

Session Meeting Minutes: March 24, 2026

Attendance

- **Present:** Cheryl Chrisman, Martha Everman, Gene Gant, Sandy Groves, Jan Harrell, Mike Ireland, David Kaeb, Rich Schroeder, Mark Ulbrich,
- **Excused:** Barbara Meek, Sara Palmgren, Mark Wylie
- **Guests:** Laurie Sprague
- **Moderator:** Rev. Trey Haddon
- **Clerk:** Bill Cummins

Call to Order

The meeting was held in F202 and Pastor Trey Haddon called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. and opened with prayer.

A **motion** to approve the agenda for the meeting was made by Elder Cheryl Chrisman, seconded by Elder Martha Everman, and was **passed**.

A **motion** to give voice and vote to Elder Laurie Sprague through June 1, 2026 was made by Martha Everman, seconded by Elder Gene Gant, and was **passed**.

Old Business

A **motion** for approval of the minutes for the Session on January 20, 2026 and to receive the minutes of the Congregational meeting on January 25, 2026 was made by Elder Mark Ulbrich, seconded by Elder Jan Harrell, and was **passed**.

New Business

Enrichment and Devotions. Pastor Trey said that he appreciated the effort that the congregation had done in writing the Lent devotion booklet and the work Sydney had done producing it. Although last year's Lenten study had only 75 copies printed, this year there were 75 the first day and there have been two subsequent orders! The church has been using the materials for several lessons, and Trey has been using it for the ACE lessons for the season.

Trey reminded Session that the first Lenten sermon was "Come and See." He told Session that we are called together for THIS mission. Are WE prepared for this? We know the heights of service, but are we prepared for the lows?

Cheryl said that we need to walk daily in the Word. Elder David Kaeb said that Session and the devotions are powerful because they have many voices, like the disciples. Elder Rich Schroeder said that we need to listen to the Spirit and Jan said to keep our eyes on God.

We need to remember not to let God be too small or to put Him on our timeline.

Joys of Ministry. Cheryl said that the Lenten devotional has different perspectives and witness from many. It was interesting to have a different devotion for each day (which surprised Trey, who thought that weekly would be more approachable).

Jan said that she was talking with Alexis Tinnervan about the clothing ministry and how we needed shoes and shortly thereafter Alexis brought 60 pairs of new tennis shoes and boxes of hoodies!

Jan said that she and Trey had visited Chestnut HealthSystems office on West Chestnut St. and they were both amazed at the amount and level of services offered, including dentistry. Jan and Trey were not aware of the local services.

Elder Sandy Groves was excited having given lunches for the Fox Creek teachers with Ruth Circle in January and Session in February.

Cheryl said that she was happy that the kids ask for the vegetable bonus and she is pleased that this has become expected.

Trey said that he is pleased that because Ashley is singing with the choir, he has more freedom to hang out on Wednesdays and to get to know the students and parents

Clerk's Report

Clerk Bill Cummins requested a **motion** to release Elder Scott Hamilton from Session due to moving, which was made with regrets by Jan, seconded by Cheryl, and **passed**.

The Clerk requested a **motion** to reactivate membership for Bill and Betsy Martin, which was made by Elder Sandy Groves, seconded by Cheryl Chrisman, and **passed**.

The Clerk requested a **motion** to reactivate membership for Carol Brownell, which was made by Elder Rich Schroeder, seconded by Elder David Kaeb, and **passed**.

The Clerk reported attending the Presbytery assemblies on February 11th and February 24, 2026 with the reports on page 7 of the Session packet.

Pastor Trey requested a **motion** to approve the Clerk's report, which was made by Cheryl Chrisman, seconded by Gene Gant, and **passed**.

Pastor's Report(s).

Pastor Trey presented a proposal to enter a covenant with the Presbyterian Church Western Springs and Second Presbyterian Church to learn together the expressions of the Christian and Presbyterian fellowship between churches. The proposal offers connectional visits and communications to share in faithful improvisation. Session was open to the concept.

A **motion** to accept Pastor's report and request was made by Rich and seconded by Sandy. The motion **passed**. A **motion** to direct the Clerk to communicate our willingness to the Clerk of Western Springs was made by Martha and seconded by Gene. That motion was **passed**.

Other Business

A **motion** to approve the wedding requests from Elizabeth Pouliot and Joshua Barks, and from Lillian Burns and Jonah Sweet was **passed**.

A **motion** to approve the consent agenda was made by Mark and seconded by Jan. The motion was **approved**.

Closing Prayer

A **motion** to adjourn was requested by the moderator and **approved** by the Session. After Pastor Trey's prayer, meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully recorded and submitted:

Bill Cummins, Clerk