

**PRESBYTERY OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE
MINUTES OF ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FOURTH STATED MEETING
MAY 2, 2026**

The 164th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee (PMT) was held in person at First Presbyterian Church of Cookeville on Saturday May 2nd, 2026. Rev. Chris Adams provided an orientation for first-time commissioners. Vice-Moderator Erin Howton-Angel called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and opened with prayer.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM / STATEMENT OF PROCEDURES

Vice-Moderator Erin Howton-Angel declared a quorum was present. The Presbytery's Mission and Operations Manual and the *Book of Order* provide for the seating of corresponding members and teaching and ruling elders with voice and those with voice and vote. Any ruling elder serving as presbytery's Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Moderator-in-Nomination, chairs of committees, members of the Administrative Committee, members of the Finance Committee, members of the Permanent Administrative Commission, and the Moderator of Presbyterian Women are enrolled as members of presbytery and shall have voice and vote. Ruling elders commissioned to particular pastoral service and ruling elders who have previously served as presbytery moderator, within five years of completion of his/her term of service, are enrolled as members of presbytery with voice and vote. Any ruling elder serving as a committee representative to a particular meeting of presbytery in the absence of the chair shall have the privilege of voice and vote for that particular meeting of the presbytery. Persons certified in church service who are ruling elders shall have the privilege of voice and vote at all meetings of the presbytery during their term of service in ministry in the presbytery of Middle Tennessee. Persons certified in church service, who are members of congregations in the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee, shall have the privilege of voice at all meetings of the presbytery during their term of service in a congregation or other ministry validated by the presbytery. Should a question arise concerning the enrollment of any person, the presbytery may resolve the matter upon the recommendation of the Permanent Judicial Commission. The Vice-Moderator also announced that, prior to the meeting, the Temporary Stated Clerk requested that Rev. Chris Adams of First Presbyterian Church of Spring Hill, serve as Deputy Stated Clerk and timekeeper. There was no objection.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

The Vice-Moderator stated that the agenda and the consent agenda were sent to the commissioners on April 22nd. These contained the minutes of the 163rd Stated Meeting, and the Called Meeting held online via Zoom on March 27th. The main agenda was approved without objection. Due to unforeseen circumstance Moderator RE Chris Williams was excused from the meeting. It was noted that Rev. Erin Howton-Angel would moderate the meeting and CRE Leonard Jordan would present the Administrative Committee's report. The consent agenda was approved with an amendment to include Commissioned Ruling Elders who had been omitted from the roll of the Stated Meeting.

SEATING OF CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

Corresponding members were seated without objection and are listed with the roll (Attachment A).

RECOGNITION OF FIRST-TIME COMMISSIONERS

The Vice-Moderator welcomed first time commissioners and invited them to introduce themselves.

The Presbytery of Middle Tennessee is a community of churches and church leaders whose role is to guide and support the work of its constituents, striving to build up the body of Christ through connections of mutual support, creating a culture of leadership excellence and church transformation.

**THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FOURTH STATED MEETING
THE PRESBYTERY OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE
AGENDA OF MAY 2nd, 2026
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF COOKEVILLE, TN**

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| 9:00 | Registration (Order of the Day in CAPS) |
| 9:15 | Orientation for First Time Commissioners (Chris Adams) |
| 9:30 | CONVENE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establishment of Quorum• Adoption of Agenda and Consent Agenda• Seating of Corresponding Members• Recognition of First Time Presbyters |
| 9:40 | WORSHIP <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sermon: Rev. Sherard Edington, Transitional Executive Presbyter• Offering: Guatemala-Peten Partnership Task Force |
| 10:45 | PRESBYTERIAN ASSOCIATION OF MUSICIANS (Elizabeth Deibert- 5 minutes) |
| 10:50 | BREAK (10 minutes) |
| 11:00 | REPORTS (numbers indicate order in packet)
<i>All speakers are advised to review the policies for oral reports and speaking during Stated and Called meetings of the Presbytery.</i>

<ul style="list-style-type: none">(1) Administrative Committee (Rev. Erin Howton-Angel - 10 minutes)(2) Finance Committee (Rev. Bruce McVey - 10 minutes)(3) PAC (RE Melinda Sanders - 20 minutes)(4) Presentation on small and rural churches (Rev. Roger Speer - 30 minutes)(5) Nominating Task Force (CRE Leonard Jordan - 5 minutes) |
| 12:15 | LUNCH - A few tables will be designated for attendees who would like to discuss church transitions. Roger Speer will also be available to answer questions or discuss his presentation. |

- 1:30 RECONVENE
- (6) Joys, Concerns, & Announcements (Rev. Sherard Edington – 10 minutes)
 - (7) Commission on Ministry (RE Mickey Stueck – 10 minutes)
 - (8) Stated Clerk's Report (Chris Adams - 5 minutes)
 - (9) Executive Presbyter's Report (Rev. Sherard Edington – 5 minutes)
- 2:00 CLOSING PRAYER & ADJOURNMENT
- 165th Stated Meeting: Saturday, August 6th, 2026
Bellevue Presbyterian Church – Nashville, TN
 - Closing Prayer – RE Chris Williams
 - Adjournment

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Committee Oral Reports Policy at Stated and Called Meetings:

Committee chairs shall provide oral reports at Stated or Called Presbytery Meetings only if they have submitted a written report that is part of the meeting packet and only on work pertaining to their committee, including any action items requiring consideration.

As written reports are disseminated well before the presbytery meeting, keeping comments short when referring to (submitted written) information that does not require or inform an action is helpful. Reviewing and encouraging conversation around issues that do require action is welcome and fosters productive engagement.

Speaking during Stated or Called Presbytery Meetings Policy:

Any commissioner or member of Presbytery may speak to items under discussion during Stated Meetings. Speaking time is limited to five minutes per person. Per Roberts Rules of Order, individuals may not speak more than twice to a single issue unless the Moderator asks them a direct question.

Policies Approved by Middle Tennessee Presbytery May 3, 2025

Consent Agenda

164th Stated Meeting, Presbytery of Middle Tennessee

May 7th, 2026

Item #	Title
(1)	Approval of Minutes and Roll of the Called Meeting of the Presbytery on March 27 th , 2026
(2)	Approval of Minutes and Roll of the 163 rd Stated Meeting of February 7 th , 2026

*A consent agenda provides a mechanism to use the meeting body's time efficiently. These items will not be considered individually UNLESS any member requests that one or all the items be removed from this consent agenda.

WORSHIP

Rev. Michael McLaughlin led the body in worship. Worship music was provided by First, Cookeville's talented musicians and singers. Rev. Sherard Edington, Transitional Executive Presbyter, preached an engaging sermon. The worship offering was collected for The Nueva Vida Food Project.

REMARKS FROM REV. ELIZABETH DEIBERT

Rev. Elizabeth Deibert, Development Manager for the Presbyterian Association of Musicians (PAM) gave a brief presentation to the Presbytery. This included an invitation to the upcoming Music and Worship Conference. The theme will be: "Who will be a witness for my Lord?" She then highlighted PAM's Child of Blessing initiative about children and worship and the "First Call" support for first call pastors. PAM has a new "Sounding Board" podcast that members may find interesting.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

The Vice-Moderator recognized CRE Leonard Jordan of St. Andrews, Nashville, member of the committee and Chair of the Nominating Task Force to present the committee's report.

Motion to Amend Schedule for Stated Meetings of the Presbytery

CRE Jordan moved that Stated Presbytery meetings be held only on Saturdays beginning in 2027. He noted this will require a change to the PMT's Missions and Operations manual, and requires a 2/3 majority. Discussion of the motion noted the challenges to achieve optimum attendance at Thursday meetings. Concerns about childcare on Saturdays were also noted. With no further discussion, the vote was held. Rev. Claire Berry called for a vote count with the following result: 58 affirmative, 17 opposed; the motion carried.

Motion to Approve Amendments to the Presbytery's Personnel Manual

CRE Jordan moved to approve the Personnel Task Force's recommended changes to the Personnel manual. The Vice-Moderator recognized RE Connie Hamblen to speak to the motion, which required a simple majority to be approved. RE Mickey Stueck requested the Personnel Task Force include vaping and other forms of tobacco use. RE Hamblen agreed to take the suggestion to the Task Force in an upcoming meeting. The motion carried.

Motion to Amend the Policy for Presbytery Committee Eligibility

CRE Jordan moved to remove the requirement for Ruling Elders to be a member of the Presbytery for one year before being eligible to serve on a committee. He noted this will require a change to the PMT's Missions and Operations manual, and requires a 2/3 majority. The motion carried.

Motions to Amend the Presbytery's Missions and Operations Manual

CRE Jordan moved to approve the Commission on Ministry's recommendation to amend the Mission and Operations Manual by adding the following line to page 5, following line 44: The Commission on Ministry will maintain a current list of churches, which will be posted on the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee's website. He noted that all changes to the PMT's Missions and Operations manual require a 2/3 majority. The motion carried.

CRE Jordan moved to approve the Commission on Ministry's recommendation to amend the Mission and Operations Manual by removing the table on pages 5 and 6 which lists the churches by neighborhood. The motion carried.

CRE Jordan moved to approve the Commission on Ministry's recommendation to amend the Mission and Operations Manual on page 16, line 1, by replacing seven (7) with four (4) as the minimum number of members of the pastoral care team. He noted that this change is to provide consistency with the COM manual, which notes the minimum number is 4. The motion carried.

CRE Jordan moved to approve the Temporary Stated Clerk's recommendation to amend the Mission and Operations Manual by adding the following line to page 5, following line 17: The Stated Clerk shall add members of dissolved congregations, who have not transferred to another congregation, to a temporary roll of the Presbytery. The membership shall be granted for two (2) years or until notice of transfer is received. It is the duty of the Stated Clerk to maintain this roll. A commissioner asked for clarification of the current policy. The Vice-Moderator recognized RE Melinda Sanders, Chair of the Permanent Administrative Commission to respond to the question. RE Sanders responded that the current manual does not include instructions for maintaining this type of membership roll. The Temporary Stated Clerk and the PAC requested this change to clarify the process and delegate responsibility accordingly. The motion carried.

CRE Jordan concluded the report of the Administrative Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Vice-Moderator recognized Rev. Bruce McVey of First, Fayetteville, Chair of the Finance Committee to make the report. Rev. McVey also serves as Treasurer and Trustee for the Prebytery.

Financial Statements

Financial statements including quarter-to-date activity through March 31, 2026 were included with the meeting packet.

Appointing Members to the Legal Task Force

Ruling Elders Melinda Sanders and Christi Scott were appointed to the Legal Task Force in the April meeting of the Finance Committee. RE George Crawford serves as Chair of the Legal Task Force.

Distribution of Presbytery Disaster Assistance (PDA) Grants

Four congregations received approval from the PDA for grants related to the winter storms in January (approximately \$8,000 in total). The Finance Committee has disbursed bridge loans (from 3002-09 Disaster Assistance Fund) to these four congregations until the Presbytery receives the grant proceeds from PDA.

Expenses Paid from the Mary Neville Restricted Gift Fund

The Finance Committee disbursed approximately \$3,500 for squirrel eradication from the Mary Neville restricted gift fund.

Rev. McVey concluded the report of the Finance Committee.

PERMANENT ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION (PAC)

The Vice-Moderator recognized Melinda Sanders, RE from Woodland, Nashville and Chair of the PAC to make the report.

Merging of Hopewell Pres. Church in Milton and Northminster Pres. Church in Murfreesboro

RE Sanders noted one of the best parts of serving on the PAC is the opportunity to work with churches to find creative ways to continue their life and ministry when they reach the point that they cannot continue as they are currently operating. She listed a few of the potential reasons churches face closure: the membership gets too small, the building becomes overwhelming, a beloved pastor leaves and the church cannot afford to replace them. RE Sanders noted that when a church is referred to the PAC prior to a vote by the church, the Commission has an opportunity to work with that congregation to look for solutions besides closure. She highlighted Hopewell Presbyterian Church in Milton as an example of this process.

The Vice-Moderator then recognized Rev. Dr. John Hinkle, member of the PAC and Pastor at First, Murfreesboro to explain the process of merging the Hopewell Presbyterian Church and Northminster Presbyterian Church congregations. He is the PAC member that worked most closely with Hopewell and has particular insights to offer.

Rev. Hinkle shared the following information: Hopewell Presbyterian church has a rich history and legacy. They recently asked to merge with Northminster, which both Sessions approved. The existing Northminster Chapel will be renamed "Hopewell Chapel". Hopewell Presbyterian Church held their last service on May 19th, 2026. Northminster cancelled their regular worship service in order to celebrate the joint worship with Hopewell, and honor its many years of existence. Rev. Hinkle further noted that a service of union is upcoming at Northminster. Rev. Dennis Buckley has been serving as the Stated Supply Pastor for Hopewell. He is now serving as the Pastor at Northminster. Rev. Hinkle expressed gratitude for Rev. Buckley's support and assistance through the process of bringing together these churches. Rev. Hinkle further commended the Sessions of Northminster, Murfreesboro and Hopewell, Milton for their faithful work. He closed his report by giving all glory to God.

Dissolution of Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church

RE Sanders moved that the First Presbyterian Church of Mt. Pleasant be dissolved and the membership roll of the church be transferred to the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee. She further requested the Presbytery's permission to have the Stated Clerk attach a short history of the church in the minutes of the Presbytery meeting when it is provided. The motion carried. It was noted that the legacy and ministry of this church will be recognized at a Presbytery meeting that is closer in proximity to Mt. Pleasant.

Policies and Procedures for Receiving Congregations into the PC(USA) through this Presbytery

RE Sanders then presented the PAC's report on their work to propose Policies and Procedures for Receiving Congregations into this Denomination through this Presbytery. When the request was made by the Presbytery, a process for this work was determined, which included circulating a draft asking for comments and concerns. The PAC would then present the policies with their reasoning and rationale. This was completed prior to and

during the February Meeting of the Presbytery, held at Nashville Korean Presbyterian Church. RE Sanders explained that the PAC, having not received any communications about the policies, had intended to bring the proposed policies for a vote in the meeting. However, the PAC very recently learned that a small group in the Presbytery has concerns about the policy and feel an amendment would be needed in today's meeting.

RE Sanders stated: "Because we believe strongly in careful deliberation of a policy such as this, and because we are certain that no one in this Presbytery would try to gain an advantage through last minute tactics, the PAC has voted not to bring the policies which are attached to our report for a vote today. This way whoever has concerns can bring them forward to us and then eventually to the Presbytery so that we are not voting on something that we have not had adequate time to consider."

Citing the concerns from members and a desire for a more deliberative process, the PAC opted not to bring the motion forward. RE Sanders then concluded the report of the PAC.

PRESENTATION ON SMALL AND RURAL CHURCHES

Rev. Roger Speer gave a presentation on small and rural churches. He stated that rural churches are losing people as they move from rural to urban areas. "What does the church have to do to address the challenges?" According to Rev. Speer, we are not facing a "narrative of decline," but "Ecclesial Detachment Disorder."

He shared three new measures that a cohort of 12 churches is testing in a 3-month process over the summer.

1. Worship Ecology Index (33% of population) - average Sunday attendance adjusting
2. Worship Importance Inventory - What kind of worship would match its psychological needs? Is the church united in worship or fracturing?
3. Congregational Vitality Index - This measures a church's willingness to adapt to the world. How well does it follow Pastoral or lay leadership? This looks at the church's relationship to the neighborhood and expression to its neighbors. This measure is an opportunity to gauge vitality vs. former measures of success.

Rev. Speer asked for prayerful reviews of this work. He challenged the body to ponder the questions - Are we dying? Or are we having the wrong conversation? He noted that the definition of church has to change. In closing, he shared information about a free Small Church Rising Conference, to be held on September 26th at School of Theology in Suwanee. He asked, "Is my ecclesial identity in line with what the Spirit is doing in my neighborhood?"

During the brief time for questions and answers, Rev. Speer responded that he is open to giving a comparable presentation for smaller groups. When asked how to define a "small" church, he noted that is a relative, or subjective, question without a solid answer. The answer will vary from person to person. He is also familiar with a Town Square Conference in Arkansas.

NOMINATING TASK FORCE

The Vice-Moderator recognized Commissioned Ruling Elder Leonard Jordan of Nashville, St. Andrews and Chair of the Nominating Task Force.

Motion to Amend the Standing Rules

CRE Jordan moved to amend the standing rules for the meeting to allow a vote on the election of Rev. Austin Hill to the Commission on Ministry and to elect a team to provide education on the 2026 Vision Plan for the Presbytery. These names were not included in the report for this meeting, and therefore have not been in the hands of the body for 7 days. The Mission and Operations Manual allows suspension of the standing rules by a three-quarters vote of members present at the meeting. The motion carried.

Election of Austin Hill to the Commission on Ministry

CRE Jordan moved to elect Rev. Austin Hill to the 2028 Class of the COM. The motion carried.

Election of an Education Team for the Presbytery's Proposed 2026 Vision Plan

CRE Jordan moved to elect TE Jane Herring, himself, RE Barbara Halverstadt, TE Keith Gunter, and TE Sherard Edington to a visioning education team. They are tasked with undertaking deliberate and intentional education and discussion opportunities for the Presbytery's visioning plan. CRE Jordan noted the election of this team completes an action item mandated by the Presbytery in November 2025. The motion carried.

The PMT's Missions and Operations Manual directs the Nominating Task Force to include a list of all current members of presbytery committees and commissions with every report to presbytery. This information is located at the conclusion of the minutes.

CRE Jordan encouraged those present to get involved with the Presbytery's many committees, commissions, and task forces. There are a number of vacancies that need to be filled. CRE Jordan noted that he would be available to answer questions after the meeting. He concluded his report by asking members to contact him if they know someone that the Nominating Task Force should consider contacting.

RECOGNITION OF FORMER MODERATOR – REV. JANE HERRING

On behalf of the Presbytery, Vice-Moderator Erin Howton-Angel presented Rev. Jane Herring with a small gift of appreciation for serving as Presbytery Moderator in 2025. This recognition was followed by a hearty round of applause for her work.

RECESS FOR LUNCH

The Vice-Moderator invited the body to recess for lunch, pre-ordered boxed lunches, and offered a blessing for the meal. She also noted that a few tables were designated for attendees who would like to discuss church transitions. Roger Speer was available to answer questions or discuss his presentation. Calvary of Big Lick had a display with information about their Pastoral opening. Elizabeth Deibert was also available for continued discussion of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians. Many attendees visited the display tables and engaged in conversations on these highlighted topics.

RECONVENE WITH THE SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Following the break for lunch, the Vice-Moderator reconvened the meeting. She recognized Rev. Sherard Edington, Transitional Executive Presbyter, who asked attendees to share their praises, requests for prayer, and announcements. Expressions of care/concern were offered for those in churches that are dissolving and merging as they lean into a new season of faith. Prayers were requested for those who were or still are impacted by Winter Storm Fern. Pastoral condolences were shared by Rev. Edington, who then led the body in prayer.

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

The Vice-Moderator recognized Ruling Elder Mickey Stueck to give a report from the Commission on Ministry (COM). RE Stueck requested that twenty items, noted below, be admitted to record.

Ministry Discernment Profiles Approved

COM approved MDPs for Calvary, Big Lick; First, Tullahoma; Priest Lake, Nashville; and First, Smyrna.

Request from Westminster, Fairfield Glade

A request from Westminster, Fairfield Glade in Cumberland County to transfer to the Presbytery of East Tennessee was referred by the COM to the higher councils.

Appointment of Moderators of Session

COM approved CRE Teresa Burns, to moderate Ardmore, Bethany session with RE Bill Patterson as alternate. Rev. Sally Hughes was appointed to moderate Westminster, Columbia's called congregational meeting to approve the dissolution of the relationship with Rev. Jeff Kane.

Approval of Terms of Call

The terms of call for Rev. Dr. Darren Kennedy to be Associate Pastor for Discipleship at First, Nashville were approved. Terms of Call for Rev. Sarah Bird Kneff to be Associate Pastor for Adult Faith Formation at Westminster, Nashville were also approved.

Permission to Labor Outside the Bounds

COM approved a request from the Chicago Presbytery to grant Rev. Eddie Bellis permission to labor outside the bounds of the Presbytery for the purpose of performing a wedding in Chicago on April 25, 2026.

Appointment of Mentor/Ministry Colleague

COM appointed Rev. John Smith mentor/ministry colleague for Rev. Gage Arnold.

Approval of Stated Supply Contract

COM approved the supply contract for Dakota Norris (Disciples of Christ) to serve Milldale Presbyterian Church in Springfield. The supply contract for Rev. Dr. Michael Andrew Ingram for First, Smyrna was also approved.

Approval of Interim Contract

Rev. Jeannie Hunter was approved to serve as Interim Pastor at First, Shelbyville, pending positive background check and completion of boundary training.

Approval of Mission Studies

COM approved First, Franklin's Mission Study. They may now form a Pastor Nominating Committee.

Distribution of Sabbatical Grants

First Presbyterian Church of Pulaski's request for a sabbatical grant of \$1,500 was approved. Rev. Dr. Amy Stoker's sabbatical extends June 1st to August 16th, 2026.

Ordination and Installation Commissions

The Ordination and Installation Commission for Rev. Gage Arnold to Director of Youth Programming at First, Nashville was approved. COM ratified the e-mail approval of Darren Kennedy's installation commission at First, Nashville.

Clerical Amendments to Policy Documents

COM approved the Temporary Stated Clerk's request to add a signature and date line to the sexual misconduct self-certification on page 7 of the Validated Ministry Request form. The neighborhood list of churches was updated to reflect recent dissolutions of congregations. Changes to the Missions and Operations Manual were presented to the Administrative Committee for consideration.

Changes to the Membership Roll of the Presbytery

COM ratified an email vote to dismiss the Rev. Lynn Carroll to the Presbytery of New York City. Rev. Linda White's membership status was updated to retired.

Motion to Add Rev. Roger Speer as a Member of the Presbytery

RE Stueck moved that Rev. Roger Speer be added to the roll of the Presbytery as a temporary member from another denomination. The motion carried.

RE Stueck concluded her report by recognizing the ministry of Rev. Jeff Kane.

REPORT OF THE TEMPORARY STATED CLERK

The Vice-Moderator recognized the Deputy Stated Clerk, Rev. Chris Adams, of First Presbyterian Church, Spring Hill. Rev. Adams presented the Temporary Stated Clerk's report on behalf of Ms. Erin Bell, who was excused from the meeting.

Rev. Adams began the report by conveying Ms. Bell's regrets that she was being unable to attend the meeting. He requested four items, noted below, be admitted to record. He then requested that four items, noted below, be admitted to the permanent record.

1. The Stated Clerk received the minutes of the Commission to Install the Rev. Patrick Woolsey as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, McMinnville. The service took place on Sunday, December 14th at 3:00 pm at First McMinnville with the following commission members: Rev. Sally Hughes, Trinity, Nashville (Chair); Rev. C.J. Thompson, First, Manchester; RE Barry Barnes, First, McMinnville; RE Deidra Goins, First, Manchester; RE Bethany Sterling, First, Tullahoma; RE Debra Vandever, Historic, Franklin; and Betsy Bond, Trinity, Nashville. Guests of the commission included Rev. Dr. Dan Spross of the Nazarene denomination and Rev. Sherry Cothran of the United Methodist denomination.
2. The Stated Clerk received the minutes of the Commission to Install Rev. Dr. Darren Kennedy as Associate Pastor for Discipleship at First Presbyterian Church, Nashville, TN. The service took place on Sunday, March 8th at 11:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Nashville with the following commission members: RE Chris Williams, First, Pulaski (Chair); Dr. Ryan Moore, First, Nashville; Ms. Jane Smith, First, Nashville; Rev. Sara Hill, First, Nashville; Rev. Sally Hughes, retired; the Rev. Sherard Edington Transitional Executive Presbyter, and Rev. Sandra Randleman, First, Nashville. Guests of the commission included Dr. Mark Labberton, Dr. Adam Neder, Dr. Shane Berg, Dr. Elisabeth Kennedy, and Dr. Jeff O'Grady.
3. As part of the 2025 year-end reporting to the PC(USA), annual statistics reports were received from the following congregations: Alexandria, Liberty Hill; Allardt, Allardt; Alpine, Christ Church; Ardmore, Bethany; Belfast, Belfast; Bethpage, Oak Grove; Brentwood, East Brentwood; Brentwood, Harpeth; Buffalo Valley, Buffalo Valley; Clarksville, First; Columbia, First; Columbia, Westminster; Cookeville, First; Cookeville, Double Springs; Crossville, Calvary of Big Lick; Dickson, First; Fairfield Glade, Westminster; Fayetteville, First; Franklin, First; Franklin, Historic Franklin; Gallatin, Sudanese American New; Hendersonville, First; Hendersonville, New Creation; Hermitage, Hermitage; Lawrenceburg, First; Lebanon, First; Lewisburg, First; Manchester, First; McMinnville, First; Mt. Pleasant, First; Murfreesboro, First; Murfreesboro, Northminster; Nashville, Bellevue; Nashville, Donelson; Nashville, Downtown; Nashville, Eastminster; Nashville, Emmanuel; Nashville, First; Nashville, Glen Leven; Nashville, Glenciff; Nashville, Hillwood; Nashville, Korean; Nashville, Priest Lake; Nashville, Second; Nashville, Southminster; Nashville, Trinity; Nashville, Westminster; Nashville, Woodland; Normandy, Normandy;

Old Hickory, Old Hickory; Petersburg, First; Pulaski, First; Shelbyville, First; Smyrna, First; Sparta, Blue Spring; Spring Hill, First; Springfield, Milldale; Thompson Station, Bethesda; Tullahoma, First; Waverly, Ellis Grove

4. The Stated Clerk was informed of the passing of ministers with close connections to the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee. We give thanks for the life, ministry, and remembrances of these men:
- Rev. Charles Moffatt passed away on April 14th at the age of 101. Services were held at First Presbyterian Church of Gallatin, where we served as Pastor for 29 years.
 - Rev. David Garth passed away on Saturday, February 28th. Rev. Garth served as the Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church - Murfreesboro from 1994-2006. He and his wife, Debbie, returned to Virginia when he retired.
 - On January 28, Rev. Diarmuid O'Hara passed away in Murfreesboro, TN. As a retired minister, Rev. O'Hara had been a valued member of the First, Murfreesboro Church family.

Rev. Adams concluded the report by sharing a brief reminder of the Presbytery's required boundary training.

- Per the Book of Order, councils are mandated to require certificates of completion of boundary training, particularly around sexual misconduct and child sexual abuse prevention, every 36 months from its members, all Certified Christian Educators, all Commissioned Ruling Elders, and all Inquirers and Candidates. This also means that sessions must require boundary training for their members as well. The presbytery has approved training content by Praesidium Academy. This material is provided to church leadership at no additional cost. The training consists of on-demand video modules that take 15-20 minutes to complete. A certificate of completion is provided at the conclusion of each module. A form to request registration for boundary training through Praesidium Academy can be found on the Presbytery website. If you have questions, please contact Erin Bell.

Upon the conclusion of his report, the Vice-Moderator extended a particular word of gratitude to Rev. Adams for giving of his time and talents to serve as Deputy Stated Clerk for this meeting.

Minutes from the Installation Commission for Rev. Dr. Darren Kennedy

Minutes of the commission for the installation of Dr. Darren Kennedy as associate pastor for discipleship at First Presbyterian Church, Nashville, Tennessee
March 8, 2026

The members of the commission, and staff of FPC, gathered in the outer office of Dr. Ryan Moore at 10:30 AM, March 8, 2026.

Present: Chris Williams, chair of the commission; Dr. Ryan Moore (FPC), Ms. Jane Smith (FPC), the Rev Sara Hill (FPC), the Rev. Sally Hughes (HR), the Rev. Sherard Edington (Executive Presbyter), the Rev. Sandra Randleman (FPC) and guests of the commission: Dr. Mark Labberton, Dr. Adam Neder, Dr. Shane Berg, Dr. Elisabeth Kennedy, Dr. Jeff O'Grady

The commission was called to order by Chris Williams. Ryan Moore opened with prayer, and then went over the worship service. At 11 AM, the commission and guests gathered at the back of the sanctuary and processed into the sanctuary.

Following the sermon, which was delivered by Dr. Labberton, Mr. Williams propounded the constitutional questions to Dr. Kennedy. Ms. Smith propounded the questions to the congregation. Dr. Neder presided and prayed during the laying on of hands. Dr. O'Grady delivered the charge to the pastor. Dr. Berg delivered the charge to the congregation.

Dr. Darren Kennedy gave the benediction, which concluded the work of the commission as well as the worship service.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Hughes

Since the worship bulletin is 8 pages long, I have attached just the installation portion.

Worship Bulletin from the Service of Installation for Rev. Dr. Darren Kennedy

SERMON	What Is First?	Dr. Mark Labberton
OFFERTORY	<i>O How Amiable</i> R. Vaughan Williams	
<i>O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house. They will be always praising thee. The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handiwork, O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.</i> <i>As you reflect on the Lord's goodness, you can make an offering by dropping your gift in the offering plate, texting "GIVE" to 707-475-3005, or donating online at fpcnashville.org.</i>		
INSTALLATION OF DARREN KENNEDY (11:00)		
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF THE SERVICE		Dr. Ryan Moore
CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE (see back of bulletin)		Chris Williams
CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION (see back of bulletin)		Jane Smith
PRAYER OF INSTALLATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		Dr. Adam Neder
DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION		Chris Williams
CHARGE TO THE PASTOR		Dr. Jeffery O'Grady
CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION		Dr. Shane Berg

MINUTES
Ordination/Installation Commission for Patrick James Woolsey
First Presbyterian Church
McMinnville, Tennessee

Sunday, Dec 14 3:00 P.M. 2025

The Ordination/Installation Commission appointed by the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee to ordain and install the Teaching Elder Patrick Woolsey as Pastor met at the First Presbyterian Church of McMinnville, Tennessee, on Dec 14 at First Presbyterian Church at 2:30 P.M. Members present were:

Teaching Elders

The Rev. Sally Hughes, Pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church of Nashville, TN
The Rev. CJ Thompson, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Manchester, TN
The Rev. _____, Pastor of _____ Presbyterian Church of _____

Ruling Elders

Barry Barnes First Presbyterian Church of McMinnville, TN
Bethany Sterling First Presbyterian Church of Manchester, TN
Debra Vanderveer Historic Franklin Presbyterian Church, Franklin, TN

Invitation to sit with the Commission:

Dr. Dan Spross Presbyterian Church of Nazarene Church
Rev Sherry Cothran Presbyterian Church of United Methodist Church

The Commission was called to order by the Chair of the Commission Sally Hughes and Debra was appointed Clerk of the Commission by the Chair. The Chair offered the opening prayer. The Order of worship for this Installation Service was reviewed with the constitutionally required elements for such a service found to be in place. By common consent the Order of Worship was adopted and a copy of the printed program will be attached to these minutes.

The Commission recessed to the Sanctuary for the Service of Worship with the Chair presiding. The Sermon was preached by Dr. Dan Spross. The constitutional Questions were propounded to Patrick Woolsey by the Chair and they were answered in the affirmative. The Constitutional Questions were propounded to the Congregation by Ruling Elder Barry Barnes and answered in the affirmative by the Congregation. A prayer was offered by Rev Sherry Cothran

Patrick J. Woolsey was duly installed as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, McMinnville, TN

A Charge was delivered to the pastor by Debra Vanderveer and the Rev C.J. Thompson charged the congregation. The Service was closed with the Benediction pronounced by the Rev Patrick Woolsey. The Commission was adjourned at the benediction of the worship service.

Respectfully submitted:

Debra Vanderveer Clerk of the Commission

Worship Bulletin from the Service of Ordination and Installation for Rev. Patrick Woolsey

to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
and to announce that the time had come
when you would save your people.
He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.
When the Lord Jesus ascended, He promised to be with us always,
in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us,
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."
When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."
And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory,
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours,
Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins 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.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

— SENDING —

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CHARGE & BLESSING

Rev. Patrick Woolsey

HYMN

"Lift High The Cross"

PH 371

POSTLUDE



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THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF PATRICK J. WOOLSEY

GATHERING

PRESENTATION

Rev. Sally Hughes

As many of you as were baptized into Christ
have clothed yourselves with Christ.

**There is one body and one Spirit,
just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.**

In baptism, Patrick was clothed with Christ, and is now called by God
through the voice of the church to enter into ministry as a teaching elder.

**We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we
celebrate God's particular call to our brother, Patrick.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

GREETING

Bethany Sterling

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord:
let us exalt the name of the Lord together.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

HYMN

"God of Grace, God of Glory"

PH 420

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Rev. Sally Hughes

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Mighty and merciful God, you have called us to be your people,
to live boldly in the way of Jesus Christ.
But we confess, we have been cautious when you ask for courage,
silent when you called for witness,
fearful when you promised your Spirit's power.
Forgive us, O God, our timid hearts,
our small faith, our unfinished obedience.
By the waters of our baptism, stir up your restless Spirit within us.
Renew our strength to follow Christ's risky way, with courage,
compassion, and joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

BOLD PRINT—congregational response

THE PEACE

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.
To this peace we were called as member of a single body.
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
*(people may exchange with one another, by words and gesture,
signs of peace and reconciliation.)*

— THE WORD —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Dan Spross

FIRST READING — 1 Kings 19:15-21

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING — Philippians 2:5-11

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Dr. Dan Spross

HYMN

"Here I Am Lord"

PH 525

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Rev. Sally Hughes

There are varieties of gifts, but is the same Spirit who gives them.
**There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.
To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

STATEMENT OF ORDINATION

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

RENUNCIATIONS

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin
and renounce evil and its power in the world? I do.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior,
trusting in his grace and love? I do.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing
his love? **I will, with God's help.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

With the whole church let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal and gracious God... be all glory and honor, now and forever.

Amen.

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

CONGREGATIONAL QUESTIONS

Barry Barnes

Do we, the members of the church, accept Patrick J. Woolsey as our
pastor, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation
to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to pray for him, encourage him, to respect his decisions,
and to follow as he guides us,
serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

Do we promise to pay him fairly
and provide for his welfare as he works among us;
to stand by him in trouble and share his joys? **We do.**

Will we listen to the word he preaches, welcome his pastoral care,
and honor his authority as he seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ
our Lord? **We do and we will.**

PRAYER OF ORDINATION

PRAYER OVER CANDIDATE

Rev. Sherry Cothran

Gracious God, pour out your Spirit upon your servant Patrick,

whom you called by baptism as your own.

Grant him the same mind that was in Christ Jesus.

**Give him a spirit of truthfulness rightly to proclaim your Word in
Christ from pulpit, table, and font, and in the words and actions of
daily living. Give him the gifts of your Holy Spirit to build up the
church, to strengthen the common life of your people,
and to lead with compassion and vision.**

**In the walk of faith and for the work of ministry, grant to Patrick,
and to all who bear the burden and joy of pastoral calling,
gladness that overcomes weariness, discipline that refines devotion,
hope that resists despair, humility to know their limits,
humor to bear with their own pretensions,
courage to act faithfully when outcomes are uncertain.
that amid both achievement and failure,
they may find rest in the sovereignty of God's grace.**

PRAYER

Rev. Sally Hughes

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Patrick, you are now a teaching elder in the church of Jesus Christ and for this
congregation. Be faithful and true in your ministry so that your whole
life will bear witness to the crucified and risen Christ. **Amen.**

WELCOME

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY ORDAINED

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

HYMN

"The Church's One Foundation"

PH 442

— THE EUCHARIST —

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Rev. Patrick Woolsey

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image
and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity,
made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and spoke to us through your prophets,
And so, with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,

REPORT OF THE TRANSITIONAL EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER

The Vice-Moderator recognized Rev. Sherard Edington, Transitional Executive Presbyter to give a report on the recent annual meeting of the Synod of Living Waters. He began by noting the Synod approved a recommendation from the Budget and Finance Committee to increase per capita by \$0.40 (from \$3.98 to \$4.38) beginning in 2027. The Synod has a goal to broaden the use of presbytery funds. Annual reports and highlights from multiple covenant partners were provided. It was particularly noteworthy to learn that Living Water for the World originated in the Synod. This organization installs wells all over the world (78 water systems in Cuba).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other items on the agenda, Vice-Moderator Howton-Angel reminded attendees to complete the meeting evaluation forms, which are used to inform planning for future meetings. She announced that the 165th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery will take place on Thursday, August 6th at Bellevue Presbyterian Church in Nashville. She then asked for a motion to adjourn which was seconded and approved. After a closing prayer, the meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Submitted by Erin Bell,
Temporary Stated Clerk

with notes from Rev. Chris Adams,
Deputy Stated Clerk

Presbytery of Middle Tennessee
2026 – 2028 Members of Presbytery Committees and Commissions

** indicates second term of service
Chairpersons names are noted in bold*

Trustees of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee		
Trustees serve as members of the Administrative and Finance Committees by virtue of office.		
Presbytery Moderator (President)	Presbytery Vice-Moderator (Chair of Admin.)	Presbytery Treasurer (Chair of Finance)
Chris Williams (RE) Pulaski, First	Erin Howton-Angel (TE) Allardt, First	Bruce McVey (TE) Fayetteville, First

Administrative Committee		
Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Donovan Drake (TE) Nashville, Westminster	*Betsy Bond (RE) Nashville, Trinity	*Leonard Jordan (CRE) Nashville, St. Andrews
	*Mark Bryan, (TE) Nashville, Glen Leven	*Kathy Corlew (RE) Murfreesboro, First
		Suzanne McLemore (RE) Westminster, Nashville Moderator-in-Nomination

Finance Committee		
Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
*Anders Hall (RE) Nashville, Westminster	*Mark Bryan (TE) Nashville, Glen Leven	George Crawford (RE) Nashville, Westminster
VACANT (TE)	VACANT (RE)	Greg Glover (TE) Clarksville, First

Committee on Church Transformation		
Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
*John Hilley (TE) Brentwood, East Brentwood	*Keith Gunter (TE) Hendersonville, New Creation	VACANT (RE)
Lori Sain Smith (RE) Shelbyville, First	VACANT (TE)	VACANT (TE)

Committee on Leadership Excellence		
Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Denise Moran (RE) Tullahoma, First	Sara Hill (TE) Nashville, First -Validated	VACANT (RE)
Dave Nock (RE) Nashville, Priest Lake	VACANT (RE)	VACANT (TE)

Commission on Ministry		
Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Carrie Fraser (TE) Member-at-large	Brett Withers (RE) Nashville, Woodland	Austin Hill (TE) Nashville, Westminster
*Sally Hughes (TE) Retired Chair of Examinations	*Bill Patterson (RE) Murfreesboro, First	Rhonda Banasiak (CRE) Clarksville, First Chair of Pastoral Care Team
*Amy Stoker (TE) First, Pulaski Co-chair of COM	Zach Sasser (TE) Nashville, Downtown	*Todd Jones (TE) Retired
David Sadler (CRE) Nashville, Priest Lake Chair of Review Team	Cade Arnold, (RE) Cookeville, First	*Mickey Stueck (RE) Lebanon, First Co-chair of COM
Susan Carey (RE) Westminster, Nashville Chair of Transitions Team	Steve Thomas (TE) Retired	Barbara Halverstadt (RE) Nashville, Emmanuel Chair of Mediation Team
VACANT (TE)	VACANT (RE)	Geeta McMillan (RE) Sparta, Blue Spring

Committee on Mutual Support		
Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
*Bobby Harding (TE) Murfreesboro, First	Samara Zavaro (RE) Nashville, Downtown	*Will Wellman (TE) Nashville, Westminster - Validated
Claire Harris-Kramer (TE) NCCC - Validated		*Spencer Truett (RE) Dickson, First
		Charles Jordan (RE) Nashville, St. Andrews

Committee on Social Justice		
Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
*Andrea Elkins Murfreesboro, First	*Henry Deaderick (RE) Nashville, St. Andrews	Greta McClain (RE) Nashville, Southminster
*Claire Berry (TE) Historic Franklin	*Adam Devries (TE) Nashville, Westminster - Validated	VACANT (TE)

Permanent Administrative Commission		
Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Debbie Fraley (RE) First, Fayetteville	John Hinkle (TE) First, Murfreesboro	Melinda Sanders (RE) Nashville, Woodland
Greg Glover (TE) First Clarksville	George Crawford (RE) Westminster, Nashville	Allen Kennedy (RE) Nashville, First

Committee on Preparation for Ministry		
Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
*James Peeler (RE) Brentwood, Harpeth	Marilee Meschefske (RE) Columbia, Westminster	*Stephanie Boaz, TE Nashville, Westminster
VACANT (RE)	CJ Thompson (TE) Manchester, First	*Judy Tygard (RE) Nashville, Bellevue
VACANT (TE)	Rosanna Anderson (TE) Fisher Island Union Chapel, NY- Validated	Sandra Randleman (TE) Nashville, First

Ordination Exam Readers			
Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028	Alternates:
PK Kim (TE) Nashville, Korean	Gloria Dale (RE) Columbia, First		Sally Hughes (TE) Retired
	Annesse Ashton (RE) Nashville, St. Andrews		Joyce Harris (RE) Nashville, St. Andrews
	Greg Glover (TE) Clarksville, First		
	Guy Griffith (TE) Nashville, Westminster		

Permanent Judicial Commission		
Class of 2026	Class of 2028	Class of 2030
Michael Bradley (TE) Retired	Bill Russell (RE) First, Spring Hill	John Smith (TE) Dickson, First Waverly, Ellis Grove
James Hudnut-Beumler (TE) Retired	Walt Tennyson (TE) Alive Hospice - Validated	Keith Dennen, RE Hendersonville, New Creation
J.B. Smith, RE First, Pulaski	Terry Denton (RE) Nashville, Emmanuel	Ryan Moore (TE) Nashville, First

Presbytery of Middle Tennessee Commissioners 2026

General Assembly Commissioners - 2026			
Spencer Truett (RE) Dickson, First	Bruce McVey (TE) Fayetteville, First	Jim Moran (TE) Tulahoma, First	Alternate: Leslie Traylor (TE) Hermitage, Hermitage
Betsy Bond (RE) Nashville, Trinity	Mickey Stueck (RE) Lebanon, First	Mary Sellers Shaw (TE) UKIRK - Validated	

Synod of Living Waters Commissioners - 2026			
*Donovan Drake (TE) Nashville, Westminster	Vickie Harwell (RE) Pulaski, First	Gary Kelly (TE) HR	Anne Keener (CRE) Franklin, First

Presbytery of Middle Tennessee Relevant Boards

UKIRK Board Members			
Members are reported only; not elected by the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee.			
Mr. David Carlton	Ms. Barbara Fay	Dr. Brent Graham	Rev. Shane Smith
Rev. Lee Catoe	Dr. Ryan Fox	Ms. Holly Miller	
Ms. Kelly Christie	Dr. Nathaniel Freymeyer	Mary Sellers Shaw, Executive Director	

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Attachment A
May 2, 2026 Stated Meeting Roll

Teaching Elders

E Adams, Chris	P Glover, Gregory	E Kneff, Sarah Bird	E Rogers-Vaughn, Annette
E Anderson, David	E Glover, Leslie	E Knight, Carolyn	E Rouquie, Richard
E Anderson, Rosanna	E Graham, M. Evelyn	E Larson, John	E Salyer, Carson
P Angel, Erin Howton	E Griffith, Guy D.	E Leftwich, Phil	E Salyer, Janet
P Angel, Jonathan	E Gung, Justin	E Lipsey, McCurdy	P Sasser, Zach
E Arnold, Judith	E Gunter, Keith	E Loscuito, Jason	E Sawyer, David
E Bagley, Tom	E Hamman, Jaco	E Logan, Gail	E Schultz, Harris
E Bellis, Eddie	E Hammond, Mallory	E Magee, Michael J.	E Schwartz, Cindy
P Berger, Will	E Handlson, Pat	E Mayes, Jim	E Shaw, Mary Sellers
P Berry, Claire	E Hanson Boaz, Stephanie	E McCaw, Beth	E Skelly, John J., III
E Bradley, Michael	E Harding, Bobby	E McClure, Annie	E Smith, Jimmy D.
E Bray, Linda	E Harrell, James E.	E McCormack, Robert E.	E Smith, John A.
E Bryan, Mark S.	E Harris Kramer, Claire	E McCullough, John	E Smith, Shane
E Burgener, John "Bo"	E Hermann, Lisa C.	E McKinsey Sisk, Sally A.	E Soderquist, Ann
E Caldwell, Elizabeth	P Herring, Jane	P McLaughlin, Michael D.	P Stoker, Amy B.
E Canon, Amelia	E Higgins, Ashley	P McVey, Bruce	E Tate, Carol
E Casner, Paul	E Hill, Austin	E Montgomery, Robert	E Tennyson, Walt
E Catoe, Lee	E Hill, Ellen	E Moore, Ryan	P Thomas, C. S. (Steve) III
E Cejka, III, Joseph	E Hill, Sara	P Moran, James A.	E Thomas, Ray
E Cheetham, John T.	P Hilley, John R.	E Muse, Perry	E Thompson, C.J.
E Chuquimia, Teddy	P Hinkle, Jr., John	E Musgrave, John	E Thompson, Marjorie
E Coates, Coleman Lewis	E Hodgson, Peter	E Musick, Steve	E Todd, John
E Cox, Meredith	E Hoechst, Jeanne	E Nally, Sara	E Traylor, Leslie
E Crawford, John	E Hudnut-Beumler, Heidi	E Neil, Richard	E Tuck, Janet
E Danner, Charles	E Hudnut-Beumler, James	E Newsom, Ernest B.	E Tyndall, Thomas B.
E Davis, Michael	E Hughes, Sally	E Nichols, James A.	E Vasquez-Paredes, Gustavo
E DeVries, Adam	E Huie, Scott	E Nyhuis, Jule	E Veazey, Courtney
E DeVries, Mark	E Hunter, Jeannie	E Paddon, Richard	P Venable, III, Sid
E Drake, Donovan	E Johnson, Charles N.	E Page, Fred	E Wallace, Morgan
E Durnell, Warner R.	E Jones, Todd B.	P Park, Inhye	E Warren, Joy
E Early, Kim Maphis	E Kane, Jeff	E Paterik, Roy	E Weingartner, Robert J.
E Early, Robert	E Kang, Se Bong	E Patton, Tom	E Wellman, Will
P Edington, Sherard	E Kang, Shin	E Pentecost, Mike	E White, Jack
P Eisenmenger, David	E Kaufman, John E.	E Picard, John Paul	E White, Linda
E Fraser, Carrie	E Kelly, Gary	E Ramirez-Jimenez, Lilia	E Wilson, Amos L.
E Gasser, Anna D.	E Kidd, David	E Randleman, Sandra	P Woolsey, Patrick
E Gay, Andy	E Kim, Eun Joo	E Rector, Stacy	E Yang, Sunggu
E Gerber, David	P Kim, Il Sun	E Ritchie, Jeff	E Young, Taylor
E Gilliam, Elizabeth	E Klein, Candice	E Ritchie, Megan	E Zeigler, Richard
E Gilliss, Martha Schull			

P - Present
E - Excused
A - Absent
I - Inactive

Ruling Elder Commissioners

<u>Church</u>	<u>Represented By</u>
Alexandria, Liberty Hill	1.
Allardt, First	1. D.J. Brown
Alpine, Christ	1.
Ardmore, Bethany	1.
Belfast, Belfast	1.
Bethpage, Oak Grove	1.
Brentwood, East	1. Tyler Spaid
	2.
	3.
Brentwood First	1.
Brentwood, Harpeth	1.
	2.
	3.
Buffalo Valley	1. Shirley C. Puckett
Clarksville, First	1. Phil Kemmerly
	2. Doug Young
	3.
	4.
Clarksville, Macedonia	1.
Columbia, First	1. Tonjia Potts
	2. Terri Thompson
	3.
	4.
Columbia, Westminster	1.
Cookeville, Double Springs	1. Dora S. Estes
Cookeville, First	1. Donna Simpson
	2. Cade Arnold
	3. Dee Tompkins
Cookeville, Post Oak	1.
Cowan, Fellowship	1.
Crossville, Calvary of Big Lick	1. Vickie Rhea
Dickson, First	1. Kerry Martinez
	2. Spencer Truett
	3.
Dickson, Pond	1.
Fairfield Glade, Westminster	1.
Fayetteville, First	1. Carol Foster
	2. Bonnie Hereford
	3. Donna West
Franklin, First	1. Dan Crunk
	2. Jim Petersen
	3. Rick Blackburn
	4. John Korab
Franklin, Historic	1. Susan Henry
	2. Mona Lee
	3.
Gallatin, First	1. Susan Johnson
Gallatin, Sudanese	1. David Reatt
	2.
Hendersonville, First	1. Paulette Farnhau
	2. Howard Renton
	3.
Hendersonville, New Creation	1.
	2.

Church

Hendersonville, New Creation	3.
	4.
Hermitage, Hermitage	1.
Lawrenceburg, First	1.
Lebanon, First	1. Margaret Ann Trail
	2. Rachel Low
	3.
Lebanon, Spring Creek	1.
Lewisburg, Bethberei	1.
Lewisburg, First	1.
	2.
	3.
Lynnville, First	1.
Manchester, First	1.
McMinnville, First	1.
Milton, Hopewell	1.
Mt. Pleasant, First	1.
Murfreesboro, First	1. Matt L.
	2. Rogers Harrison
	3. Jackie Jenkins
	4.
Murfreesboro, Northminster	1. Larry McElroy
Nashville, Bellevue	1.
	2.
	3.
Nashville, Donelson	1.
	2.
	3.
Nashville, Downtown	1.
Nashville, Eastminster	1. Connie Hamblen
	2.
Nashville, Emmanuel	1.
Nashville, First	1. Hal Sauer
	2. Emmett Russell
	3. Ben Elrod
	4. Scott Standard
	5.
Nashville, Glen Leven	1.
	2.
	3.
Nashville, Glencliff	1.
Nashville, Hillsboro	1.
	2.
	3.
	4.
Nashville, Hillwood	1.
Nashville, Korean	1.
	2.
	3.
	4.
Nashville, Priest Lake	1. Nathaniel Jennette
Nashville, Second	1. Priscilla Coe
	2. Jacky Samuels
	3.
	4.

Church

Nashville, Southminster
Nashville, St. Andrews

Nashville, Trinity
Nashville, Westminster

Nashville, Woodland
Normandy, Normandy
Old Hickory, Old Hickory
Petersburg, First
Pulaski, First

Readyville, Cripple Creek
Shelbyville, First

Smyrna, First
Sparta, Blue Spring
Sparta, Hickory Valley
Sparta, Robinson Chapel
Spring Hill, First

Springfield, First
Springfield, Milldale
Thompson Station, Bethesda
Tullahoma, First

Watertown, First
Waverly, Ellis Grove

Represented By

- 1.
- 1.
- 2.
1. Vira Baker
- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
1. Brett Withers
1. Mark Riley
- 1.
- 1.
- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 1.
1. Aaron Crafton
2. Sarah Natale
- 3.
1. Paul Dunne
1. Geeta McMillan
- 1.
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- 1.
1. Denise Moran
2. Sally Hochl
3. Bethany Sterling
- 1.
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Commissioned Ruling Elders

Rhonda Banasiak – Clarksville, First
Amy Harkness – Belfast, Belfast
Leonard Jordan – Nashville, St. Andrews
Anne Keener – Franklin, First
David Paduil – Clarksville, Sudanese

Ruling Elders, Voice and Vote by Virtue of Office:

Erin Bell (Nashville, Downtown), Temporary Stated Clerk
Debbie Fraley (Fayetteville, First), PAC
Melinda Sanders (Nashville, Woodland), PAC
Mickey Stueck (Lebanon, First), Co-chair of COM
Chris Williams (Pulaski, First) PMT Moderator

Moderator within five years of office:

N/A

Corresponding Members, Voice, without Vote:

N/A

Visitors with Voice:

Elizabeth Deibert, Presbyterian Assoc. of Musicians
Rev. Roger Speer

Visitors without Voice:

Derrick C. (Sparta, Blue Spring)
Debby Wilson (Crossville, Calvary of Big Lick)
Lindsey Thompson (Crossville, Calvary of Big Lick)
William Beckett (Crossville, Calvary of Big Lick)
Karen Shanks (Crossville, Calvary of Big Lick)
Cindy Fisher
Suzanne Maguire