

Stained Glass Gazette

First Presbyterian Church, Moultrie, GA

January 22, 2026

Stated Session Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2026

The session met on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, for a Stated Meeting at 5:15 in the Vereen Parlor. The following elders were present: Laura Hall, Melody Jenkins, Dan Jeter, Aileen McNair, Joan White, Elaine Barber, Laura Johnson, Marshal McCranie, and Brooks Sheldon. Visitors present were Austin Pounds, Jim Soos, Nancy Coleman, Patty June, and Executive Presbyter, Deb Tregaskis. Rev. Rick Douylliez, Moderator, called the meeting to order. Melody Jenkins opened the meeting with a devotional and prayer.

The published agenda was approved with 2 additions.

The following minutes were approved with the noted correction:

- December 17, 2025 – Stated Meeting
- January 4, 2026 – Congregational Meeting
- January 11, 2026 (date corrected) – Called Meeting to accept new members
- January 13, 2026 – Called Meeting

The following items of business and reports were presented, discussed, and acted upon as noted:

Vital Statistics: Melody Jenkins reported Paul Herndon's resignation from the Session on January 6, 2026. His resignation was approved unanimously with regret. She also noted the requests of Paul & Rachel Herndon (January 6, 2026) and Marilyn Harrison (January 15, 2026) to be removed from the church roll. The removals were accepted unanimously with regret.

Calendar – The events on the attached calendar were referred to the attention of the elders.

Order of the Day – Rev. Douylliez introduced Executive Presbyter, Rev Deb Tregaskis. Her request to be recognized at the end of the agenda was granted.

Pastor's Report – Rev. Douylliez's report of pastoral counseling and visits was included in the packet. He presented 2 recommendations:

1. Approval of the baptisms of Michael Alexzander and Addilyn Spencer, grandchildren of Michelle and Talmadge Williams, on February 1, 2026. Melody Jenkins made the motion to approve, and Aileen McNair seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Approval of serving Communion at the Resonance worship service (schedule to be decided). Melody Jenkins made the motion to approve, and Aileen McNair seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

DCE REPORT - Austin Pounds reported on the programs and activities that he is planning and presenting for children, youth, and adults. His printed report was included in the packet. He pointed out the success of the first Resonance service and the Confirmation classes.

Committee Reports

Administration

- **Finance** – Laura Johnson reported that because of several large donations at the end of 2025, the deficit at year's end was not as bad as expected. She also noted that the 3 vacancies on the Session were all members of the Finance Committee, and they will be looking to the newly elected elders for additions to the committee.
- **Building & Grounds** – Rev. Douylliez presented 2 items from the Building & Grounds Committee for action:
 1. Replacement of the batteries in the Fellowship Hall defibrillator, which will cost \$600. Melody Jenkins made the motion to replace the batteries, and Aileen McNair seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 2. The HVAC unit for the sanctuary needs repairs of \$6,000. Laura Johnson made a motion to accept the bid from Thompson Electric, and Marshall McCranie seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Personnel** – written report included in packet

Spiritual Growth – written report included in packet.

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Christian Service – Rev. Douylliez apprised the elders of pressing concerns and updates on members. He commended the committee for tending to the concerns with prayer, cards, and visits. He also commended Nancy Coleman for her diligent maintenance of the concerns list. Joan White commented on the initial meeting for those interested in participating in the Stephen Ministry (printed information included in the packet). Orientation meetings are planned for the future. Deb Tregaskis commented that we should consider including small Presbyterian churches in our cluster in the planning process. Dan Jeter commented that cost should not be a factor in deterring good programs for our church.

Old Business –

- The Congregational Nominating Committee will be meeting the first week of February to begin its work.
- Committee Structure Task Force has not met, but a meeting will be held soon.

New Business –

- Rev Douylliez brought a proposal from Flint River Presbytery for Moultrie First Presbyterian to host the August 1, 2026, Flint River Presbytery Meeting. Melody Jenkins made a motion to grant the FRP request, and Aileen McNair seconded. Discussion revolved around costs, time involved, and our church’s responsibilities. The question was called and passed unanimously.
- Rev. Douylliez shared a request from the Breathe Organization (the group that is renting the old Covenant Counseling building from our church) to participate in their *Night to Shine* event on February 13, 2026, by loaning our church bus to them for that night. Dan Jeter made a motion to grant their request, and Marshall McCranie seconded. Discussion revolved around liability and insurance questions, the bus driver, and other concerns. The question was called, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Melody Jenkins presented the motion from the Ad Hoc committee, which was appointed at the January 13, 2026, called meeting:

- As a result of the Session vote on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, rescinding the motion from the July 15, 2025 meeting, and recognizing the need for more information and discussion of alternatives for moving forward, we recommend that the Session hold 2 Open Door Town Hall meetings to understand and communicate current issues facing Moultrie First Presbyterian Church with the intent of discovering a pathway forward for the church to culminate in a vote of the Session by March 1, 2026.

Laura Hall seconded the motion. During the discussion, the following ideas were put forth:

- How do we frame the wording of the invitation to these discussions so that participants can expect a different outcome from past meetings?
- Our approach should be positive and not negative.
- How can we make our congregation healthy?
- What do you disagree with in PCUSA doctrine, and how does it impact our church?
- How does PCUSA help our church?
- What is our idea of a flourishing church, and how can we reach that?

Deb Tregaskis presented ideas for alternatives through PCUSA. She also emphasized that PCUSA is becoming a “bottom-up” organization due to the freedom granted in the Book of Order to individual church sessions to decide what is best for their congregations by adopting their own policies. Ideas were put forth about possible facilitators for these meetings, how we would inform the congregation about the meetings, and other organizational questions. The question was called, and the motion was approved unanimously.

The next Stated Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 5:15 pm. Having no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned with the singing of the Doxology.

Melody S. Jenkins, Clerk of Session

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship at 11 a.m. Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 9-5 and Friday 9-4

To all who are weary and need rest, to all who mourn and need comfort, to all who are lonely and need friendship, to all who are glad and would serve others, to all who are complacent and need disturbing, to all who sin and need a Savior, this Church opens wide its door in the name of Christ, and bids you welcome.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jan 23-25 YOUTH on ROCK THE UNIVERSE ORLANDO TRIP

Tuesday, January 27 at 4 p.m. Missions Committee

Wednesday, January 28 at 5:30 p.m. WATCH Supper

Thursday, January 29 at 1 p.m. Card playing

Sunday, February 1 at 11 a.m. worship & baptism, followed by baptism celebration (see below)



Cookies for College Students and Soldiers

The Presbyterian Women are preparing to send boxes of love (cookies) for Valentine's Day. If your child is in college or active in the military, please send their mailing address to Melody Jenkins by February 1st.
 melodyjane1951@gmail.com
 or 229-891-1016



First Presbyterian Preschool
 Registration News
 For the 2026-2027 School Year

OPEN ENROLLMENT:

Begins Tuesday, January 20 at 8:00 AM

Packets can be picked up in the church office!

One year old class: full

Two year old class: full

Three year old class: 2 open spots

Four year old class: 6 open spots

Fill out an application for an open spot or to get on the waitlist.

COME JOIN US

LENT AND EASTER STUDY: WHY DID JESUS DIE?

In this study we will be reflecting on Jesus's atoning death

February 24th, 2026 at Shalom Cafe! Starts at 9 A.M.

\$20 for the book or you can purchase an ebook on Kindle

Baptism

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MICHAEL ALEXZANDER
 &
 ADDILYN SPENCER

Please join Talmadge and Michelle Williams for the Baptism of their grandchildren Sunday, February 1, 2026 at 11 o'clock in the morning
 First Presbyterian Church
 501 1st Street SE - Moultrie, Georgia
 Reception to follow at the Fellowship Hall
 RSVP to Michelle Williams
 by January 25th

✦ **Card Schedule** ✦

1 p.m.
 These Thursdays:
 Jan. 22 and 29
 Feb. 5, 19, 26

2026 FLOWER CHART

Holly Beard is working on the flower chart for 2026. If you are interested in a particular Sunday, please call or text her at 229-798-0669. **Dates will be first come, first serve.**

Open dates:

Feb. 28	July 12	Nov. 1
Mar. 8, 15	Aug. 9, 23, 30	Dec. 27
Apr. 19, 26	Sept. 6	
May 3	Oct. 18, 25	

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Wednesday Nights at the Church

5:30 P.M.

Menu: Wednesday, January 28

Everyone: Buffalo Wings, BBQ Wings, Lemon Pepper Wings, Steamed Veggies, Baked Beans, Fries, Salad Bar

Dessert: Ricotta Chocolate Chip Cake, Cookies, Ice Cream

Make your reservation:

Email firstpresmoultrie@gmail.com

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