Brook Chaplain
Mike Hobbs
Libby Gray Hall (youth)
Connor Willingham (youth)

The motion to receive new elders was approved unanimously.

## **DINNER AND SHARING SESSION EXPERIENCE**

Current and new session members shared dinner together. During dinner, session members shared their experiences on session, and offered advice to and answered questions of the incoming members.

#### **REFLECTING AND BRAINSTORMING FOR 2024-2025:**

Following dinner, subgroups of the session, including incoming elders, discussed goals presented in the past and our accomplishments in those areas, as well as goals moving forward in 2024-2025. Specifically, we addressed potential avenues for the improvement of our adult education program, our children and family ministries, and commitment.

# CLOSING WORSHIP AND COMMUNION IN DOBBS CHAPEL

Rebekah LeMon

The session and incoming members met in Dobbs Chapel for a closing worship and communion service. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Holliday

Clerk

Drew Timmons Assistant Clerk

UPCOMING DATES		
Ordination and Installation of elders, Holy Smokers BBQ	May 19, 11:00 a.m.	*one service
Baptism		John Patterson Pulliam, son of Sara and John Pulliam

Trinity Presbyterian Church Session In-person Attendance (In Bold), May 11, 2024:

Name	Name	Name
Roxanna Erwin	Reid Willingham	Karen Bain
Ginny Hobbs	Kenny Kraft	Jon Balch
Bonnie Holiday –Clerk	Kristin Hunter	Dean Cleaveland
Richard O'Donnell	Tom Owens	Rebekah Groover
Trey Reese	Martha Craft	Jay Harris
Lane Rhoden	Drew Timmons -Asst. Clerk	Paige Keller
Allen Spetnagel	Meredith Daniel	Nick Leet
Cindy Stancil	Allen Moseley	Jon McRae
Adair White	Chris Suh	Mary Kelly Speed
Neal Williams	Lindsey Greene	Catherine Warren
		Catherine Quillian
		(youth)
		Helen Slawson (youth)
Staff Attendees:	Other Attendees:	Guests (Incoming Elders)
Rebekah LeMon-		Anne Blitch
Moderator		
Elizabeth Davis		Reese Jackson
Heather Edmiston		Benjamin Walls
Lucy Strong		Scott Calhoun
		Dave Higgins
		Michelle Stancil
		Gina Nana
		Anne Marie Spalinger
		Brook Chaplain
		Mike Hobbs
		Libby Gray Hall
		Connor Willingham