



Connecting Hearts, Renewing Lives

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Highlights from the March 12, 2026, Session Meeting

Session met Thursday evening with Pastor Carl Anderson moderating. Like many of you, elders spent some time talking about the strange mix of emotions in this season: excitement about welcoming a new pastor, gratitude for the pastors who have served us, and the ordinary (and necessary) work of running a church in the middle of it all.

One piece of business involved pastoral care. Session affirmed its desire for the Rev. **Colette Soult**s to continue serving as St. Andrew's *Pastoral Care Associate* for the time being. As many of you know, when a new pastor arrives there is a lot of listening, planning, and vision-setting that needs to happen. Having Colette continue her pastoral care ministry allows Pastor-elect **Jordan Warntjes** the space to begin his work while ensuring that visits, counseling, and other pastoral needs continue without interruption.

Session also talked through plans for “**A Farewell, A Celebration & A Welcoming**,” the three Sundays that will mark this spring's pastoral transitions. On **April 26** we will say farewell to Transitional Pastor **Carl Anderson** (alongside the already-scheduled child-led service). On **May 3** we will celebrate the ministry of the Rev. **W. Robert Martin III**, with Pastor Rob participating in the service and helping lead Communion alongside Rev. Colette Soult, while his longtime mentor, **Rev. Peter Boehlke**, offers the sermon. And on **May 10** we will celebrate **Welcome Sunday for Pastor Jordan Warntjes** as he begins his ministry among us. As you might imagine, coordinating all of that requires a little Presbyterian choreography with the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry and Vitality, which Session has begun putting in place.

Elsewhere in the meeting, the Building & Grounds Team reported on recent work around the property and plans for a **spring clean-up day**, likely on **May 2**, when volunteers will help tidy the grounds and prepare the campus for the busy months ahead. The team is also exploring improvements to the sidewalk entrance near the Hub to better meet ADA accessibility needs.

Session and the Personnel Team also began discussing options for the future of **Children & Family Ministry** when **Thomas Hartley** steps down this summer. Conversations are still early, but leaders are working to ensure a thoughtful transition for that important part of the church's life.

In other words, the church is doing what the church does—**celebrating, planning, and faithfully tending the work of ministry together**.