

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Session Highlights – August 2025

At its August meeting, Session focused on the following key updates for the life of St. Andrew:

1. Looking Ahead to Confirmation

Plans are underway for a confirmation retreat at Stronghold in partnership with other churches, with hopes for ongoing monthly follow-ups. Confirmands may also begin attending Session and team meetings to gain a deeper understanding of how St. Andrew lives out its ministry.

2. Caring for the Church Grounds

Session approved a proposal to dredge the pond behind the church, a project that must be done every 7–10 years. The work will be covered by designated funds already in the budget.

3. Staffing Updates

With no applicants for the Building & Grounds Coordinator role, the Personnel Team is exploring a mix of outside maintenance support and in-house staffing for events and technology. Session also approved temporary expanded hours for the instrumental ensemble director role and empowered Personnel to prepare a new job posting to cover upcoming music staff transitions.

4. Leadership Elections

Session elected Patricia Benson as Clerk, Jason Schuchert as Treasurer (for one month while future plans are finalized), and Michelle DeGroot as Assistant Treasurer. Three elders—Helen Bryce, Scott Fisher, and Becky Benson—were elected as presbytery commissioners.

5. Financial Snapshot

At midyear, St. Andrew has received about half of its budgeted income while keeping expenses in line. Finance and Personnel are also exploring creative staffing solutions to meet building and program needs in a sustainable way.