

**Trinity Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) Valdosta, GA**

Stated Session Meeting

10 August 2025

**Class of 2025**  
Britanny DiGiammarino  
(Clerk)  
Beth Reid  
Glennie Wicks  
Bryan Wright

**Class of 2026**  
Mark Ferguson  
Zirkia Snyman  
Grant Wright

**Class of 2027**  
Megan Ault  
Jeff Bickers  
Doug Maxwell

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| <b>Moderator</b>       | Bradley Walker   |
| <b>Clerk</b>           | Britanny DiGiammarino  |
| <b>Members Present</b> | Bradley Walker (Moderator), Britanny DiGiammarino (Clerk), Beth Reid, Glennie Wicks, Bryan Wright, Grant Wright, Jeff Bickers, Doug Maxell |
| <b>Members Excused</b> | Megan Ault, Zirkia Snyman, Mark Ferguson   |

**DEVOTIONAL / OPENING PRAYER**

Moderator Bradley Walker called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m., with a quorum present. He read Acts 27 from Eugene Peterson’s *The Message*, providing historical context on the Apostle Paul’s journey and the storm at sea. He encouraged the Session to consider how the passage relates to the contemporary church.

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**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion to approve the agenda was seconded and approved unanimously by voice vote.

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

- **Financial Report:** A motion to approve the Financial Report was seconded and approved unanimously.
- **May 2025 Meeting Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes from the May 2025 Stated Session Meeting was seconded and approved unanimously.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance**

The Finance Committee presented the Finance Policy (third reading) and reviewed recent amendments. No additional recommendations were made. The policy will be finalized and returned for Session’s final approval or adjustment.

**Worship and Education**

- The Committee amended its written report to encourage all elders to meet in the library on Sundays at 10:40 a.m. to review the prayer list, discuss communion assignments, and pray together.
- Moderator Walker announced that December 8, 2025, marks the 40th anniversary of Trinity Presbyterian Church’s chartering. He recommended hosting a celebration. Given that December

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7 is the 84th anniversary of Pearl Harbor and also falls on a Sunday, the Session considered alternative dates or holding a special worship service with a potluck on December 7.

- The Session proposed contacting charter members to invite them to attend. It was suggested to invite EP Deb Tregaskis to lead the service. Elders from the Care Share and Missions Committees will initiate planning, and the moderator recommended forming a dedicated team to organize the event.

### Care Share and Missions

- The Rise Against Hunger event, hosted at Trinity on October 5, 2025, was highlighted. The Office Administrator will begin publicizing donation needs to cover Trinity's \$650 contribution.
- The first Wednesday Night Supper (WNS) is scheduled for September 3, 2025.

### Building and Grounds

- A verbal report was provided.
- Bus air conditioning repairs are estimated at approximately \$1,600. Parts have been ordered, and the bus remains in the repair shop.
- The Building and Grounds Elder has met with a fourth contractor regarding brickwork damage caused by Hurricane Helene.

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### OLD BUSINESS

None.

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### NEW BUSINESS

#### Resignation of Megan Ault

A motion to regretfully accept Megan Ault's resignation, submitted via email on July 28, 2025, was seconded and approved unanimously.

#### Commissioner's Report (August 2, 2025)

Elder Bryan Wright provided a verbal report on the Flint River Presbytery (FRP) meeting, highlighting:

- Successful moderation by Glennie Wicks.
- Election of nominees to various offices.
- Advancement of an inquirer to candidacy.
- Recognition of two Trinity TRE graduates.
- Reflection on Acts 27.
- Presentations from the Legacy Foundation and the Valdosta Center.

#### Visiting Pastor Items and Reflections

Moderator Walker submitted items for Session consideration:

- Upcoming absences on August 17, 31, and September 7.
- His agreement with Moultrie continues through October; he offered to assist Trinity until the agreement's completion.
- The Committee on Ministry (COM) will meet August 22 to appoint a successor Moderator for Trinity Session. The Session expressed no preference for a specific candidate, noting satisfaction with all past moderators.
- Housing costs: Brad is incurring approximately \$1,400 per month in unanticipated lodging expenses at InTown Suites Valdosta. While there was no prior agreement for reimbursement, he has offered to pay out-of-pocket but invited Session to consider assistance.

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- **Action Taken:** A motion to reimburse Brad for lodging expenses for July and August, transferring funds from the Pastor Housing line to Pastor Continuing Education as reimbursement, was seconded and approved unanimously.

**Elder Nominating Committee (ENC)**

The Session reviewed ENC processes and functions, including:

- Nominating elders and successors from members-at-large.
- Year-round function, addressing vacancies as needed.
- Authority to nominate for new committees requiring congregational approval.
- Recommendation that ENC members generally not serve concurrently on Session, with careful discretion regarding family members and staff serving on Session.
- Succession planning for up to three years.
- Intentional efforts to ensure appropriate representation on Session.

**Action Taken:**

Elders Bryan Wright and Beth Reid volunteered to serve as the two active elders required by the Book of Order for the ENC. Since no new ENC committee was elected, last year's committee remains active pending verbal commitments, although former Session members are ineligible to serve. A motion to elect Wright and Reid to the ENC was seconded and approved unanimously.

**Committee Mergers**

The moderator expressed concern that merging the Worship and Christian Education Committees could hinder their effectiveness due to the broad scope of responsibilities. He encouraged Session members to participate in worship planning a year in advance.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Due to time constraints, the following items were deferred:

- Congregational Focus Areas
- Pastoral Search

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**REMINDERS AND PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Approved calendar and newsletter information is available at [trinitypresval.org](http://trinitypresval.org) and in printed/digital newsletters.
- Prayer requests: Mark and Karen Ferguson (COVID-19), Zirkia Snyman (travel).

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**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was seconded and approved unanimously at 6:19 p.m. Elder Jeff Bickers closed with prayer.

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Respectfully submitted,



Britanny DiGiammarino  
Clerk of Session

**NEXT STATED MEETING: SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER, 3:00PM**