

STATED SESSION MEETING MINUTES
TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
October 15, 2024
7:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER & DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Rebekah LeMon

The stated Session meeting for Trinity Presbyterian Church on **October 15, 2024** was called to order at **7:03pm** by Zoom by the moderator, Rebekah LeMon. The clerk, Drew Timmons, confirmed the presence of a quorum.

DEVOTION

Mike Hobbs

Mike Hobbs shared the importance of sports, in particular running, in his life. Running became an important passion. However, to be a true runner, you must complete a marathon. Several years ago, Mike signed up for a marathon that was supposed to be in March. Prior to the marathon, weather reports were reflecting that the temperatures on marathon day were going to be in the mid-80s which is very hot for runners. After training for so many months, Mike decided he wasn't going to bow out. The race had many hills, and around mile 13, Mike encountered the runner in front of him had a shirt on that said "run with perseverance the race that you have set before us." Had never seen that. It kept him going – he followed this person for 8 or 9 miles. Mike crossed the line that day and it was 85 degrees. Since then, this scripture has become a part of his life. Eventually, his son Ted started running middle school cross country. Ted wanted to run the Thanksgiving half marathon with Mike. Ginny made it clear that nothing bad could happen to Ted during the race. Mike shared the scripture with him (Hebrews 12:1). Persevere. Mike and Ted put the scripture in their shorts, and they didn't stop the next day. Later, Ted was training for a marathon. Mike noticed he had a tattoo. It was Hebrews 12:1. The words of this scripture impact him as an individual and his family and it can be broader. It provides guidance for all of us.

OMNIBUS MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Rebekah LeMon

Rebekah LeMon directed session members to the omnibus motion in the meeting packet which included tonight's meeting Agenda, Stated Session Meeting Minutes from September 17, 2024, the Financial Report for September 2024, and the Statistical Report for September 2024. The Consent Agenda was unanimously approved without discussion.

MODERATOR'S REPORT

Rebekah LeMon

Rebekah began her report with gratitude as always. She lifted up a few events Trinity has hosted lately – first ever blessing of the animals, and it was really joyful. Trinity held its first movie night in a long time. It was delightful. Many thanks to the hospitality crew who are always there to help manage these events seamlessly.

Rebekah reported a solid kickoff on the new format for adult education. There has been good turnout on the 3 standing opportunities each Sunday. She encouraged all to attend. Thanks to Nick Leet and Mike Hobbs for spearheading the changes in adult education.

There was an incredible outpouring of response for the Hurricane Helene request. Three U-Haul truckloads of tangible supplies went to Black Mountain, NC, and the congregation has donated over \$35,000 for relief.

This Sunday Trinity will host the first chapel worship in the evening. It will be an Evensong service which includes prayer, silence and song. It is 6:30pm Sunday evening. Youth are coming to Evensong, and there will be a gathering time for youth parents at 6pm prior to the service.

Rebekah provided an update on Commitment at the 2-week mark. There have been 195 pledges for over \$2 million. We expect over 300 more pledges. Remind everyone in your groups to pledge.

Rebekah reminded everyone to send questions for Anne Lamott. The lecture is October 24 at 7pm.

Rebekah reminded Session members to sign up for Communion and that if people do not sign up, it will be assigned like Presbytery meetings.

CLERK'S REPORT

Drew Timmons

Drew provided everyone with several reminders: November 9 is Presbytery meeting, and details will be sent to those who are attending. November 3 is a communion Sunday, so please fill in any gaps. The devotion for the Session meeting on November 19 will be provided by Tom Owens. Please attend the Kittrell lecture on October 24. Additionally, church Bingo is on October 25, and pumpkin carving is on October 27.

SPECIAL ORDERS & REPORTS:

FINANCE & BUDGET

Heather Edmiston & Dave Higgins

Dave Higgins provided a report on finance and the budget. Revenue is ahead of budget for year to date. Ministry to adults will be spent in the fourth quarter. Mission budget position relates to timing in funding our partners. Personnel budget position relates to the addition of staff positions. Finance and administration budget position is due to technology being below budget, but it is expected to catch up. Other administrative expenses will rise, so that will even out. Overall, the budget is in good position.

All committee chairs should have received an email from Heather Edmiston connecting them to their Finance committee liaison. Please send budget requests by November 4. Be creative and

dream about what you want your committee do. How do you want to grow? Do you want the budget line items to be reported differently? Any questions, please reach out to Heather.

Draft budget will be submitted November 13 within committee, and it will be presented at the November 19 Session meeting.

OPEN FORUM

Scott Calhoun raised up the addition of pumpkin painting event for younger children (and anyone).

Anne Blitch raised up the celebration for Norman Mackenzie on November 17. A save the date has been in the Friday emails for several weeks, and a mailed invitation will be sent soon.

On November 24, the 75th anniversary celebration will take place.

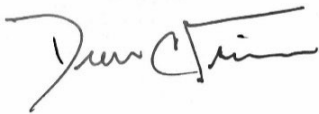
PRAYER AND DEPARTING BLESSINGS

Rebekah LeMon

Rebekah closed us with the Prayer of St. Frances.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Drew Timmons
Clerk



Karen Bain
Assistant Clerk

UPCOMING DATES		
Communion Sundays	Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Dec. 1, Jan. 5	
Kittrell Lecture	Oct. 24, 7pm	Sanctuary
Halloween Bingo	Oct. 25, 6pm	
Pumpkin Carving	Oct. 27, 6pm	
Presbytery Meeting	Nov. 9	Mt. Vernon Presbyterian Church
Baptisms	Nov. 10, 11am	Ellen Childs Sanders, daughter of Amanda and Daniel Sanders Christian Edward Belisle, son of Brooke and Andrew Belisle
Fall Music Sunday and Celebration of Norman MacKenzie's 40th anniversary	Nov. 17	
Trintiy 75th anniversary worship and all-church luncheon	Nov. 24, 10am Education, 11am Worship, 12pm Luncheon	

Trinity Presbyterian Church Session In-person Attendance (In Bold), October 15, 2024:

Name	Name	Name
Reid Willingham	Karen Bain – Asst Clerk	Anne Blich
Kenny Kraft	Jon Balch	Scott Calhoun
Kristin Hunter	Dean Cleaveland	Brooke Chaplain
Tom Owens	Rebekah Groover	Dave Higgins
Martha Craft	Jay Harris	Mike Hobbs
Drew Timmons – Clerk	Paige Keller	Reese Jackson
Meredith Daniel	Nick Leet	Gina Nana
Allen Moseley	Jon McRae	Anne-Marie Spalinger
Chris Suh	Mary Kelly Speed	Michele Stancil
Lindsey Greene	Catherine Warren	Benjamin Walls
		Libby Gray Hall (youth)
		Connor Willingham (youth)
Staff Attendees:	Other Attendees:	Guests
Rebekah LeMon-Moderator		
Lucy Strong		
Emily Beaver		
Heather Edmiston		