

First Presbyterian Church of Ada, OK
Stated Session Meeting December 12, 2021, 12 noon
WFC Hall

Agenda

I. Call to Order

recitation of mission: **Learning to Love - Growing in God - Serving with Joy**

recitation of vision: **to be a community of people bound by Love, Joy, and Growth in the Lord – where all God’s children are welcomed**

Opening Prayer

II. Roll

A. Session Members (Present, Excused, or Absent)

Class of 2022

_____ Cathy Blackburn

_____ Mindy Choate

_____ Amy Elliott

_____ Terry Holman

_____ Regina Robertson

Class of 2023

_____ Gayla Cook

_____ Amy Mayhue

_____ Teresa Mayhue

_____ Edmon Perkins

_____ David Piercy

B. Moderator

C. Staff

_____ Carol Peshehonoff, Treasurer

D. Visitors

Deacon representative _____

III. Determination of Quorum

IV. Adoption of the Agenda

V. Approval of Minutes

Stated Session Meeting October 24, 2021 (attached)

Called Congregational Meeting November 7, 2021 (attached)

VI. From the Treasurer

October and November financial reports (attached)

VII. From the Clerk of Session

VIII. From the Pastor

Report, attached

IX. The Ministries by Committee, Etc.

COVID-19 Task Force

Christian Education

Congregational Life and Membership

Minutes of the October and November meetings, attached

Deacons

Minutes of the November meeting, attached

Finance

Media Relations

Mission and Evangelism

Minutes of the November and December meetings, attached

Nominating

Personnel and Administration

Property

Steering

Worship

Minutes of the November meeting, attached

X. Continuing business

1. Scouting Unit 4 Update – Kurt Jackson, Charter Organization Representative

XI. New Business

1. Baptism request (Child Baptism Information Form attached)

Book of Order W-3.0403: Responsibility for Baptism

Baptism shall be authorized by the session and administered by a minister of the Word and Sacrament. The session's responsibilities for Baptism include: encouraging parents (or those exercising parental responsibility) to present their children for Baptism without undue haste or undue delay; encouraging new believers to be baptized; examining candidates for Baptism, or their parents, and instructing them in the significance of the Sacrament; enrolling those who are baptized as members of the congregation; and providing for their ongoing nurture and formation for baptismal life in the world. The congregation as a whole, on behalf of the universal Church, is responsible for nurturing baptized persons in Christian life. The session may designate certain members of the congregation as sponsors or mentors for those who are baptized or for their parents.

When a young child is presented for Baptism at least one parent (or person exercising parental responsibility) should be an active member of a Christian church, normally the congregation in which the baptism takes place. The session may consider a request to baptize a child whose parent is an active member of another church. If the session approves such a request, it should communicate with the council of the other congregation and notify them when the Sacrament has been administered. Those presenting children for Baptism will promise to nurture and guide them until they are ready to make a personal profession of faith and assume the responsibility of active church membership.

2. If the session would like to produce an *Annual Report 2021*, set date for notes and other elements due in the church office (via email is best):

3. Thank you notes: Karen Walters, fellowship hall and foyer cleaning; David and Renee Simmons

4. _____

5. _____

XII. Upcoming Key Dates (December calendar, attached)

Elders of the month for December: Cathy Blackburn, Amy Mayhue, Regina Robertson

2nd Midweek Advent Service: Thursday, December 16th, 2021, 6:30pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: 7:30pm

Next session meeting: January 23rd

XIII. On the Annual Planning Calendar

November

Pledge Dedication Sunday (early in the month)

First new session member orientation meeting

December

Second session member orientation meeting

Finance Committee presents draft next-year budget (as info or for session approval) (if not approved in December, must be approved in January).

Each committee provides a strategic plan update report to the session

Steering Committee provides plan reviews, reported to the congregation

XIV. Executive Session (if needed)

XV. Sharing Time

Fellowship with Cook-offs (November) and Church Christmas Party (December)...wow!

Community service...Mama T's, Ada Homeless Services, Compassion Outreach, Meals on Wheels...wow!

Very ill persons being healed by doctors, nurses, God, and love of the church...wow!

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XVI. Adjournment

XVII. Closing Prayer