

**COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SESSION MEETING**  
**Monday, May 11, 2026**  
**6:30 P.M.**  
**CONSENT AGENDA**

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. Approval of April 13, 2026, Session Meeting Minutes (pp. 2-4). Philip James, Clerk of Session, moves that the minutes of this meeting be approved as written.
2. Approval of Called Session Meeting Minutes from April to receive new members (pp. 5-6). Philip James, Clerk of Session, moves that the minutes of this meeting be approved as written.
3. Approval of baptisms (p. 7)

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. April 2026 Treasurer's Report (pp. 8-9)
2. Clerk's Communications (pp. 10)

**FUTURE EVENTS**

- May 16      Presbytery Meeting      9:30 A.M.      Bethpage Kannapolis PC
- May 17      Confirmation      9:30 A.M.      Sanctuary
- May 24      One worship service      11:00 A.M.      Sanctuary
- May 25      Memorial Day - church offices closed
- June 3      Communion Sunday – please sign up to serve
- June 8      Session Meeting      7:00 P.M.      Peek Music Room
- June 19      Juneteenth - church offices closed

*No Session Agenda or Session Meeting in July*

- July 3      Independence Day observed - church offices closed
- July 5      One worship service      11:00 A.M.      Sanctuary
- July 5      Communion Sunday – please sign up to serve
- Aug 2      Communion Sunday – please sign up to serve
- Aug 10      Session Meeting      7:00 P.M.      Peek Music Room

**COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
MINUTES OF THE SESSION MEETING ON  
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026**

**Session Members in Attendance:**

Class of 2026: J. Delery, V. DiSandro, J. Dobbins, D. Frost, J. McAlister, L. Watson, S. Wilson

Class of 2027: J. Emken, A. Gildea, V. Hindman, P. James, A. Liu, J. Schriefer, K. Spivey

Class of 2028: T. Coley, L. Hall, J. Hamilton, E. Holloway, K. Moseley, L. McCormick, A. Morrow, D. Thomas, C. Tucker

Installed Ministers: B. Henderson, K. Kerr, G. Lindvall, S. Taylor

Other Staff: E. Bender, C. Shudak, M. K. Sykes

**Call to Order and Opening Prayer**-Bob Henderson, Moderator

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm in the Peek Music Room and shared a devotion focused on what our faith calls us to do in pursuit of justice.

**Determination of Quorum and Adoption of Agenda**

The Moderator declared that a quorum was present and made a motion to adopt the meeting agenda and the Consent Agenda. The motion was approved on vote by the attendees.

**Administration:** No Report

**Personnel:** No Report

**Planning and Evaluation:** No Report

**Congregational Care:** Anne Gildea, Chair

Gildea announced the upcoming launch (April 19) of a new ministry endeavor called 'The Sandwich Club'. This ministry will focus on caring for caregivers of all kinds by providing connection and acknowledgement. She also called attention to the article in the recent newsletter about the good and extensive work of the Bereavement Committee.

**Congregational Life:** Ellen Holloway, Active Elder

Holloway shared a report on Congregational Life's work to date related to building relationships in support of racial equity. She began by recognizing the current team members: Serenity

Taylor (staff liaison), Sandra Boozer, Ariel Gritter, John McAlister, Rachel Humphries, Elizabeth McHenry, Linda Nepstad and herself. Holloway went on to share that the team has established three pillars for their work (integration, connection and education) and that their early focus has been on defining the scope of their work, gaining understanding of related work that they will be building on and working on a mission statement. Holloway highlighted a number of events that have stemmed from this new focus such as the Pastors' Masters Golf Tournament and Charlotte Presbytery Day of Mission. She concluded by asking Session to hold this team and the work in prayer, to continue our own learning journey and to be prepared to support bold aspirations.

**Education:** Jordan Schriefer, Chair

Schriefer provided updates on several areas of Education ministry including the continued vibrancy of life groups and the recent Children's Ministry Bible figures "wax museum" which provided children with an energized faith formation experience. She made note of the large number of volunteers required to support children and youth activities on Wednesdays and Sundays and extended thanks to those who have volunteered and encouraged others to do so. She also shared that there is an Adult Education 'dream team' that is working on assessing and developing recommendations for the continued growth in rich faith formation and that this group will share recommendations to the Education Committee later this year. Schriefer closed by highlighting upcoming events including the Quest class time with Session at the May meeting, High School Youth's first international trip since 2019, and Youth Sunday on April 19.

**Mission and Outreach:** Jim Hamilton, Vice-Chair

Hamilton provided updates on three key outreach initiatives and relationships starting with the Mezzanine. Hamilton reported that, with a desire to sustain a meaningful relationship with the Mezzanine, M & O leadership is holding a series of meetings to assess current state and get input on ideas for moving forward with this partnership. Hamilton then shared a recap of the Room in the Inn season which had Covenant hosting a record number of guests including over 50 children.

Hamilton's third update was related to Covenant's work in Avery County. He reported that 50% of the money raised for Hurricane Helene relief has been distributed (primarily to individuals and families) and, now that needs in the community have shifted, M & O is adjusting this giving strategy. Going forward the remaining money will be given via grants through strong local organizations. Hamilton reminded Session of the twice monthly workdays in Avery and the summer work trip July 27-Aug 1. Hamilton's final report was that 5 Davidson/Stapleton interns and 1 People in Mission intern will begin their summer internship on May 27.

The Moderator added an item to the M & O report by sharing a letter of appreciation from Freedom Communities which is a key partner in the Mezzanine project.

**Worship:** Lou Watson, Chair

Watson's report was a reflection on the remarkable experience of Holy Week at Covenant and an expression of collective gratitude to all those who contributed to the experience. She extended thanks to pastoral staff, worship leaders, musicians, worship arts volunteers, education ministry, ushers, custodians, elders who served communion, the a/v team and all whose hands and hearts contributed to making 'Holy Week Alive.'

**Clerk's Report:** Philip James, Clerk

James began his report with a reminder of the called Presbytery meeting on April 18 for the purpose of electing a new Executive Presbyter. He noted that we need 2 more representatives for that meeting and that there is an upcoming standing meeting on May 16. Next James highlighted that the next Session meeting will begin early at 6:15 as the Quest class will join to share their faith statements and that by mingling beforehand Session can provide a welcoming, low-key environment for these special guests. James then shared the updated Operations Manual is now available on the Session SharePoint site as well as the Covenant website. And he announced that Janet Delery and Sarah Wilson have agreed to serve as Elder Nominating Committee chairs pending Session approval which is required by the Operations Manual. He then moved that Session approve the nomination of Delery and Wilson. The motion was approved on vote by the attendees.

**Old Business/New Business: None**

**Staff Announcements/Pastoral Concerns**

Eva Bender reported that the Child Development has filled all 22 of the designated financial assistance spots. The Moderator highlighted the upcoming Iona pilgrimage which will take place in early May. He also shared that thanks to a designated gift Covenant is able to help lead a conference called The Learning Collaborative that provides opportunity for mutual connection, learning and support for Presbyterian ministers across the country. That conference will take place April 29-May 1. Members of staff then offered up several concerns and celebrations for ongoing prayer.


**Closing Prayer**

Katherine Kerr closed the meeting in prayer at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Philip James, Clerk



Robert W. Henderson, Moderator

**COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
CALLED SESSION MEETINGS  
Sundays, April 19, 26, 2026**

Covenant held two Called Session Meetings on a Sunday for the purpose of receiving new members. Lora Borrelli introduced the following new members and information:

**April 19, 2026**

Carlin Taylor            Reaffirmation

**April 26, 2026**

Holly Nicolau            Reaffirmation

Brandon Nicolau        Reaffirmation

**Active (confirmed) members as of 4/30/2026: 2903**

**2026 new members as of 4/30/2026: 23**

**2026 new affiliate members as of 4/30/2026: 0**

**2026 transfers as of 4/30/2026: 3**

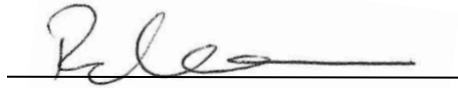
**2026 deaths as of 4/30/2026: 5**

Motions of acceptance were made, seconded and approved. The meeting adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



Philip James, Clerk



Robert W. Henderson, Moderator

**COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SESSION MEETING  
REQUEST FOR CHANGES IN THE ACTIVE ROLL**

**Removed from Active Roll Per Request**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Transferred to:</b>
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None to report.

**COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SESSION ACTION ITEM**

**SUMMARY**

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**SUBJECT: 2026 Baptisms**

**DATE: May 11, 2026**

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**Report From:** Baptism Committee

**Background:** Baptism must be approved by the Session.

**Process to Date:** Parents requested that their children be baptized in May, June, and August 2026.

**Budget Impact:** None

**Actions Taken or Recommendation:** The Baptism Committee, with the support of the Ministry of Worship, recommends approval of the following at Covenant in May, June, and August 2026.

May 17, at the 9:30 a.m. service in the Covenant Sanctuary  
Elias Belmadani, Quest Confirmand  
Anna Jenkins, Quest Confirmand

May 31, at the 11:00 a.m. service in the Covenant Sanctuary  
Margaret Mae D'Ambrosio  
Parents – Lauren and John D'Ambrosio

June 28, at the 11:00 a.m. service in the Covenant Sanctuary  
Annie James Foresman  
Parents – Madison and Derek Foresman

August 16, at the 11:00 a.m. service in the Covenant Sanctuary  
Wells David Seippel  
Parents – McKenzie and Cris Seippel

**Motion:** Motion to approve the baptisms of Elias Belmadani, Anna Jenkins, Margaret Mae D'Ambrosio, Annie James Foresman, and Wells David Seippel.

**COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SESSION ACTION ITEM**

**SUMMARY**

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**SUBJECT: Treasurer's Report**

**From: Vince DiSandro, Treasurer**

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**Covenant Presbyterian Church  
Monthly Financial Comments  
April 2026**

**Income Statement Comments**

The main impacts of the April Income Statement are outlined below.

**Income:** Pledge receipts were below budget by \$139K for the month and by \$34K on a year-to-date ("YTD") basis. Pledge receipts represent 41% of the annual pledge budget, which is equal to the prior year, and is four percentage points lower than the historical 3-year average for the first four months of the year. Total income was below budget by \$221K for the month and by \$34K YTD, primarily due to lower than planned interest income, and timing of Trip Income and restricted fund transfers related to Avery country flood relief grants.

**Expenses:** Total expenses were above budget by \$9K for the month and below budget by \$139K YTD, primarily due to timing.

**The Bottom Line:** Net Loss for the month was \$151K, which was \$230K below the Net Income budget of \$80K. Net income on a YTD basis was \$310K, which was \$100K above budget.

**Balance Sheet Comments**

Significant changes in the Balance Sheet, as compared to the prior month, were:

**Line 25:** Reflects the month's net cash income.

**Lines 29 & 35:** Reflects market value increases in the Endowment funds.

**Line 36:** Increase reflects receipt of member donations offset by ministry operations expenses.

**Line 39:** Reflects the month's operating Net Income.

<b>Covenant Presbyterian Church</b>		Period ending:			04/30/26					
<b>INCOME STATEMENT</b>		YTD	YTD	YTD	Annual	Y-T-D Actual as % of Annual				
		Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	2026	2025	2024	2023	
<b>Income:</b>										
1	Pledge Receipts/ Anticipated Contributions	\$ 1,530,830	\$ 1,496,534	\$ (34,296)	\$ 3,680,406	41%	41%	46%	49%	
2	Miscellaneous Contributions	204,467	206,593	\$ 2,126	399,500					
3	Investment/Interest Income	203,921	178,483	\$ (25,438)	420,000					
4	Transfer from Restricted Funds	39,000	16,160	\$ (22,840)	513,250					
5	Other Income	18,800	16,939	\$ (1,861)	56,000					
6	<b>Total Schools</b>	<b>726,490</b>	<b>755,644</b>	<b>\$ 29,154</b>	<b>2,104,374</b>					
7	Child Dev. Ctr. Income	536,620	558,449	\$ 21,829	1,645,905					
8	Preschool Income	189,870	197,194	\$ 7,324	458,469					
9	Food Service	65,650	70,449	\$ 4,799	198,000					
10	Recreation Wing Income	34,118	44,719	\$ 10,601	181,200					
11	Ministry Trip Income	150,843	145,463	\$ (5,380)	207,800					
12	Ministry Other Income	\$ 32,890	\$ 36,149	\$ 3,260	\$ 43,500					
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 3,007,009</b>	<b>\$ 2,967,133</b>	<b>\$ (39,876)</b>	<b>\$ 7,804,030</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>47%</b>	
<b>Expenses:</b>										
13	Worship	\$ 53,503	\$ 49,437	\$ (4,066)	\$ 144,600					
14	Congregational Care	9,025	8,996	\$ (29)	19,700					
15	Congregational Life	49,977	44,543	\$ (5,433)	82,000					
16	Mission & Outreach	337,267	295,488	\$ (41,779)	773,600					
17	Education	165,312	129,198	\$ (36,114)	328,375					
18	<b>Total Schools</b>	<b>704,502</b>	<b>689,615</b>	<b>\$ (14,888)</b>	<b>2,078,707</b>					
19	Child Dev. Ctr.	523,922	529,930	\$ 6,008	1,608,465					
20	Preschool	180,581	159,685	\$ (20,896)	470,242					
21	Food Service	36,154	40,899	\$ 4,745	109,500					
22	Recreation Ministries	37,650	27,112	\$ (10,538)	53,600					
23	Administration	267,946	272,833	\$ 4,887	806,658					
24	Personnel	1,135,587	1,099,410	\$ (36,177)	3,407,290					
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 2,796,922</b>	<b>\$ 2,657,531</b>	<b>\$ (139,391)</b>	<b>\$ 7,804,030</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>44%</b>	
	<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 210,087</b>	<b>\$ 309,601</b>	<b>\$ 99,514</b>	<b>\$ -</b>					
<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>										
		April 30, 2026	March 31, 2026	Change						
<b>Assets:</b>										
25	Truist (BB&T) Checking/Savings	\$ 2,099,461	\$ 2,263,965	\$ (164,505)						
26	Wells Fargo & Morgan Stanley Holding	3,648,432	3,637,704	10,728						
27	Petty Cash	350	350	-						
28	Accounts Receivable and Advances	56,440	52,238	4,202						
29	Endowment Fund Mkt Value	19,393,818	18,403,096	990,722						
30	Real Estate Funds	2,425,000	2,425,000	-						
	<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 27,623,501</b>	<b>\$ 26,782,354</b>	<b>\$ 841,147</b>						
<b>Liabilities:</b>										
31	Accounts Payable and Misc. Accruals	\$ (2,836)	(2,917)	81						
	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ (2,836)</b>	<b>\$ (2,917)</b>	<b>\$ 81</b>						
<b>Fund Balances:</b>										
32	Donor Advised	296,474	296,474	\$ -						
33	Infrastructure Fund/Cornerstone Income	196,763	196,763	\$ -						
34	Payable to Endowment Corpus	1,475	695	\$ 780						
35	Restricted End/Cornerst & Real Estate	21,818,818	20,828,096	\$ 990,722						
36	Restricted Funds	4,145,231	4,140,286	\$ 4,946						
37	Non-Budgeted Benevolences	22,855	23,093	\$ (237)						
38	Section 125 Plan	(2,135)	(1,314)	\$ (822)						
39	Genl Fund Balance	1,000,544	1,151,098	\$ (150,554)						
40	Columbarium	29,249	30,027	\$ (778)						
41	<b>Reserve Fund Balances</b>	<b>117,063</b>	<b>120,054</b>	<b>\$ (2,991)</b>						
	<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 27,626,337</b>	<b>\$ 26,785,271</b>	<b>\$ 841,066</b>						
	<b>Total Liab. &amp; Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 27,623,501</b>	<b>\$ 26,782,354</b>	<b>\$ 841,147</b>						

**COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SESSION ACTION ITEM**

**SUMMARY**

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**Subject: Clerk's Communications**

**From: Philip James, Clerk**

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Communication has been received from the following organizations in acknowledgement of donations:

- Friends of Accion
- Supportive Housing Communities