



Presbytery of Coastal Carolina

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May 3, 2021

TO: Members of the Presbytery, Commissioned Ruling Elders, and Ruling Elder Commissioners and Guests

You are cordially invited to the 121st Stated Meeting of
the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina
May 17, 2021

The meeting will be conducted on the Zoom platform and called to order at 10am.

Pre-Register for this meeting, now at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYud-qupjMoHt3b0wdh2i8y-tvuaCGxzThS>

Deadline for registration is Wednesday, May 12. (This is not a link to the meeting.)

(Note: If persons join by phone only they may not be able to vote or speak.)

We anticipate some business presented during this meeting will generate discussion. To best facilitate the conversation, we are asking persons to sign-up to speak prior to the meeting using this link: <https://forms.gle/E2H4jrxmxzBPY1sV6> Registering to speak will help the meeting proceed more smoothly. These persons will be called upon to speak first, then we will still do our best to ensure any other individuals that wish to speak during the meeting may do so. Please complete the google form by Noon Thursday, May 13.

The Rev. Warren Lesane Jr, Executive and Stated Clerk for the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic will be our preacher for worship. The offering will support The Pentecost PC(USA) Special Offering (pcusa.org/pentecost).

For the purpose of meeting electronically by Zoom, these will be the special rules of order and any standing rules that interfere with them will be suspended:

1. Enrolled Participants in the Zoom Stated Meeting will be limited to Presbytery minister members, Elder Commissioners, Commissioned Ruling Elders, Committee Chairs, individuals to be examined by PCC, persons needing Spanish language interpretation, and any other individuals invited by Stated Clerk.
2. Only enrolled participants will be permitted into the Zoom meeting. Efforts will be made to live-stream the meeting so others may observe. A link for guests to view the meeting will be provided in the packet.
3. All Zoom participants will be required to **pre-register by Wednesday, May 12, 2021** indicating whether they are a minister member (TE), a Ruling Elder Commissioner (RE), a Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE), a PCC Committee Chair, Person needing Spanish

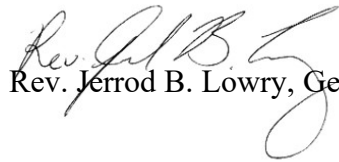
translation, or those to be examined or otherwise invited by Stated Clerk. ***Same day registrations will not be possible.*** After registering the Zoom link is emailed to the registrant.

4. Participant access to Zoom will begin at 9:30 a.m. There will be 30 minutes of fellowship before the meeting is called to order. If a participant gets disconnected, they may use the same link to reconnect to the meeting. (The livestream for observers will begin at 10 am.)
5. The presence of a quorum shall be established by the moderator, upon reviewing the participants' list in Zoom. Thereafter, the continued presence of a quorum shall be determined by monitoring the list of participants.
6. Each participant is responsible for their audio and internet connections; no action shall be invalidated on the grounds that the loss of, or poor quality of, a participant's individual connection prevented participation in the meeting.

The packet is online at www.PresbyCC.org/calendar/packets/ additional helps for using Zoom are in the packet.

Friends, I look forward to seeing you Monday, May 17th!

Blessings,



Rev. Jerrod B. Lowry, General Presbyter & Stated Clerk

Presbytery of Coastal Carolina -- Zoom Instructions

Register to Get the Link

You are invited to the Meeting of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina - a Zoom meeting.

Monday, May 17, 2020, Zoom Opens at 9:30 AM (The call to Order is 10:00AM)

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After registering, your registration will be reviewed and approved, then you will receive a confirmation email containing information and link about joining the meeting. Please Look in Spam/Junk folder before calling the Presbytery office. Earthlink is notorious for blocking it. Only Minister members, Ruling Elder Commissioners, CREs, Chairpersons, Hispanic participants, and invited guests and staff will permitted to register for the Zoom interactive meeting. **All observers and guests** will be able to see the meeting live streamed on Facebook or YouTube Live.

www.facebook.com/presbycc or on youtube.com/c/PresbyccOrg807 (CoastalCarolinaPCUSA)

Speaking & Voting in the Meeting:

To be recognized to Speak please “Raise Your Hand” on some versions of Zoom this is “the Blue Hand” in the Participants list: The raise hand feature will be used for seeking recognition for speaking or to object to a motion being passed through unanimous consent. The Moderator will recognize persons who raise their hand, asking them to unmute and speak, please be prepared to unmute when called upon.

- A. Click on “reactions” icon on the bottom toolbar of zoom, then click on the words “raise hand”
- B. In some versions of Zoom to raise your hand, you must open the Participants list,
 - a. then press the “Raise Hand” button. A little hand icon will appear next to your image and on the participants list beside your name. (On phones, entering *9 activates the “raise hand” feature.)

Using the raise hand moves your name to the top of the participants list so that hosts see your desire to speak and then the moderator may call upon you.

- C. You can LOWER your hand if you change your mind, or your question get answered by other speakers.
- D. Raise hand by Keyboard short cut
 - a. Windows computer the keys **Alt+Y** will Raise/lower hand. Or
 - b. on a Mac: **Option+Y** will Raise hand/lower hand

NOTE: *this is **not** the same as the “reactions” hand.*

Voting: Most voting for this meeting will be by unanimous consent UNLESS there is objection. Such objections can be made through the raise hand function. If no one objects, the motion passes. If there IS an objection to the motion, a full vote will be taken through the polling function.

Polling: For some items, a poll question will appear on your screen and you will be asked to indicate yes or no or I’m not eligible to vote. If you are calling in on a phone, you may be asked to announce

your vote, if the tally is close. Since the poll automatically counts the vote, the poll will be the final vote on a motion.

ZOOM CONNECTION GUIDE:

Thank you for registering for the meeting of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina! Please help make this a productive and efficient meeting by following these guidelines.

1. Prepare & Practice.

- a Have headphones or speakers, have a microphone, a webcam is optional.
- b Know how to turn the volume up/down so you can hear.
- c Please be sure your version of the zoom program is UpToDate by going to <https://zoom.us/download> and downloading the latest version.
- d If you are unsure of Zoom, you can go anytime to zoom.us/test then click JOIN then click Join with Video. You can test your connection and your camera.
- e Be familiar with these tips and instructions

2. **You can access the meeting by using the link in your registration confirmation email.** This email has the subject **"Link to Join May 17 Stated Presbytery Meeting"** it is from Jan Krause (JanKrause@presbycc.org)
3. You will have the best experience for the meeting if you join on a **desktop or laptop computer or tablet** with the following:

- i. High speed internet access.
- ii. Sound output device: speakers, headset, or earbuds.
- iii. A microphone device.

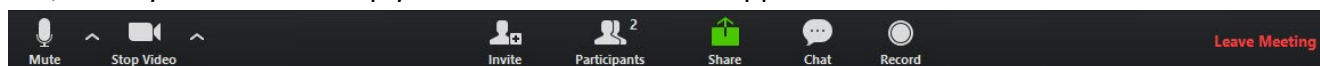
- If joining by computer is not possible, a **tablet or smart phone** may be used, using the Zoom app, available free from the device's app store.

If absolutely necessary, participants may dial into the meeting using a **phone** if the above hardware is unavailable. However, visuals will not be available and voting for persons in the meeting by phone call only will be a challenge. Zoom phone numbers are long distance. The following commands can be entered via tones using your phone's dial pad while in a Zoom meeting: ***6** - Toggle mute/unmute yourself and ***9** - Raise hand to be recognized to speak.

4. **If you have a "bad internet" day**, please connect by phone then continue trying to connect via computer. Once your computer connection is reestablished, hang up your phone connection to avoid feedback or use Mute.
5. **If you get dropped** (disconnected) or freeze up, simply use the same link to rejoin the meeting.
6. The Zoom event will open at **9:30am**. You are encouraged to join early with your camera and microphone to be sure everything is working. The call to Order is 10:00AM
7. This meeting will be recorded.

Tips for Using Zoom

In Zoom, you will see a control bar on your screen like one of these. If you do not see the control bar, move your mouse or tap your screen so that it will appear.




computer view



phone/tablet view

- a. **Mute:** The mute button toggles your microphone on and off. Once we move into the meeting portion, all microphones will be muted except when the moderator has recognized someone to speak. To activate your microphone when you have been recognized, press/click the mute button to unmute yourself. (If you have joined by phone, the mute function is controlled by pressing *6.)
- b. **Chat:** A button at screen bottom also toggles an interface with a scrolling chat feature. You can type in remarks into the chat publicly with everyone in the meeting or privately with an individual attendee. You can use this chat area to ask questions or make comments during the meeting.
- c. **Participants:** Click the Participants button to see a list of everyone who has joined the meeting. You can double-click a name on the list to begin a chat with them. Also, you will also see arrows beside the various images. You can scroll left and right to see the other participants.

Some Suggestions to Make It a Better Meeting

1. **Be early**—get a good “view.”
 - a. Be early, as it can take a couple of minutes to get connected.
 - b. View: You can swap between **speaker view** and **gallery view** by choosing the **View**  **button** in the upper right of your screen. Once the meeting begins, you may wish to utilize the speaker view so that it is easier to follow the action of the meeting.
 - c. When there is screen sharing or videos showing, you may see a column of people. At the top of that column you can choose to see only the person speaking.
2. Tips and **etiquette**
 - a. **If you speak**, you’ll need to start with “This is <name>” so that people know who is speaking.
 - b. Connect from a spot with a good Wi-Fi signal—or, even better, a wired connection via Ethernet cable.
 - c. Check your background in your video – we can see what is behind you.
 - d. If you get the message about an “unstable internet connection,” turning off your video might help you stay connected and hear better.
 - e. Check how your name is displayed. You can “rename” it if it is not correct.
 - f. Even before the meeting begins, **mute yourself** if you are not actively speaking.
 - g. If you are in a noisy spot, use headphones to reduce background noise. NOTE If/When you speak, we will hear ALL your background noise – TV, telephone, dogs, fans, radio, etc. please be in a quiet environment.
 - h. Once the meeting gets going, co-hosts will mute all, folks will need to raise the blue hand to be recognized to speak.
3. **Troubleshooting**
 - a. Unstable internet – it may recover and reconnect if you get disconnected.
 - b. Try joining the meeting by computer or tablet with your camera off to reduce bandwidth usage.
 - c. Close all other open programs on your computer. Close open tabs on your web browser.
 - d. Do not try to watch the YouTube or Facebook view of the meeting at the same time.
 - e. **If you have issues and can’t connect:**
 1. Start over. Close all other open programs on your computer, restart the computer, then

2. open your email and click on the personalized link for the meeting.
3. Click that it is ok to launch the zoom program then Be patient for the Zoom window to open.
4. if these steps did not work, follow the instructions to connect by phone

Presbytery of Coastal Carolina

Proposed Agenda

May 17, 2021 Presbytery Meeting

9:30 am Zoom log-in & Fellowship

10:00 am Call to Order & Opening Prayer Elder Naomi Newton, Moderator of Presbytery

- Declaration of Quorum Rev. Jerrod Lowry, Stated Clerk
- Appoint Standing Committees Elder Naomi Newton, Moderator of Presbytery
- Adoption of Agenda (7) Elder Janet Brower-Penn, Moderator of Cabinet
- Nominations Committee (8) Elder Michael Fox, Chair of Nominations

10:45 Morning Worship

Rev. Warren Lesane, Executive & Stated Clerk, Synod of Mid-Atlantic

- Offering – Pentecost Offering
- Installation of Vice- Moderator Elder Janet Brower-Penn, Moderator of Cabinet

11:50 Reports and Action Items Elder Naomi Newton, Moderator of Presbytery

- Youth Ministries Report (9-10) Erin Wehrmeister, Youth Associate
- COM Report (11-26) Rev. Rick Martindale, Chair
 - Examination of David Priddy (13-16)
 - Examination of Jenny Lee (17-19)
- Report from Pearsall Memorial AC (27-49) Elder Jeff Turpin
- Stated Clerk's Report & Attendance (50-53) Rev. Jerrod Lowry, Stated Clerk
- Other Reports - Mission Cabinet, Finance and Property, Community Reports (54-59)
- Thanks

12:30 Closing Prayer, and Adjournment Elder Naomi Newton, Moderator of Presbytery

Matthew 25 Breakout/Discussion

Committee on Nominations
Report to Presbytery
May 17, 2021

The Committee on Nominations places before Presbytery the following nomination:

- Presbytery Vice-Moderator – 2021
 - Rev. William Young

Presbytery Youth Ministry



Presbytery Youth Council (PYC). If your church has a senior high student that shows gifts for ministry, please talk with them about representing your church on the PYC! Applications for 2021-2022 available now!

The PYC is a group of 9th -12th graders who plan and lead events for youth of our presbytery. These events traditionally include an overnight retreat in November and March. Like all ministries, the PYC is learning how to adapt during COVID. We hope to have representatives for each church – and have a council that truly reflects our presbytery.

Middle School Digital Event

On March 20, middle schoolers and PYC from across Coastal Carolina met for a completely digital event. The theme: "Searching for More - More Unity, More Faith, More Jesus".

"So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind."

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among also to the interests of others. Have this mind among ourselves in Christ Jesus.

– Philippians 2:1-5

Exploring Philippians 2: 1-5, students completed challenges INCLUDING a **Presbytery Shirt Design** embodying the event theme – available for purchase via Custom-Ink.com

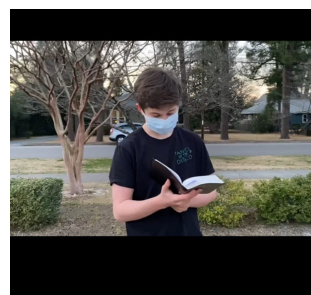


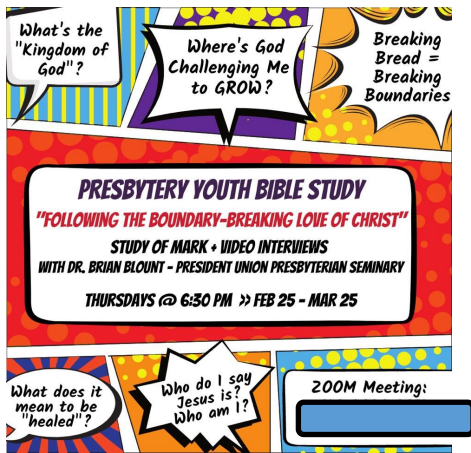
Proceeds go to the PCUSA Pentecost Offering and the Presbytery Delegation to Triennium 2022. EVERYONE is invited to order and support this effort. www.customink.com/fundraising/presbytery-cc-shirt

Congratulations to our video challenge winners - a BUNCH of gift cards were sent out as prizes for creative interpretations of our scripture.

Save-the-Date >>

Presbytery Middle School Retreat
Saturday, March 19 — Sunday, March 20, 2022





Presbytery-Wide Youth Bible Study

Special thanks to Dr. Cassandra Thomas of Sherwood Presbyterian Church for co-leading our Youth Lenten Bible Study with Ms. Erin from the Presbytery: *"Following the Boundary Breaking Love of Christ."*

This study of Mark connected youth and adults of nine different churches, incorporating videos from Dr. Brian Blount, President of Union Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

Keep your eyes open for the next opportunity!

MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE (SUNDAY, AUGUST 1—SATURDAY, AUGUST 6)

Need: Adult Chaperones & Transportation Assistance

Cost: \$500/person >> Financial Aid Available

**** Donations from churches/individuals WELCOME! Contact: presbyccyouth@gmail.com**

The Presbytery of Coastal Carolina **WILL** take a group to Montreat Youth Conference 2021 Week 6. Open to rising 9th grade to graduated Class of 2021.

Our group will be considered a "Family Unit." meaning while in housing, masks are not required and our group will utilize Montreat housing (shared bedrooms, bathrooms, and dining).

Masks will be worn during keynote, worship, small group, etc. "Small Groups" will also be smaller than usual (est 15 students). Interactions with youth of other groups will be limited and various areas of campus will be closed (the "Huck" for example). **Additional Protocols (including negative COVID test requirements) will be provided ASAP.**

Limit **25** Participants — transportation will determine final group size. To allow as many churches to participate as possible, there will be an initial limit of 4 participants per church (this may change depending on registration). Larger groups are encouraged to coordinate directly with Montreat for their own single-church trip.

Deposit (\$75) > May 25

2nd Payment (\$200) > June 18

Final (\$225) > July 9

Realizing that this late notice may create undue hardship on churches & families, alternate payment schedules may be arranged. Contact presbyccyouth@gmail.com

Upcoming

- **PYC Planning & Training** > THURSDAY, August 13 - FRIDAY, August 14
- **Senior High Retreat** > Saturday, November 20 - Sunday, November 21
- **Confirmation Retreat** > 1st / 2nd weekend in February—TBD
- **Middle School Retreat** > Saturday, March 19—Sunday, March 20, 2022
- **Presbyterian Youth Triennium >> July 23-July 29, 2022**

International Presbyterian Youth Conference held once every 3 yrs at Purdue University. Limited Delegation size - open to 9th-12th (Class of 2022). Priority to upperclassmen.

Thank you for your support of young people and youth programs in our community.

Erin Wehrmeister (Assoc. for Youth Ministries)

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Commission on Ministry
Report to Presbytery
May 17, 2021

Action Items:

1. **The Commission on Ministry recommends to Presbytery that Rev. David Priddy be admitted to the Presbytery as a Temporary Member.**
2. **The Commission on Ministry recommends to Presbytery that Rev. Jenny Lee be exempt from the language requirement. (3/4 majority)**
3. **The Commission on Ministry recommends to Presbytery that Rev. Jenny Lee be received into membership of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina**

New Minister Members to Presbytery:

1. Rev. Sid Batts, Honorably Retired, from Salem Presbytery

Relationships/Renewals:

1. Rev. William Goodnight, Stated Supply, and Oak Plain through 12/31/2021
2. Rev. William Goodnight, Stated Supply, and Potts Memorial through 12/31/2021
3. Rev. Joey Greene, Temporary Supply, and Eureka through 12/31/2021
4. Rev. George Walton, Stated Supply and Buffalo through 12/31/2021
5. Rev. Jim Morgan, Stated Supply, and Trinity through 12/31/2021
6. Rec. Elizabeth Forester, Stated Supply and Jackson Springs through 12/31/2021
7. John Baker, Commissioned Ruling Elder, and Montpelier through 12/31/2021
8. Ronny Holmes, Commissioned Ruling Elder, Manly through 12/31/2021
9. Brian Diccico, Temporary Supply, and Warsaw through 12/31/2021
10. Rev. Barrett Payne, Stated Supply, and Cape Fear Lillington through 12/31/2021
11. Rev. Brad Simpson's move from Designated Pastor to Installed Pastor effective April 13, 2021
12. Rev. Carolyn Helms, Temporary Supply, and Brownson Memorial
13. Rev. Keith Miller, Stated Supply, and Euphronia through 12/31/2021

Supply List Additions:

1. Vivian Millar

Honorable Retirements:

2. Rev. Karen Allen effective May 1, 2021

Dismissals:

1. Rev. Robert Newman to Lehigh Presbytery
2. Rev. Nicole Newton to Sheppards and Lapsley Presbytery
3. Rev. Rob Martin to Presbytery of Eastern Iowa

Relationships Dissolved:

1. Pedro Garcia Luna, Commissioned Ruling Elder, and Monte de los Olivos effective February 28, 2021
2. Rev. Nicole Newton, Associate Pastor, and First Wilmington, effective March 28, 2021
3. Rev. Karen Allen, Associate Pastor, and Brownson Memorial effective May 1, 2021

Churches Authorized to form a PNC:

1. Edgewood
2. Raeford
3. Elizabethtown
4. Laurinburg

Other:

1. Appointed Committee of Inquiry for Cameron Presbyterian Church

David Priddy - Personal Statement of Faith

I heartily believe and gladly confess the Good News that Jesus Christ is Lord and that in his person and work he reveals the one true God, the uncreated Creator, the God of Israel, who is perfect love, thrice-holy, almighty; Father, Son and Holy Spirit, eternally three-in-one and one-in-three; who freely made all things good, out of nothing, in order that Creation should participate in the glory of the immeasurable, incomprehensible, triune love.

I believe in God the Father, who is named Father in virtue of creating all things through the Son, expressly humanity, male and female, made and predestined to conform to the image of the Son; of sustaining all things, the wicked and the good, in filial care; of sacrificing the only beloved Son for the created yet disobedient world; and, particularly, of adopting those who have faith in the Gospel and receive the Spirit.

I believe in God the Son, through whom all things are made; who was sent by the Father, conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and fully incarnated in Jesus of Nazareth; who, as the Messiah of Israel, received baptism in the Jordan River, taking responsibility for the sin of the world, and offered up to the Father a life of perfect vicarious repentance, overcoming all evil, a life which culminated in his suffering under Pontius Pilate, crucifixion, death, burial, resurrection and ascension to the Father; who now serves as Lord and High Priest and promises to return to judge and renew the world in order to offer a restored Kingdom back to the Father.

I believe in God the Spirit, who gives life to all creatures; unites believers and their children to the Lord Jesus Christ through the covenant sign of baptism, gathering together men and women into one fellowship, the Church; sanctifies sinners and ordains them priests, calling them to practice repentance, forgiveness, and justice; witnesses to the mystery of Christ as uniquely and authoritatively attested in the Old and New Testament; sends and equips the Church with a diversity of gifts for apostolic mission to proclaim the Good News; enables believers to participate in the glorified humanity of Christ, through covenant sign of the Lord's Supper, the holy communion, the eucharistic offering that anticipates the hope of resurrection, the coming Kingdom, and universal restoration. Amen.

David Priddy - Biographical Statement

David Priddy hails from Walnut Cove, N.C., near Winston-Salem. He grew up in an Independent Baptist context and was baptized at Calvary Baptist Church (SBC) in Winston-Salem, N.C., when he was 16 years old. He went to Campbell University and received his B.A. in Religion. At Campbell, he became involved in small group bible studies and discerned a call to ministry. Then, he sought a Master of Divinity, focusing on Old Testament and Theology, at Campbell University Divinity School. David became a member of and served as a youth pastor at Baptist Fellowship of Angier. Then, he served as a youth pastor at Chalybeate Springs Baptist Church, where he was licensed to preach.

In October 2012, David was married to Mikaela Dalton, fellow alumna of Campbell University and Texas-transplant to Harnett County, N.C. Mikaela currently serves as the Director of Music and Visual Arts at Lillington Presbyterian. Upon graduation from Divinity School (2014), David studied Old Testament at Wake Forest University, where he wrote a thesis on the Book of Job and earned a Master of Arts in Religious Studies. Along the way, David began preaching pulpit supply for Baptist churches in Eastern North Carolina, and with the approval of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina, for Leaflet and Raven Rock Presbyterian Churches, N.C.

After his ordination at Baptist Fellowship of Angier (2014), David became the Temporary Pastoral Supply at Leaflet and Raven Rock Presbyterian Churches. He is active in the Harnett County Lectionary group and serves on the West Community Steering Committee. He also has served as an adjunct professor of Religion at Campbell and at High Point University.

David and Mikaela have five children: Liam, David, Rhys, Madelyn, and Rowan. They enjoy hiking, traveling, and playing stringed instruments.

David Priddy

Explain your understanding of the sacrament of baptism, including the role of the parents and congregation in the baptism of an infant. Please comment on any differences between your denomination's understanding and theology of baptism and that of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in the Reformed tradition.

Typically, Baptists have referred to the sacraments as “ordinances.” I prefer the language of sacrament, however, to the traditional Baptist “ordinance,” for two reasons. (1) I do not believe we should readily discard the word “sacrament” because Christians have used this language for almost two thousand years. We should preserve the language that has been handed down to us by our brothers and sisters in Christ. (2) I believe God is present in these signs. How he is present, I could not explain scientifically, nor would I desire to do so. The sacraments are mysterious, but they do nourish those who believe with the grace of God by the presence of his Spirit.

Baptists, historically, have believed that infant baptism is illegitimate—and, therefore, only believer's baptism is permissible. Thus, one must have been immersed in water after confessing Jesus as Lord and Savior to join a Baptist church. This was a reaction to the nominalism of Christendom. Moreover, Baptists are sensitive to religious liberty and do not want claim a faith for the child. This is different from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and most denominations, which would find infant baptism certainly acceptable and profitable.

I believe that believer's baptism is consistent with what the scriptures teach about baptism. I would not baptize an infant because I believe children are not held accountable for their sinfulness, and God is able to extend his mercy unto children apart from baptism. Indeed, God, in his sovereignty, is able to extend his forgiveness to anyone apart from the sacrament of baptism; however, believers should be baptized as a public proclamation of their faith. I prefer immersion because of the symbolism; however, other methods are needed for those who cannot undergo immersion. Faith in the Triune God, in turn, makes baptism efficacious—for God works through it giving grace that sanctifies and nourishes obedience. I, however, do understand that infant baptism is an ancient and universal (catholic) tradition. Thus, I accept that infant baptism is a venerable and legitimate tradition. Indeed, I would not encourage (in fact, I would discourage) those baptized in infancy to be re-baptized. Baptism should only happen once. As faith makes baptism efficacious, so faith can make it efficacious before or after the baptism. Faith is what makes the grace of God work through the sacrament.

Many Baptists would not accept my position; however, I believe that because infant baptism is such a venerable and catholic tradition it cannot be trivialized. Hence, though I would not baptize an infant because I do not believe it is necessary until they can possess faith, I honor the rationality and universality of the practice of infant baptism. While Baptists do not baptize infants, we do have dedications. The congregation and parents promise that they will disciple and pray for the child as one who is tentatively apart of their community. This is similar to the rationality behind the covenant of grace in Reformed theology. I believe the commitment of the parents, and congregation to disciple and pray for an infant is vital to the life and faith of the child.

So long as a person is baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the baptism is valid, but I believe faith is what makes the sacrament efficacious—whether before or after the actual act. It is my prayer that such a position remains true to God's word, the universal tradition, and my Baptist heritage. I would happily participate in a worship service that baptizes an infant, however, I would not administer the sacrament. In this way, I desire to build bridges in the spirit of ecumenism and love without glossing over denominational differences.

Explain your understanding of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Please comment on any differences between your denomination's understanding and theology of the Lord's Supper and that of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in the Reformed tradition.

Baptists have historically considered the Lord's Supper, Communion, or Eucharist as an ordinance that Jesus gave to us. Zwingli's memorial understanding is identical to how most Baptists view the act of taking the bread and the wine.

As I have said earlier, I believe that God does nourish us with grace through the sacraments of baptism and Communion enabled by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. John Calvin said of the Lord's Supper: "a testimony of divine grace toward us, confirmed by an outward sign, with mutual attestation of our piety toward [God]." Calvin understood that the promises of God were confirmed by these acts—however, he held to the mysteriousness of these actions. This understanding still informs the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) today. I wholeheartedly affirm this understanding as well.

So long as the sacrament of the wine and bread are taken by those who have faith in the resurrected Jesus Christ, the Lord and Savior, the Holy Spirit nourishes the believer with the grace of the Triune God. By participating in this act, indeed, one declares their faith—as the bread and the wine also signify the sacrifice of Jesus. Hence, this is an occasion of celebrating the past, present, and future realities of the kingdom: unity with God, unity with others, grace, mercy, and love.

Similar to the PCUSA, Baptists believe that participation in the Lord's Supper follows baptism.

I would like to emphasize that the sacraments do not provide the remission of sin. Only the atoning blood of Christ which was offered to God in the heavenly sanctuary makes atonement. I believe that the sacraments nourish us with grace to live faithfully, a matter of sanctification, not justification.

Biography - Jenny Lee

I am a native North Carolinian, born in Goldsboro but raised in the mountains in Hendersonville. Growing up, my parents, sisters, and I were very active at First Baptist Church of East Flat Rock. My mother was the director of the childcare center at the church and also served as the Children's Ministry Director. My father frequently served on the deacon board and was the chair of the deacons at times. Church, both as a spiritual home and an opportunity to serve, was woven into the fabric of our family life.

As a middle and high school student, I was well loved and disciplined by adults in my life. My youth minister encouraged us to explore their spiritual gifts, and upon taking an inventory, I learned that I might have the gift of prophecy. I sensed God calling me into vocational ministry but struggled with the tension between this sense of call and the messages I had received restricting the role of women in ministry. I planned instead to become a teacher and enrolled at Campbell University in fall 2004.

While in a religion class taught by an ordained woman who is also an Old Testament scholar, I stumbled upon the words in 1 Corinthians 14:4, "those who prophesy build up the church." In that moment, it felt as if everyone else in the room disappeared, and I heard the words "you will speak for the edification of the church." After class, I hurried back to my dorm, where in a panic I picked up my Bible again. This time, I landed on Job 42:2, "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted." I left my dorm room and walked to the Registrar's office to change my major to Religion.

Throughout college and Divinity School, I worked in Baptist churches. At Trinity Baptist Church in Raleigh, NC I developed my skills and was licensed for ministry. In 2010 I was called to First Baptist Church of Asheville, NC as the Minister of Students and Recreation. The next year I finished my Master of Divinity degree from Campbell University. After serving for just over four years in Asheville, I was married in August 2014 and moved to live with my husband in Kingsport, TN. That same month I started a Doctor of Education degree at East Tennessee State University and I graduated with that degree in December 2018.

In 2015, my husband and I moved to Sanford, NC and the next year I accepted a job offer at First Presbyterian Church. At the time, I had no intention of becoming a Presbyterian, but I was ecstatic to have an opportunity to serve in a local church context again. Over the next four years, it became increasingly clear to me that moving forward in ministry and being faithful to my call to speak for the edification of the church was leading me to be part of the PC(USA). Late this past winter, I made that decision official and have been taking steps towards becoming ordained as a Presbyterian Minister of Word and Sacrament.

In addition to being a minister and wife, I am the mother of two: Zada (13) and Ashe (3). I enjoy reading, writing, baking, taking walks and being creative. For the past four semesters I have taught Introduction to Ethics at Central Carolina Community College. I have been on the Board of Directors for United Way of Lee County for four years and will serve as the Board chairperson in 2021.

Faith Statement- Jenny Lee

From the emptiness of nothing, the Creator God spoke and something emerged. The Creator delighted in the creation, proclaiming each part of it to be good. In the beginning with the Creator was Jesus, the Word, the one through whom all things came into being and in whom all life is sparked. The Breath of the Creator, the Holy Spirit, hovered over the nothingness, calling forth something in the name of the Creator. This three-in-one mystery, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, the Holy Trinity still acts and calls forth something from nothing.

People were created, crafted in love from the humble dust of the earth. Bearing the image of God, all people are beloved and sacred. Our first glimpse of God's grace is that where there was nothing, God breathed life into us. God created us so we could glorify and enjoy God forever. God also created us with freedom through which it was and is revealed that we are frail and prone to sin. When given the freedom to return God's love, we choose selfishness. Instead of reflecting the creative magnanimity of the Creator, we choose to be small, fearful, and closed to the possibilities of a life with God. Slaves to the primal fears of not having enough and not being enough, we are left broken and in need of reconciliation.

In the fullness of time, Jesus embodied God's grace, emptied himself and was born in human likeness. In Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, we find a corrective for human frailty. In exchange for our fears, Jesus offers love- perfect love that casts out fear. In exchange for despair, Jesus offers hope. In exchange for loneliness, Jesus offers community. Through Jesus we are reconciled and saved. The mystery of salvation is this- while we were lost and alone in sin, God's grace broke through enabling and empowering us to live as the people of God.

Learning to live as people of God, we are given the gifts of grace, the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. In Baptism we are washed in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and receive the benefits of adoption into the God's family. The sign of Baptism seals God's covenant of grace. As a seal of God's covenant of grace, Baptism is open to all who call upon the name of the Lord, including those who choose to do so on behalf of their children. In the Lord's Supper, we follow Jesus' directive to "remember me." We do so in community, remembering the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus and taking into our bodies the elements through which we are spiritually nourished and are able to grow in grace. We respond to both of these sacraments, the presence of God's grace, with gratitude.

Our local congregations are our spiritual homes and our communities of practice. Our local churches are called to be communities who practice the regular worship of God. They are also refuges of hope, spaces for learning and discipleship, and storehouses of justice and mercy in a broken world. The stories and teachings of scripture shape our community and we value the authority of the Bible. We also work together to interpret the Bible and affirm the priesthood of all believers, knowing that the Holy Spirit continues to inspire those who read and study scripture. For those of us in the Reformed tradition, we are also guided by the Confessions, documents created and accepted by the church that help us to understand who we are, what we do, and what we believe.

While there are many things we do not yet know, we celebrate the holy mysteries of our faith while also seeking understanding. We believe that in the end, all will be made well. Every tear will be wiped away, death and pain will pass away, and all things will be made new as we are united with our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer and are made whole.

Ordination Questions

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

Yes, by the grace of God. As I minister to God's people, and specifically in the context of Pocket Presbyterian Church, I will do so continually seeking the Holy Spirit's guidance. Led by the Spirit, I interpret obedience to Jesus as following his examples in teaching, healing, living, dying, and being resurrected. More specifically, I believe this looks like prophetic and compassionate teachings from the pulpit and in other settings, offering learning opportunities that simultaneously meet people where they are and also encourage them towards a deeper life in Christ. I believe obedience to Jesus means sharing hope and healing to people by providing opportunities for wholeness, forgiveness, and restoration to community. Obedience to Jesus means living in such a way that invites people into relationships, offering second chances, and seeing everyone I encounter as a child of God. Dying like Jesus is to live with humility, a commitment to service, and being faithful even when it seems impossible. Finally, being obedient to Jesus is to live each day resurrected- rising again and again to continue the hard and holy work of seeking God's Kingdom.

Again, led by the Holy Spirit, I will seek to live under the authority of Scripture remembering that the Bible is the means by which my ministry will be measured. Each sermon, lesson, pastoral care visit, meeting, etc. should be guided by and accountable to the eternal truths found in the Bible. The faithful interpretation of Scripture in community is required for fulfilling ministry that is rooted in the authority of Scripture.

The confessions of the church speak both to the church and wider world of who we are, what we believe, and what we do in the world. In moments when we, as individuals or as a church, are unsure of our identity or purpose, the Holy Spirit uses the confessions to redirect us, calling us back to ourselves and to God. I will be guided by these confessions that have instructed, sustained, and convicted so many in the Reformed tradition across space and time.

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? I

n my years of ministry experience, I have come to learn that God will always give you what you need for the task at hand. Remembering dark, hard days of ministry I am aware that those were also the days that God gave me enough energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to show up for people in some of the worst moments of their lives. In the middle-of-the-night crises, the deep joys, the moments of questioning, in personal and collective worship, through grace we find within ourselves the resources to fulfill our callings. One must simply show up faithfully and allow oneself to be of service to God's people. We offer our full selves to God's people- the energies of our body, mind, and spirit, our intellectual and emotional intelligences, our prophetic imagination and the willingness to offer new ways to do and be the church, and the love "which binds everything together in perfect harmony" (Col. 3:14).

"To pray for and seek to serve the people" is fundamentally a call to care for the people. In giving everything I have for the wellbeing of God's people and for the edification of the church, I promise to never allow apathy, cynicism, or disdain to rule in my heart and mind. Implicit in this vow is the promise to find times of spiritual, physical, emotional, and mental rejuvenation that will renew my reserves and allow me to carry on, praying for and serving the people as I have been called to do. I promise to care. Every single day, I will show up and care.

2021 Central Community Pastor Terms of Call

NOTE 1. Presbytery's Minimum Terms of Call for 2021 is \$69,930. 2. P/T denotes call is not full-time

CHURCH (membership) (2) MINISTER	Effective Cash Salary	Board of Pensions	Professional Reimbursements	Other/SECA	TOTAL (1)
ACME (13) Rebecca Raynor P/T	\$10,920				\$10,920
ASHPOLE (56) Rowland Bill Almond P/T (split w/Rowland)	\$16,800		\$2,700		\$19,500
BETHANY - LUMBERTON (55) Helene Church P/T	No Report				
BETH CAR (26) Johnny Simpson	No Report				
BIG ROCKFISH (14)	No Report				
BLACK RIVER (16)	No Minister				
BLUFF (100) Margaret Dudley	\$44,196	\$16,353	\$6,000	\$3,381	\$69,930
CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN (15)	No Minister				
CENTRE (87) Scott Miller P/T	No Report				
Chadburn (34) Joseph Washburn P/T	No Report				
CHURCH OF THE COVENANT(24) Floyd Benfield P/T	\$0				\$0
CLARKTON (90) Barrett Ingram	\$56,290	\$20,827	\$6,000	\$3,829	\$86,946
COLLEGE HEIGHTS (93) Lesley Bligen	\$45,000	\$16,650	\$6,000	\$3,443	\$71,093
DOTHAN (17) Earnest Parish, Jr.	No Report				
ELIZABETHTOWN (292) David Holloway	\$71,300	\$0	\$6,000	\$0	\$77,300
FIRST FAIRMONT (32)	No Minister				
FIRST - FAYETTEVILLE (611) Michael Garrett	\$109,144	\$40,382	\$7,000	\$8,349	\$164,875
FIRST LUMBERTON (554) David Ruth	No Report				
FIRST MAXTON (58) Gene Miller P/T	\$17,880	\$0			\$17,880
FIRST SPRINGLAKE (35) No Minister	\$0				
FIRST WHITEVILLE (167) Joe Washburn	\$70,478	\$26,932	\$8,469	\$5,200	\$111,079
GODWIN (14) No Minister	No Minister				
GRAVES MEMORIAL (379) Stephen Wilkins	\$99,550	\$37,006	\$4,000	\$7,651	\$148,207
HARMONY (59)	No Report				
HAYMOUNT (59) James Belle P/T	\$26,400	\$16,280	\$5,136	\$2,020	\$49,836
HIGHLAND (655) Chip Stapleton	\$81,929	\$30,314	\$7,500	\$6,268	\$126,011
HOLLY GROVE (26)	No Minister				
HOPE MILLS (54) Debra Patterson P/T	No Report				
IONA (20)	No Minister				

CHURCH (membership) (2) MINISTER	Effective Cash Salary	Board of Pensions	Professional Reimbursements	Other/SECA	TOTAL (1)
LAKE WACCAMAW (79) Steuart Link	\$46,892	\$17,351	\$4,000	\$3,588	\$71,831
LUMBER BRIDGE (86) Eugene Bach	No Report				
MACPHERSON (287) James W. Randall, Jr.	\$76,964	\$28,477	\$0	\$5,888	\$111,329
MARS HILL (26)	No Minister				
MCMILLAN (9)	No Report				
MIDWAY (65) Michael McGehee P/T	\$29,256				\$29,256
MONTE DE LOS OLIVOS (37)	No Minister				
MOUNT HOREB (5)	No Minister				
MOUNT OLIVE (14)	No Minister				
MOUNT PELIER (61)	No Minister				
PALESTINE (40) Donald Fischer	No Report				
PANTHERSFORD (58) Willie McCaskill P/T	No Report				
PARKTON (57) Robert Price P/T	\$18,510		\$150		\$18,660
PEACE (61) Becky Durham	\$47,105	\$17,429	\$6,000	\$3,604	\$74,138
PHILADELPHUS (16) Gene Miller P/T	No Report				
Primara Iglesia Presbiteriana Hispania de Fayetteville (32) Trinidad Martinez Abelina Sosa Capote P/T	No Report No Report				
RED SPRINGS (100) Dari Rowen	\$62,400	\$23,088	\$6,000	\$4,779	\$96,267
REILLY ROAD (78) Henry Cowen P/T	\$20,800				\$20,800
REX (29)	No Minister				
ROWLAND (26) Bill Almond P/T (split w/Ashpole)	\$16,800			\$2,700	\$19,500
SARDIS (46) Matthew Bowman	\$45,586	\$17,230	\$4,000	\$3,562	\$70,378
SECOND - Elizabehtown (18)	No Minister				
SHERWOOD (45) Cassandra Thomas P/T	\$25,600		\$4,000	\$1,950	\$31,550
SOUTHVIEW (47)	No Minister				
ST. PAULS (64) PJ Southam	No Report				
SUNNYSIDE (34) JuliaAnn Odom P/T	No Report				
VAUGHAN MEMEORIAL (17) Douglas Jordan P/T	No report				
VILLAGE (25)	No Minister				
WESTMINSTER/FAYETTEVILLE (270) Richard McDuffie	\$69,768	\$19,525	\$4,600	\$5,337	\$99,230
WESTMINSTER/WHITEVILLE (46) Mark Fisher P/T	No Report				
WHITE PLAINS (31) Chris Carlisle P/T	\$4,200				\$4,200
WILSON CHAPEL (14) Ernest Parish	No Report				

2021 East Community Pastor Terms of Call

NOTE: 1. The Presbytery's Minimum Terms of Call for 2021 is \$69,930. 2. P/T denotes call is not full-time

CHURCH (membership) (2) MINISTER	Effective Cash Salary	Board of Pensions	Professional Reimbursements	Other/SECA	TOTAL (1)
BETHANY/WILMINGTON (64) Aaron Doll P/T	No report				
BETHEL/BEULAVILLE (25)	No Minister				
BEULAVILLE (190) Hank Bellomy	\$63,691	\$23,566	\$6,200	\$4,872	\$98,329
BURGAU (155) Will Davis	\$48,128	\$17,807	\$6,000	\$3,682	\$75,617
CALYPSO (74) Nicholas Nielson	\$55,984	\$20,714	\$5,500	\$4,282	\$86,480
CAPE CARTERET (180) Ben Burrows	\$67,914	\$25,128	\$7,000	\$5,195	\$105,237
CAPE FEAR-WILMINGTON (158) Jonathan C. Watson	\$44,650	\$17,426	\$4,000	\$3,416	\$69,492
CAROLINA BEACH (166) Jonathan Bowling	No report				
CASWELL (51)	No Minister				
CHESTNUT STREET (63) Sean Palmer P/T	No report				
CHINQUAPIN (15)	No report				
CROATAN (111) Richard Boyd P/T	No report				
FAISON (80) Marvin Mervin	\$24,000			\$1,836	\$25,836
FIRST JACKSONVILLE (67) Ed Kahl	\$59,277	\$22,788	\$4,000		\$86,065
FIRST MOREHEAD (420) Timothy J. Havlicek	\$71,199	\$26,344	\$4,666	\$5,447	\$107,656
FIRST WILMINGTON (1279) Daniel Lewis	\$105,706	\$39,111	\$7,000	\$8,087	\$159,904
FIRST WILMINGTON (1279) Richard Ayler	\$48,000	\$17,760	\$3,672	\$6,000	\$75,432
FUENTE DE AGUA VIVA (28) Eduardo Moreno P/T	No Report				
GRACE (25) Ken Yearick P/T	\$12,000				\$12,000
GROVE -KENANSVILLE (66) Lauren Voyles P/T	\$26,000		\$2,000	\$1,989	\$29,989
HALLSVILLE (89) Mark Houston P/T	\$28,280		\$4,250	\$2,163	\$34,693
HARPER-SOUTHERLAND (36) Charles Love P/T	\$20,400				\$20,400
HOPEWELL (25) Ralph Evans P/T	No Report				
LITTLE CHAPEL ON THE BOARDWALK (423) Patrick Rabun	No report				
MAPLE HILL (67) Richard Wurtzel P/T	\$21,388		\$3,740	\$1,636	\$26,764
MCCLURE (36) Martha Highsmith P/T	No report				

CHURCH (membership) (2) MINISTER	Effective Cash Salary	Board of Pensions	Professional Reimbursements	Other/SECA	TOTAL (1)
MOUNT ZION (69) Brian Doles	\$48,295	\$17,869	\$6,000	\$3,695	\$75,859
NEW HOPE (32) Robert Haywood P/T	No report				\$12,000
OAK GROVE (20) Ruth Bayley P/T	No report				
OAK PLAIN (26) William Goodnight P/T	\$9,360		\$2,500		\$11,860
PINK HILL (59) Bruce Berry/ Johnny Pickett	No report				
PLEASANT VIEW-ALBERTSON (24) Helen "Randi" Taylor	\$4,800		\$2,200		\$7,000
POLLOCKSVILLE (88) T. Wes Moore	\$45,962	\$17,006	\$5,000	\$3,516	\$71,484
POTTS MEMEORIAL (24) William Goodnight P/T	\$14,400		\$3,000		\$17,400
RIOS DE AGUA VIVA (110) No Minister	No Minister				
ROCKFISH (29) Philip Siebbeles P/T	\$14,616			\$2,016	\$16,632
SHALLOTTE (275) Laura Viau	\$81,436	\$7,822	\$6,484	\$4,997	\$100,739
SMITH (56) Jim Wayne P/T	No report				\$36,000
SNEADS FERRY (239) William Young	\$80,220	\$29,681	\$13,000	\$6,351	\$129,252
SOUTHPORT (277) Ann B. Jahnes	\$77,057	\$28,511	\$6,300	\$5,895	\$117,763
SOUTHPORT (292) Joanna Hipp	45955	17003	6000	3516	72474
ST. ANDREWS-COVENANT (886) Robert H. Lapp	\$70,163	\$26,070	\$6,000	\$5,367	\$107,600
STANFORD (22) The bridge (144) Doug Cushing	No Minister \$ 72,032				
TOPSAIL (354) Cameron Thomas	\$67,783	\$26,651	\$6,000	\$6,888	\$111,571
TRINITY-HAVELOCK (37) Philip K. Gladden	No Minister	\$24,608	\$4,000	\$4,986	\$101,377
WALLACE (296) Jim Sills P/T/Brian DiCicco	\$82,000	\$30,340	\$1,200	\$6,793	\$120,333
WARSAW (99) WILDBURN (73)	No report				
WILDBURN (73) No Minister	No Minister				
WINDERMERE (166) John Pflug	\$67,500	\$24,975	\$3,000	\$5,164	\$100,639
WINTER PARK (226) P. Emile Harley	No report				
WINTER PARK (226) Aaron Doll P/T	No Report				
WOODBURN (69) Scott Bunting	\$50,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$3,825	\$65,825

2021 West Community Pstor Terms of Call

NOTE: 1. Presbytery's Minimum Terms of Call for 2021 is \$69,930. 2. P/T denotes a call is not full-time

CHURCH (membership) (2) MINISTER	Effective Cash Salary	Board of Pensions	Professional Reimbursements	Other/SECA	TOTAL (1)
Antioch/Red Springs (86) Jim Smith P/T	No report				
BARBECUE (196) David Sherrod	\$49,398	\$18,277	\$6,000	\$3,779	\$77,454
BETHESDA (351) David Hudson	\$65,643	\$23,888	\$0	\$4,939	\$94,470
BISCOE (101) Bruce Lax	\$58,825	\$21,765	\$6,000	\$4,500	\$91,090
BLANDONIA (117) Fred Goins P/T	\$3,600				\$3,600
BROADWAY (24)	No Minister				
BROWNSON MEMORIAL (1146) John Hage	\$122,969				\$122,969
BROWNSON MEMORIAL (1146) Karen Allen	\$73,826				\$73,826
BUFFALO (87) George Walton P/T	\$18,000				\$18,000
BUNNLEVEL (30) Thomas Brown	\$18,200				\$18,200
CAMERON (73) Canessa Lagan	\$56,134	\$20,770	\$5,000	\$4,294	\$86,198
CAMERON HILL (58) Marlene Dean P/T	No report				
CAPE FEAR/LILLINGTON (55) Roger Horne retiring	\$0				\$0
CHURCH IN THE PINES (40) Crystal Blue P/T	No report				
COMMUNITY (708) Roderick D. Stone	\$97,780	\$36,178	\$7,900	\$7,480	\$149,338
CULDEE (144)	No Minister	\$0	\$0		\$0
EBENEZER (96) David Greene P/T	\$8,600				\$8,600
EDGEWOOD (97)	No Minister				
ELISE (26) Jon Neuhs P/T	\$29,084				\$29,084
EPHESUS (27) Bruce Benton P/T	\$7,800		\$2,400		\$10,200
EUPHRONIA (34) Keith A. Miller P/T	No Report				
EUREKA (69)	No report				

CHURCH (membership) (2) MINISTER	Effective Cash Salary	Board of Pensions	Professional Reimbursements	Other/SECA	TOTAL (1)
FAITH (37) Jeffrey Mercer P/T	\$42,000		\$1,000		\$43,000
FIRST CARTHAGE (152) Richard Martindale	\$59,230	\$21,914	\$5,144	\$4,192	\$90,480
FIRST DUNN (345) Howard Dudley	\$61,420	\$22,418	\$5,000	\$4,699	\$93,537
FIRST LILLINGTON (23) No Minister					
FIRST SANFORD (295) Joseph Bradford Simpson	\$66,252	\$24,513	\$8,440	\$4,996	\$104,201
FREEDOM EAST (40) Willie McCaskill	No Report				
HORSESHOE (13) Michael Fox P/T	No report				
INGRAM BRANCH (37) Fred Goins P/T	No Report				
JACKSON SPRINGS (67) Elizabeth Forester P/T	\$30,400		\$7,500	\$2,326	\$40,226
JOHN HALL (13) No Minister					
JONESBORO (210) John Taylor	\$44,196	\$16,352	\$6,000	\$3,380	\$69,928
LAKEVIEW (15) Julie Hughes P/T	No report				#VALUE!
LAUREL HILL (111) Robet Button	\$62,000		\$5,000	\$4,743	\$71,743
LAURINBURG (417) No Minister					
LEAFLET (36) David Priddy P/T w/ Raven Rock	\$40,320		\$1,500		\$41,820
LILLINGTON (147) Barrett Payne	\$54,075	\$20,008	\$6,000	\$4,136	\$84,219
MANANTIAL DE VIDA (35) No Minister					
MANLY (38) Ronald Holmes P/T	No report				
MCDONALDS CHAPEL (38) Robert Whitehouse P/T	\$16,501	\$13,000	\$1,800		\$31,301
MONTPELIER (69) John Baker P/T	No report				
MORNINGSIDE (18) Wendell McGee P/T	No report				
MOUNT PISGAH (305) B. Douglas Houston	\$59,300	\$21,941	\$0	\$4,536	\$85,777
OLIVIA (75) Robert Johnson	\$33,000		\$1,500	\$2,525	\$37,025
PHILIPPI (52) Michael Baker P/T	\$15,600				\$15,600
PLEASANT VIEW-LAURINBURG (21) Cullen Edwards P/T	No Report				
POCKET (151) Jenny Lee	No Report				
PRIEST HILL (24) Archie Stevens P/T	\$26,000				\$26,000
PROVIDENCE (12) No Minister					

CHURCH (membership) (2) MINISTER	Effective Cash Salary	Board of Pensions	Professional Reimbursements	Other/SECA	TOTAL (1)
RAEFORD (213) Archie Barringer P/T	\$7,800	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,800
RAVEN ROCK (55) David Priddy P/T w/ Leaflet	\$28,341		\$1,500		\$29,841
SALEM (68) No Minister					
SHILOH (28) Rufus McLean P/T	\$18,982		\$500		\$19,482
SILVER HILL (49) No Minister					
SPOUT SPRINGS (39) Kenneth Stealing P/T I)	\$23,340				\$23,340
ST ANDREWS (133) No Minister					
SUMMERVILLE (39) Bill Pauley P/T- retiring	\$51,128				\$51,128
TRINITY - LAURINBURG (83) Jim Morgan P/T	\$26,400				\$26,400
UNION (62) Shane Owens	\$42,900	\$16,148	\$6,000	\$3,282	\$68,330
VASS (58) Wendell McGee P/T	\$15,600				\$15,600
WEST END (241) Maggie Beamguard	\$68,000	\$25,160	\$6,000	\$5,202	\$104,362
WESTMINSTER/L'BURG (68) No Minister					
WHITE HILL (150) Katheryn Dudley P/T	\$38,826	\$14,283	\$3,000	\$2,719	\$58,828
WILLIAMS CHAPEL (17) No Minister					
WILSON CHAPEL (14) Ernest Parish P/T	\$3,750				\$3,750

Pearsall Memorial Presbyterian Church

Administrative Commission - Report to the Presbytery

INTRODUCTION

The Pearsall Memorial Presbyterian Church (“Pearsall or the Church”) Administrative Commission (the “AC”) was formed and empowered by the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina (the “Presbytery”) on July 27, 2019 to guide the Pearsall session as the Church nears the end of its ministry, take possession of all Church property and then dispose of Church property in an orderly manner.

PEARSALL CHURCH FORMATION AND LAST SERVICE

The Pearsall formation goes back more than 100 years to 1888 when Mr. Oscar Pearsall, an honored ruling elder in St. Andrews Presbyterian Church (“St. Andrews”) moved out of the City of Wilmington to a country home about two miles east of downtown. Mr. Pearsall donated land near his new home to build a school for secular and biblical education. Five years later in 1893, Dr. A.D. McClure, pastor at St. Andrews started conducting preaching services on Sunday afternoon. The preaching services became more regular. In response to the service attendance, Mr. Pearsall decided in 1913 to erect a suitable church structure to meet the future needs of a growing congregation. The Church building was quickly constructed as a memorial to his deceased wife, Ms. Rachel Herring Pearsall who died in 1901.

The Church design was modeled in the English country design. The Church narthex was quite spacious for a church of its time. The church building was completed in the spring of 1914, services were initially led by Rev. Robert King, Wilmington Presbytery evangelist. The services were well attended...many were received into membership. On June 7, 1914, the Wilmington Presbytery formally accepted the Church into the Presbyterian Church US with the chosen name “Pearsall Memorial Presbyterian Church.” On this same day 37 followers of Christ joined the new church as founding members. Rev. H. William Koelling was installed as the first pastor and served until January 1918, when he enlisted as chaplain in the US Army for service in Europe during the Great War.⁽¹⁾

Much later at the center of the church just above the communion table, a Celtic Cross was added. The cross was carved out of Phillipine Mahogany by Mr. Jack H. Ramseur⁽²⁾

From 1949 until 1977, Rev. Dr. B. Frank Hall served as pastor of Pearsall. Rev. Dr. Hall was the first head of the University of North Carolina Wilmington philosophy and religion department. Dr. Hall was well known for his column, “The Word,” which was printed in the StarNews for decades.⁽³⁾

The Pearsall final service of worship (to a full sanctuary) was held on June 30, 2019. The Rev. Aaron Doll gave the final sermon “I Will Not Leave You.” See [Attachment B](#) for the Final Pearsall bulletin.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION – APPOINTMENT

1. Information taken from “Pearsall Memorial Presbyterian church,” written by Andrew J. Howell.
2. Information summarized from “What me mean by these stones,” written by B. Frank Hall, Th.M., D.D
3. StarNews June 28,2019

The Presbytery on July 27, 2019 appointed the following Elders to serve as the AC:

Rev. Jerry Bron, Teaching Elder, Honorably Retired

Rev. Hannah Vaughan, Teaching Elder, Honorably Retired

Becky Jones, Jeff Turpin and Paul Albritton, Ruling Elders

AC COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The initial meeting of the AC occurred on April 29, 2019. The meeting was attended by all appointed AC members, several Pearsall representatives and Rev. Aaron Doll, Church pastor. The Pearsall representatives provided an overall summary of the following:

Membership

- Church membership and attendance – 20 active members,
- Current membership could no longer afford to maintain the Church building and grounds,
- Most members plan to transfer their membership to Bethany Presbyterian Church.

Session records and other church records – Session and historical records were in the process of being sorted and organized.

Church property summary – Church property included the following:

- Church building, fellowship hall and grounds (2.91 acres) located at 3902 Market street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28403. The church building needed significant repair, especially the roof. (*Upon subsequent property inspection significant roof leaks, damaged plaster, mold growth, foundation cracks, uneven steps, broken windows, drainage issues and brick siding issues were noted*). The fellowship hall needed updating and but was in relatively good shape. *A few small roof leaks were noted during later inspections*).
- Vehicles - none
- Furniture and equipment – tables, chairs, desks, bookcases, file cabinets, kitchen equipment, etc.
- Historical plaques – (1) In loving memory of Oscar Pearsall, (2) Gifts to God' Praise in 1953, (3) In loving memory of Melzar Pearsall and (4) In memory of Rachel Pearsall Latta and Dozier Lee Latta ([Attachment D](#))
- Musical instruments – Organ (Allen MDS- 70s) ([Attachment E](#)) and five pianos
- Land condemnation potential – Possible cash proceeds from the transfer of land to the NCDOT
- Investment account - \$23,000
- Cash account - \$5,900
- After the April 29, 2019 AC meeting, it was determined that the Church owned two (2) cemetery plots in Greenlawn Memorial Park (located at the corner of Shipyard and 17th street, Wilmington North Carolina)

Property Insurance - Property insurance was in place and active (premiums were being paid monthly). The property coverage did not include wind and hail coverage.

Liabilities – The church had no debts, leases or other financial commitments that could not be cancelled.

See ([Attachment A](#)) for the April 29, 2019 AC meeting minutes.

Two additional in person meetings of the AC and Church members were held on June 17, 2019 and July 7, 2019. Post July 2019, all AC communications and voting was by email.

AC FULFILLMENT OF DUTIES

Except for the disposition three (3) property items, which are noted below, the Pearsall AC as April 1, 2021 has fulfilled all the duties outlined in the Presbytery resolution dated July 27, 2019. The following is a summary of the Presbytery assigned duties with narrative as to the fulfillment of the assigned duties:

a. Session records

Assignment - To receive the Session Records (minutes, rolls, and any other permanent records of the congregation), to retain these records as long as is necessary to wind up affairs, and then to deposit them with the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, who will then forward to Presbyterian Historical Society,

Fulfillment – All session records were boxed up and hand delivered to the Rev. Jerrod Lowry, General Presbyter & Stated Clerk. Financial records were destroyed.

b. Letters of transfer

Assignment - To work with the Stated Clerk of the Presbyter to grant letters of transfer to members whose names are still on the roll,

Fulfillment – Rev. Hannah Vaughan took the lead in ensuring that letters of transfer were issued to all requesting members. The committee is not aware of any unprocessed letters of transfer.

c. Possession of property

Assignment - To take possession of all real and personal property, financial records, inventories of equipment, and arrange for transfer of title to the Presbytery of all accounts and real property known to be in the possession of Pearsall Memorial Presbyterian Church of Wilmington,

Fulfillment:

Real property - The real property was surveyed, and the property title was searched to confirm property ownership and to determine existence of any possible reversion rights. See ([Attachment C](#)) for the Church property survey. The church building was constructed in 1914. The fellowship hall in 1967. No property reversion rights were noted by the title search.

The real property ownership was transferred to the Presbytery on July 19, 2019 by execution of a warranty deed with The Presbytery as the grantee. The deed was executed by Mr. Wilton Leeuwenburg, Pearsall corporation president.

The existing Pearsall insurance coverage (which did not include wind and hail coverage) was continued. The AC requested but was unable to place the Church property under the Presbytery property policy due to the Church building conditions. The existing property coverage was underwritten based upon the active use of the property. (*Empty buildings, which are susceptible to break-ins and vandalism, require special insurance coverage.*) To ensure compliance with insurance policy requirements, the AC encouraged continued use of the fellowship hall by many groups. The Church building was not available for use due to safety concerns related to deferred maintenance issue.

The Church roof was mostly repaired (during September 2019) at a cost of \$43,128 using funds borrowed from the Presbytery. The roof repairs did not include the repair of the transition area from the Church building to the education building. This transition section of the roof needed structural evaluation / repair and the removal and replacement of roof decking. The significant roof leaks were deterring potential buyers, increasing the mold issue and put the property insurance coverage at great risk of cancellation.

Other property – During the first AC meeting on April 29, 2019, a summary of all Pearsall personal property was conveyed to the AC by Church representatives. A summary of the personal property was recorded by the AC secretary in meeting minutes ([Attachment A](#)). All Personal property was located within the Church buildings except for the outside tables which were not susceptible to theft.

d. Recommendation as to use of the net cash.

Assignment - To make a recommendation to the Presbytery about the future use of the net cash proceeds from the accounts and sale of the church.

Fulfillment – The net cash proceeds from the close out of all Pearsall accounts and the sale of Church property is \$655,790.69 (“Net Cash”). See [Attachment G](#) for a summary of the cash receipts and disbursements (Net Cash).

The Church representatives have prepared a summary of their recommendations ([Attachment F](#)) as to the use of proceeds from the close out of all Pearsall accounts and the sale of Church property.

The AC recommends that the Net Cash be added to the Presbytery “New Church Development Fund.” The AC would look to the Presbytery to have a broader discussion among its standing committees as to the use of the Net Cash across the Presbytery prior to a Presbytery vote. The AC formal motion to the Presbytery as to the use of the Net Cash and disposition of the unsold property is located at the end of this report.

e. Property disposition approval.

Assignment - Approves the disposition of property or to arrange for its retention and storage for future use at the direction of the Presbytery.

Fulfillment:

Real property – The real property was listed for sale with Cape Fear Commercial on August 1, 2019 for \$1.5 million. Inspections by the listing broker and several interested buyers revealed a significant amount of deferred maintenance to the Church building including but not limited to significant roof leaks, damaged plaster, mold growth, foundation cracks, uneven steps, broken windows, drainage issues and brick siding issues. The Church building and fellowship hall was the target of several break-ins...mostly homeless folks. The cost of deferred maintenance and remediation efforts were estimated by some to exceed \$1 million. The Church representatives estimated the repairs costs to be around \$500 thousand.

1st purchase offer - A purchase offer was received and accepted by the AC on December 17, 2019 in the amount of \$1,250,000 with a targeted closing date of March 31, 2020. The buyer was unable to secure financing due to the Covid-19 pandemic shutdown thus resending his offer. Failure of the buyer to perform his obligation under the purchase agreement resulted in a negotiated escrow forfeiture to the Presbytery of \$5,000.

2nd purchase offer - The only other written offer received was on June 11, 2020 in the amount of \$745,000 which was accepted by the AC on June 11, 2020. The property was sold “as is, where is” on June 29, 2020. The sale price was much less than expected. The combination of the Covid-19 shutdown (*which greatly reduce commercial development activity during the 2nd quarter 2020*) and the significant amount of deferred maintenance resulted in the reduced price. The alternative was to reject the low offer and continue to hold the property and hope for a better price. The AC felt it was in the best interest of the Presbytery to sell the property versus the alternative given that: (1) the property had been on the market for almost a year with the receipt of only two written offers and (2) continued possession of the property would have required additional expenditure of borrowed funds for additional roof repairs, boarding up the many windows / doors to prevent further break-ins / vandalism and the acquisition of vacant property insurance). Due to diminished Church activities, the Church buildings became a target for break-ins and homeless activities. After each break-in, which occurred on many occasions, a professional cleaning and or maintenance crew had to be engaged to clean or repair the Church building. The Church alarm system could not be used to deter break-ins due to the high number of false alarms. The City of Wilmington assessed \$50 for each false alarm...\$550 in false alarm charges were assessed in total.

Fulfillment – Furniture and equipment – All furniture and equipment were either moved to Bethany Presbyterian Church by church representatives, donated to other churches or given to several local non-profit entities.

Fulfillment – Historical plaques – St. Andrews Covenant Presbyterian church requested possession of the historical plaques. The plaques were delivered to St. Andrews on February 12, 2020. Later St. Andrews decided not to retain the plaques. The plaques are now with Church building buyer.

Fulfillment – Musical instruments – The Church organ was offered to any church in the Presbytery (*for their church use only, not for resale*) provided they secured adequate transportation from the Pearsall sanctuary. Later the organ was offered to any Christian church in the area. Several inquiries were received, but no firm interest. Given the lack of interest, the Church organ (Allen MDS- 70s) and two pianos were picked up by Hopper Piano and Organ in Raleigh, North Carolina on March 19, 2020 to be sold on consignment. Upon the sale of the organ and pianos, the Presbytery will receive 50% of the sale proceeds less \$2,500 in transportation / packing costs incurred by Hopper. As of April 1, 2021, the pianos had sold but not the organ. With the

continued Covid-19 shutdown of in person worship services it is anyone's guess as to when the organ will ultimately sell. Given this sale uncertainty, the consignment information was passed along to the Presbytery and Bethany Presbytery Church with a request to periodically check in with Hopper as to the organ sale status.

The sanctuary piano (Yamaha) was donated to Westminster Presbyterian Church (Fayetteville) on February 7, 2020. The two remaining pianos, that were of poor quality, were left behind in the Church buildings.

Fulfillment – Land condemnation potential – The Pearsall representatives in July 2018 received a letter from a NCDOT right of way agent as to the possible taking of Church property by the NCDOT to facilitate Market Street roadway improvements. Per discussion with the right of way agent (Mr. Dennis Peebles) in August 2019 and another agent (Mr. Cole) in September 2019, the Market Street project was on hold. A letter was sent from the Presbytery to Mr. Dennis Peebles on August 12, 2019 indicating that the AC chairman had authority to represent the Church in the condemnation process. No other correspondence or offers were received from the NCDOT. The project continued to be on hold through the Church property sale date (June 29, 2020).

Fulfillment – Cash and Investments – Once all Pearsall bills were paid and accounts settled, the net remaining cash was sent to the Presbytery.

Fulfillment – Cemetery plots - The two Church owned cemetery plots in Greenlawn Memorial Park corner of Shipyard and 17th street, Wilmington NC. Church ownership of the two plots was just recently determined. The plots are currently listed for sale on eBay and Craigslist. The current retail price for plots offered by Greenlawn is \$3,395. Given the sale uncertainty, the cemetery listing and certificate information was passed along to the Presbytery and Bethany Presbytery Church.

f. Church property continues to be covered by appropriate insurance coverage.

Assignment - To assure that the church property continues to be covered by appropriate insurance coverage until it is sold or otherwise disposed of,

Fulfillment – All insurable church property was covered by all available insurance until sold.

g. Assert claim for not known property.

Assignment - To assert claim of the presbytery to any property of the Pearsall Memorial Presbyterian Church of Wilmington not known at this time or property which may come to the Pearsall Memorial Presbyterian Church of Wilmington as the beneficiary of a will or trust not known at this time,

Fulfillment – All claims for property owned by Pearsall were asserted.

h. Dissolve the Corporation

Assignment - To dissolve the Corporation by fulfilling all legal requirements to do so, and

Fulfillment – Pearsall corporation articles of dissolution ([Attachment H](#)) were mailed to the North Carolina Secretary of State on 4-29-2021.

i. File a final report

Assignment - File a final report with the Presbytery as to the fulfillment of these duties.

Fulfillment – The final AC report was sent to the Rev. Jerrod Lowry, General Presbyter & Stated Clerk on May 1, 2021.

AC Motion to the Presbytery

The Pearsall AC moves that the Presbytery remit the Net Cash (\$655,790.69) resulting from the close out of the Pearsall accounts and the Pearsall property sale to the New Church Development Fund.

The Pearsall AC further moves that the unsold Church Organ, two (2) Pianos and two (2) cemetery plots be remitted to the Bethany Presbytery Church session for disposition.

Respectively submitted,

Pearsall Administrative Commission

May 1, 2021

Attachment A

Pearsall Memorial

Presbyterian Church

Administrative Commission

April 29, 2019

The Administrative Commission of Carolina Coastal Presbytery met with Reverend Aaron Doll and the Session of Pearsall Memorial Presbyterian Church April 29, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the church.

Members of the Commission present were: Jeff Turpin, elected chair, Becky Jones, elected clerk, Reverend Jerry Bron, Reverend Hannah Vaughan and Paul Albritton.

Members of the Pearsall session present were: Reverend Aaron Doll, Carol Russell, clerk of session, Wilton Leeusenburg, Dan James and Ken O'Quinn.

At present, Pearsall has 20 active members, 5 on the session and an average attendance of 11. The church can no longer afford to maintain the building. The church has an investment account of \$23,000 and a checking account of \$5900.00.

The church would like to merge with Bethany Presbyterian Church, which is undergoing renovations from hurricane Florence. The timing of Pearsall's move is dependent on reconstruction at Bethany. Pearsall would like to sell their property and have indicated the following priorities for funds from that sale:

1. Scholarships set up at UNCW to honor the legacy of the church and B. Frank Hall
2. Scholarships for other churches needing funds
3. Funds for merger with Bethany

The following realtors will be contacted:

Jeff Hovis with Intracoastal

Maus and Warick

Cape Fear Commercial

The monthly insurance of \$418 will be transferred to the presbytery.
The policy is with Liberty.

Wilton Leeuwenburg is president of the church's incorporation and will sign the deed to transfer it to presbytery.

There are no debts, leases or vehicles held by the church.

The items in the shelter will go back to those who contributed them.

Hannah Vaughn will work with Carol Russell on the transfer of memberships of the congregation.

Becky Jones will assist Carol Russell in gathering records and historical items to be sent to presbytery.

Safety concerns included some leaks in the main building and some exit lights which are not operating.

The Pearsall session will work with members in the coming weeks to designate personal property that will be moved to Bethany for future worship.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 14 at 6:30 at Pearsall.

Action items to be addressed are:

Transfer of deed, transfer of insurance, contact NCDOT about condemnation, contact realtors and deposition of personal property.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Jones

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Hannah Vaughan <revheppy@gmail.com>

Jeff Turpin <Jeff.turpin1958@gmail.com>

Paul Albritton <paulalbritton@gmail.com>

Pearsall Memorial Presbyterian Church:

Aaron Doll <aaron@ukulele.church>

To be added

Attachment B

The Church Among the Pines
By Andrew J. Howell

God bless the men who builded
The church among the pines;
Even though it be not gilded
With rich lustrous shrines.

For there, in His own setting,
The house of worship stands,
While His trees breathe their greeting,
As reverential bands.

For, as the sound of praises
Floats out among the trees,
Each one its great arms raises
In whispered prayer for peace.

And sweet and true communion
With those who sit and pray
Give tree and man a union
In worship on God's day.

And He who loves His temple
And whispers of His trees
Heeds all the worship simple
Of hearts that are at ease.

Pearsall Memorial Presbyterian Church

1914 - 2019

Final Service of Worship
June 30th 2019



Church Among the Pines, by L Collins

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

TOLLING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

INTROIT *My Country Tis of Thee* *Kathy Oliver, Organist*

***CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)** (based on the Psalm 77)

L: I cry aloud to God, that God may hear me!

P: I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord; I will remember the wonders of old.

L: I will meditate on all God's works and muse on God's mighty deeds.

P: The way of the Lord is holy. Who is great like our God?

ALL: Come, let us worship the Lord!

***HYMN** #526 For All The Saints

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Almighty and ever-gracious God, we confess that we do not always trust your promises and provisions. Like Abraham and Sarah, we conspire to work around your plans, perhaps out of fear of the unknown or because we feel threatened by them. Forgive us for worry that betrays trust in your providence, even over the closing of a church. Guide us through anxiety that cannot imagine the new ways you are already working in the world. Empower us with faithfulness to be your children in new contexts and with new friends. Help us to trust this beloved facility to other caretakers, even as we shed tears. Do not let us discount the ministry that has thrived through these walls. Help us to be worthy of the preparation we have received here to take the Gospel of Jesus into the world. Send us out with grateful hearts and determined faiths. Enable us through your Holy Spirit to live anew. Through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Friends believe the good news of the Gospel:

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***GLORIA PATRI** #579

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERATORY ANTHEM America the Beautiful

***DOXOLOGY** (Hymn #592)

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (*Unison*)

Teach us, Lord, to give as freely as we have received of your love and grace; to the honor and glorification of our Lord Jesus who deserves all of our heart and devotion. Amen.

FIRST LESSON 2 Kings 2:1-14

***HYMN** #341 Blessed Assurance

SECOND LESSON **Luke 9:51-62**

L: Through these words, may we hear the Word of God;

P: who is indeed, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SERMON "I Will Not Leave You" Rev. Aaron Doll

ANTHEM "Grace Alone" by Brown/Nelson
Rod Roskom, Piano, Voice

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Please respond to thanksgivings with:

"We praise and thank you, O Lord, for all these things."

The congregation will conclude with:

"I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen."

PRAYERS OF COMMON CONCERNS Rev. Dr. Samuel Murrell

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Unison*)

***HYMN** #442 The Church's One Foundation

WORDS OF DISSOLUTION

***BENEDICTION**

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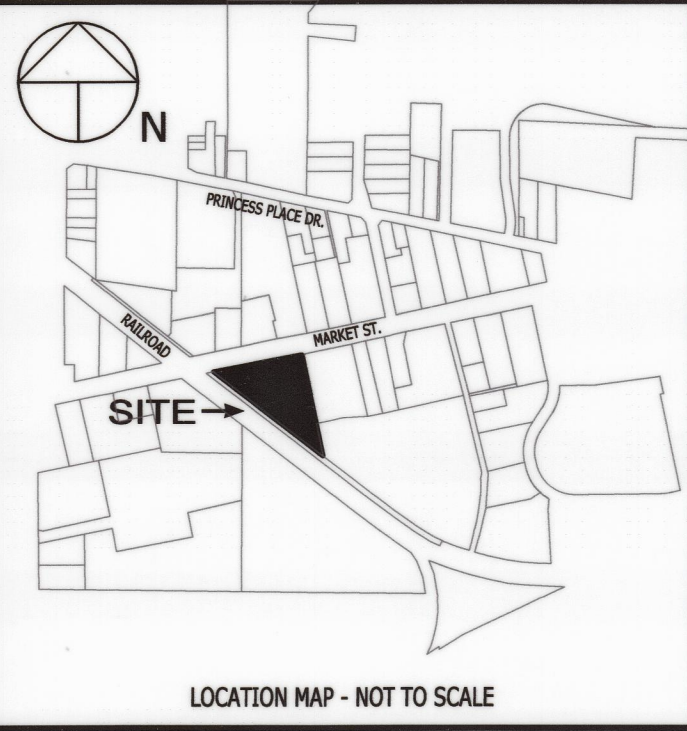
O may the peace of God be with you ever more,
And may the power of God's great love, your soul again restore.
And may you always know God's never ending care,
And feel God's gracious Spirit upon you everywhere.

***CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

TOLLING OF THE BELL

**indicates the congregation is invited to stand if able*

Attachment C

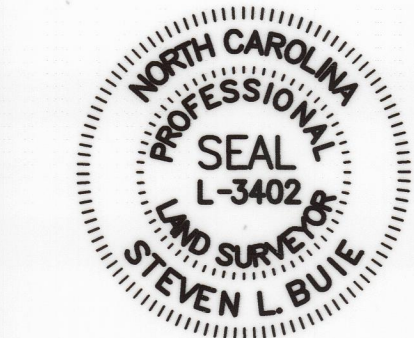


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Steven L. Buie
STEVEN L. BUIE, PLS L-3402 SEAL

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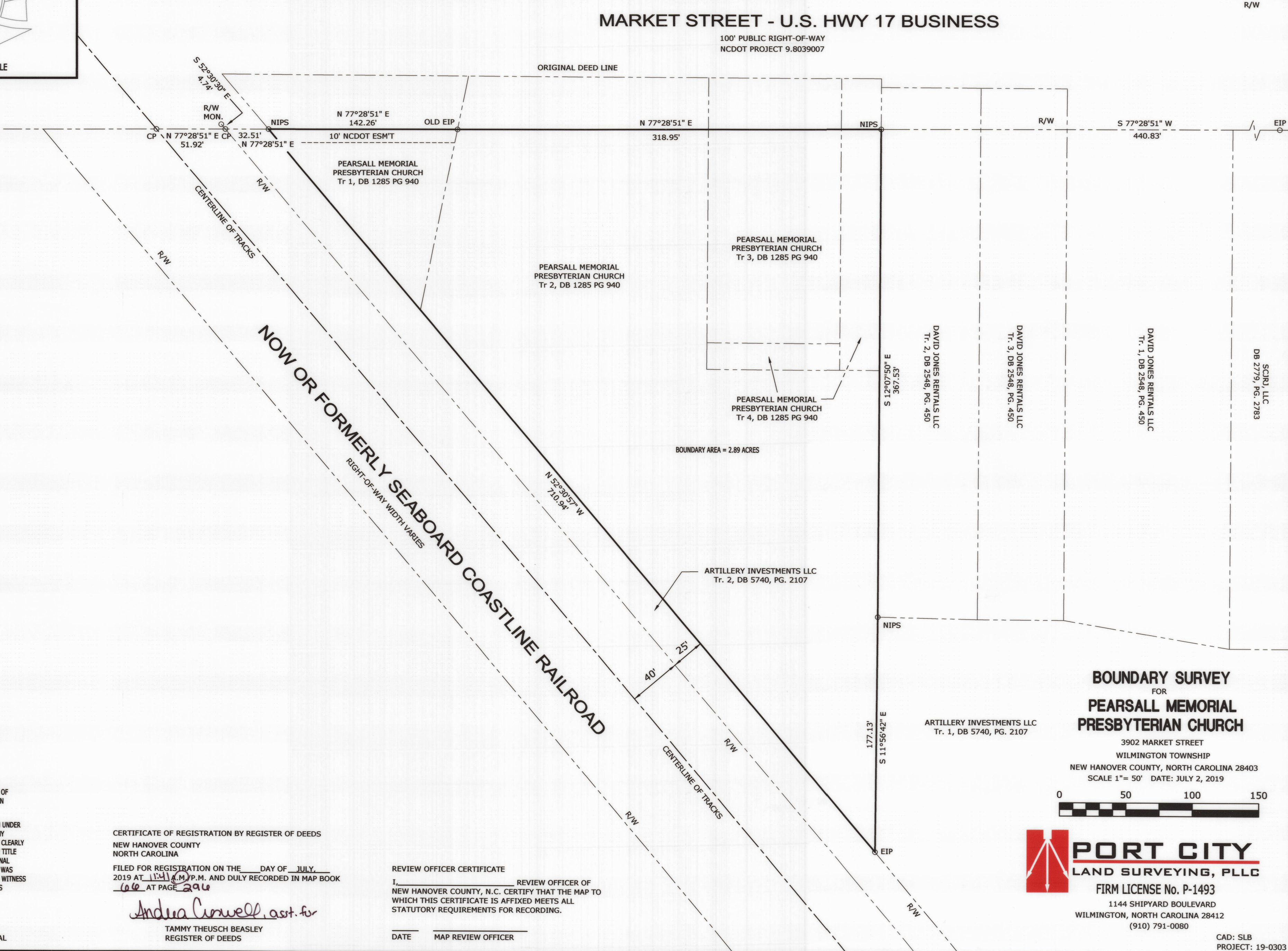
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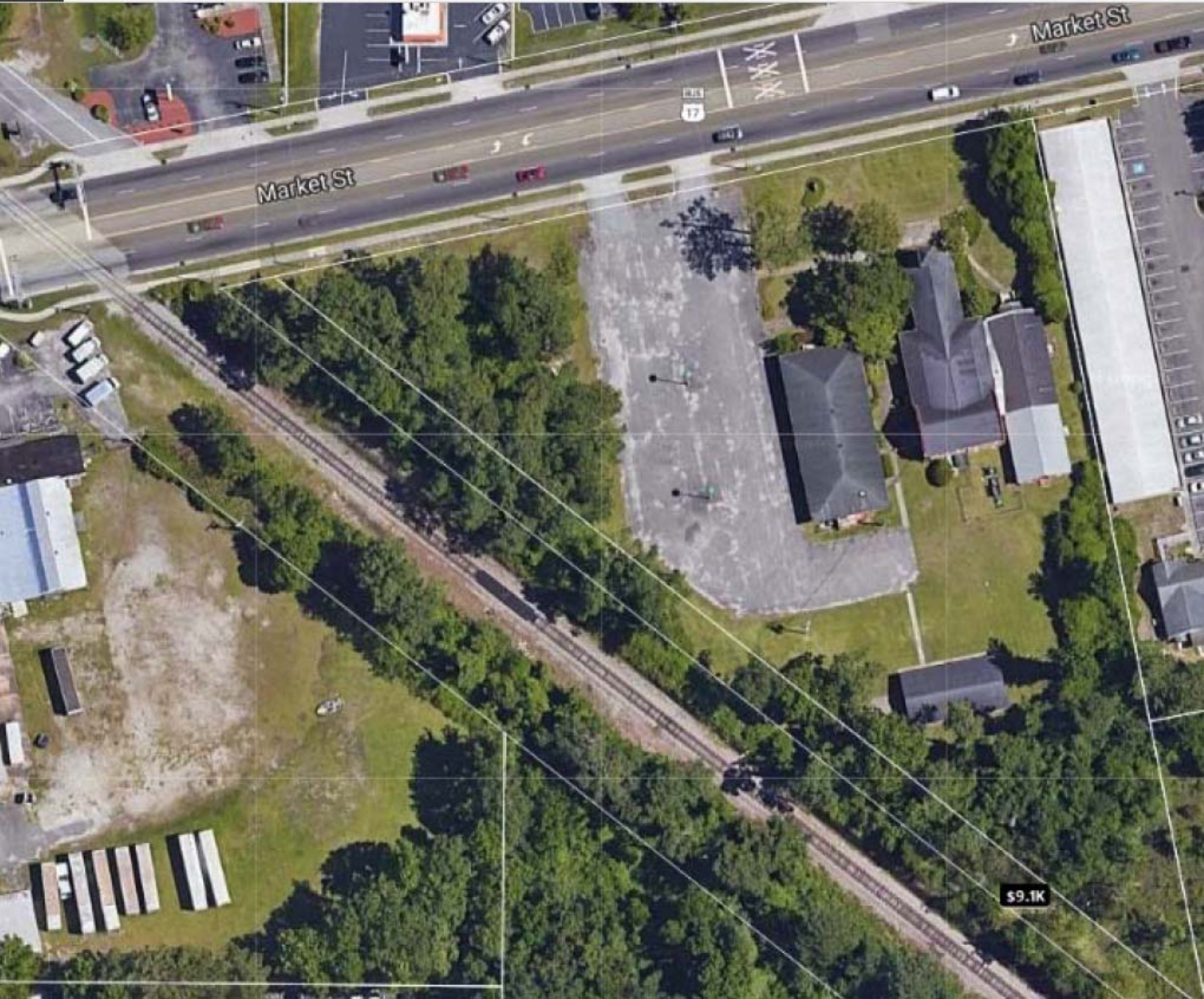
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THE FOLLOWING GIFTS
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GIFT IN MEMORIAM GIVEN BY

REREDOS	RULING ELDER J. MERCER TAYLOR	MR. AND MRS. MILLS TAYLOR
COMMUNION TABLE	REV. J. A. SULLIVAN	MR. AND MRS. J. W. STRICKLAND
CHOIR SCREENS	MR. L. B. PLOTT	MR. AND MRS. CARLTON L. PLOTT AND MRS. G. G. PLOTT
PULPIT	MR. AND MRS. JAMES L. GORMAN	MR. GROVER C. GORMAN
LECTURN	REV. ANDREW J. HOWELL	MRS. HOWELL AND FAMILY
TWO FRONT PEWS	PARENTS OF MR. AND MRS. FIELDS	MR. AND MRS. J. M. FIELDS
TWO PEWS	MRS. ANNIE BONEY CARR	MRS. HORACE PEARSALL
BAPTISMAL FONT	RULING ELDER HORACE PEARSALL	MRS. PEARSALL AND CHILDREN
BIBLE AND STAND	MR. CLAUDE W. GIBSON	MRS. GIBSON AND DAUGHTER
CHANCEL CROSS	RULING ELDER B. F. HALL	REV. AND MRS. B. FRANK HALL
COLLECTION PLATES	MISS ROSALIE PEARSALL	MR. AND MRS. OSCAR PEARSALL, JR.
BREAD TRAYS	MISS MARGARET LEE SMITH	MR. AND MRS. RALPH W. SMITH
ONE PEW	MR. ALVAN M. BLAKE, SR.	MRS. BLAKE AND CHILDREN
ONE PEW	MRS. MINNIE GRAY PITTMAN	MR. AND MRS. GEORGE MARTIN
ONE PEW	MRS. G. C. GORMAN, SENIOR	MR. GROVER GORMAN, JR.
FOUR WINDOWS	CLARENCE MARTIN YARBOROUGH, JR.	MR. AND MRS. C. M. YARBOROUGH
TWO VASES	MR. AND MRS. FRED PEARSALL	MR. AND MRS. JACK W. SMITH
A WINDOW	MISS ROSALIE PEARSALL	THE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP
TWO CLERGY CHAIRS		MR. AND MRS. C. HEIDE TRASK
A WINDOW		THE A. F. DOWLING FAMILY
THE CARPET		THE LEEUWENBURG FAMILY
ALTAR CANDLESTICKS		MRS. JOHN C. SLOCUMB





Disbursement of Funds from the Sale of
The property of Pearsall Memorial Church

Matters concerning the disbursement of the remainder of funds from the sale of Pearsall Memorial Presbyterian Church property at 3902 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina.

With the remainder of funds that total \$655,000 as relayed by the treasurer of Coastal Carolina Presbytery, this is how the members would like to see these monies disbursed:

1. Three hundred thousand to UNCW Philosophy and Religion Department, broken down to fifty thousand for a scholarship in perpetuity honoring Sam Murrell. The remainder, two hundred and fifty thousand set up in perpetuity for a whole scholarship honoring B. Frank Hall, with Pearsall Memorial Presbyterian Church recognized in the scholarships as the donor.
2. Two hundred thousand to be given to Bethany Presbyterian Church where it will be set up in the Presbyterian Foundation Fund under Bethany Presbyterian Church as an endowment, with the principal left intact and interest used to offset any emergency needs or operational expenses.
3. One hundred and thirty-five thousand, is to be allocated to the Coastal Carolina Presbytery to explicitly be set up in the Presbyterian Foundation Fund where percentages of the money will be used to help small churches in the Presbytery that are going through catastrophic damages incurred by natural disasters. The remainder of twenty thousand designated to Mission Grants for students with Presbyterian scholarships in the N.C. Synod to do mission work, with this money also being put in an interest bearing fund.

Wilton Leunenburg
Authorized by Pearsall session

Attachment G

Pearsall Memorial Presbytery Church - AC

Summary cash receipts and disbursements (Net Cash)

July 27, 2019 (AC inception) through May 1, 2021 (AC report date)

Cash receipts:

Sale of Pearsall Property	\$ 713,710.00
Pearsall Memorial Presbyterian Church - close out of accounts	22,070.47
Sale deposit forfeiture	5,000.00
User Fees:	
Heritage Presbyterian Church - user fees	2,600.00
No Sleeves Magic, LLC	2,500.00
Templo "Adoracion Y Alabanza"	1,950.00
Wilmington Philatelic Society	140.00
Other user fees	100.00
Total	<u>748,070.47</u>

Cash disbursements:

Presbytery of Coastal Carolinas - Per capita for 2014 to 2019	2,920.00
Presbytery of Coastal Carolinas - Shared missions for 2014 to 2019	14,000.00
Power	7,588.67
Telephone	1,385.64
Trash	615.90
Water and sewer	3,823.42
Alarm	1,694.73
Pest control	282.10
Yard maintenance	1,875.00
Roof repairs	43,128.00
Repairs - Break-ins	806.67
Repairs - Clean up	3,210.00
Insurance	4,333.50
Property title insurance	2,330.00
Property boundary survey	1,121.48
Legal	2,190.70
City of Wilmington - false alarm assessments	550.00
Lock smith	344.17
Postage and copies	79.80
Total	<u>92,279.78</u>

Net cash balance, at May 1, 2021

\$ 655,790.69

**State of North Carolina
Department of the Secretary of State**

**ARTICLES OF DISSOLUTION BY DIRECTORS, MEMBERS, AND THIRD PERSONS FOR
NONPROFIT CORPORATION**

Pursuant to §55A-14-04 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the undersigned corporation hereby submits the following Articles of Dissolution for the purpose of dissolving the corporation.

1. The name of the corporation is: Pearsall Memorial Presbyterian Church

2. The names and business addresses of the directors of the corporation are:

Name	Address
None	All have resigned...Church has closed and Church session has disbanded

3. The names, titles, and business addresses of the officers of the corporation are:

Name	Title	Address
Jeff Turpin	Chairman Admin Com	105 island Dr., Wrightsville Beach, NC 28480

4. Attached is the plan of dissolution as required by N.C.G.S. §55A-14-03.

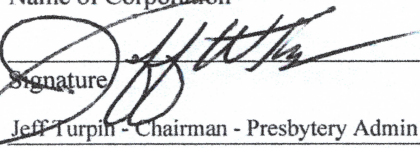
5. The dissolution of the corporation was authorized on the 28 day of April, 2020.

6. (Check a, b, and/or c, as applicable.)

- a. ☐ Approval of members was not required for the dissolution, and the plan of dissolution was approved by a sufficient vote of the board of directors.
- b. ☐ Approval of the members was required for the dissolution, and the plan of dissolution was approved as required by Chapter 55A of the North Carolina General Statutes.
- c. ☒ Approval of the dissolution by some person or persons other than the members or the board of directors was required pursuant to N.C.G.S. §55A-14-02(a)(3), and such approval was obtained.

7. These articles will be effective upon filing, unless a delayed date and/or time is specified: _____.

This the 28 day of April, 2020.

Pearsall Memorial Presbyterian Church
Name of Corporation

Signature
Jeff Turpin - Chairman - Presbytery Admin Committee
Type or Print Name and Title

Notes: 1. Filing Fee is \$15.00.

2. This document must be filed with the Secretary of State.
BUSINESS REGISTRATION DIVISION
(Revised April 2020)

P.O. BOX 29622

RALEIGH, NC 27626-0622
(Form N-06)

Pearsall Memorial Presbytery Church

Plan of Dissolution

The Pearsall Memorial Presbytery Church (the "Church") ceased all worship and operational activities on June 30, 2019. Under Presbyterian Church USA domination rules, The Presbytery of Coastal Carolinas, Inc. ("Presbytery") has oversight and control in the case of Church dissolution. On July 27, 2019, the Presbytery appointed an Administrative Committee ("AC") to take possession of all Church property and then dispose property in an orderly manner.

The AC has determined that all Church liabilities and commitments have been paid in full. The AC is not aware of any outstanding claims.

The AC has sold most church property. The proceeds from the property sales and any unsold property have been deposited / turned over to the Presbytery.

Clerks Report May 2021

Correspondence – None

Ecumenical Relations – None

Information:

1. Seating of Corresponding Members and Guests
2. Minutes from the March 6, 2021 Presbytery meeting were approved.
3. August 19, 2021 stated presbytery meeting
4. Covid-19 Response from Executive Board of Mission Cabinet
5. Presbytery Offering – Pentecost Offering
6. PC(USA) Matthew 25 Initiative

Seating of Corresponding Members and Guests

1. Rev. Warren Lesane, Executive and Stated Clerk for the Synod of Mid-Atlantic
2. Rev. Jenny Lee (for examination)
3. Rev. David Priddy (for examination)

March 2021 Presbytery Minutes

Mission Cabinet reviewed and approved the minutes of the March 6, 2021 presbytery meeting.

Presbytery Meeting August 19, 2021

The August presbytery meeting will convene at 4pm.

Covid-19 Response

The Executive Board of Mission Cabinet has provided an updated Covid-19 guidance for congregations and mandates regarding presbytery meetings and events. See attached.

Pentecost Offering

Today's offering will support the PC(USA) Pentecost Offering. Congregations traditionally support this offering next Sunday. While your congregation can keep a percentage of the offering to support youth related ministries, the presbytery will remit all funds collected from this meeting to PC(USA) Special Offerings. Information on the Pentecost Offering can be found with the following links:

- Promotional video <https://vimeo.com/groups/pentecostoffering/videos/537792792>
- Resources <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/page/pentecost-covid19/>
- Promotional video <https://vimeo.com/groups/pentecostoffering/videos/537791599>

PC(USA) Matthew 25 Initiative

Portions of the May, August, and October meetings of presbytery will be dedicated to discussing the PC(USA) Matthew 25 Initiative. The Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, several of our sister presbyteries, and some congregations in our presbytery have joined this initiative. It is my hope that our exploration of the Matthew 25 Initiative will move this presbytery to consider whether this initiative will support the ministries taking place in our congregations and communities. Information on this initiative can be found with the following links:

- Brochure <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/wp-content/uploads/m25-brochure-en.pdf>

- FAQ <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/wp-content/uploads/Matthew25-FAQ.pdf>
- Worship <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/wp-content/uploads/M25-Worship-Guide.pdf>
- Bible Study <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/wp-content/uploads/M25-BibleStudy.pdf>

Community Gatherings and Events

Please see the attached correspondence from our Community Steering Teams about events and activities taking place in the East, West, and Central Communities. Contact Mission Coordinators and steering team leaders about participation.



Presbytery of Coastal Carolina

One Presbytery ~ Three Covenant Communities

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April 20, 2021

Presbytery of Coastal Carolina,

Prayers that you are well and that all around you are healthy! The Executive Board of Mission Cabinet continues to monitor the impact of the global pandemic on our communities. While the number of Covid positive cases, hospitalizations, and deaths has declined in recent weeks, we continue to urge caution. Washing hands, wearing masks, maintaining social distance, and broader access to vaccines have slowed the spread. May we continue to see these practices as ways that we “love our neighbor as we love ourselves”.

In response to these trends and in the hope that our joint efforts will further these positive trends, the Executive Board of The Presbytery of Coastal Carolina mandates that the presbytery make the following gradual allowances regarding presbytery meetings, events, and activities.

- **Presbytery committees and commissions will meet using a hybrid (virtual and in-person) model.** Some may wish to continue meeting virtually. Chairs/moderators can determine if an in-person meeting option will be made available. Chairs/moderators must ensure meeting rooms provide sufficient space to social distance and shall enforce masks are worn properly in accordance with safety guidelines. Chairs/moderators will need to get approval from the meeting facility and discuss whether the committee/commission will be responsible for sanitizing the meeting space upon the conclusion of business. The names of in-person attendees shall be recorded for contact tracing.
- **Presbytery commissioning and installation services of pastoral voices shall be allowed.** Max participation for these presbytery gatherings shall be limited to members of the commission, the pastoral voice being commissioned/installed, the family of the pastoral voice, and worship leaders. These gatherings of the presbytery shall provide a virtual option for all other participants. The pastoral voice must ensure the gathering space is sufficient to social distance and must enforce masks are worn properly in accordance with safety guidelines. The names of in-person attendees shall be recorded for contact tracing. Outdoor gatherings for commissioning and installation services of pastoral voices will not have restrictions on the number of participants. However, outdoor gatherings must be arranged for social distancing in accordance with session-approved safety guidelines.
- **Presbytery ministries for youth and young adults will continue to gather virtually and allow in-person activities in accordance with approved safety guidelines.**
- **Regarding congregational worship, the Executive Board continues to encourage sessions provide virtual or outdoor worship services.** However, sessions that allow in-person and indoor gatherings shall determine what safety protocols will be mandated. The session is responsible for ensuring participants are aware of safety protocols and follow them. See the attached list of suggestions to be considered.

Easteride Blessings

Rev. Jerrod B. Lowry, General Presbyter & Stated Clerk

Additionally, the Executive Board recommends that sessions consider the following list.

1. Session must approve whether worship and other church related activities will be conducted virtually and/or in-person. Session must approve and notify members of in-person safety protocols. Session must enforce approved safety protocols.
2. Sessions that permit indoor worship should consider the following.
 - Limit touch of public surfaces. Offering plates can be placed near entrances and monitored by a designee. Invite participants to bring their own bread and juice for communion or provide pre-packaged communion cups with wafers and juice.
 - Run heat and/or air conditioning 24 hours before worship. Turn off when worship begins to prevent air circulation. Also consider running air conditioning with windows open to ensure circulation.
 - Session may consider limiting in-person worship participation to a number that allows easy social distancing within the worship space. Add additional services if necessary. Consider requiring attendees RSVP to better ensure you don't exceed allowable worship numbers.
 - Remove from pews/seats items that can be touched by multiple participants (hymnals, Bibles, writing utensils, envelopes, fans, etc.).
 - Sanitize seating, doorknobs, bathrooms, and other common spaces between services.
 - Rope off pews to ensure 6 feet of separation between rows. Seating every other pew usually does not equal 6 feet of separation.
 - Provide hand sanitizer, masks, and gloves for participants that do not have their own.
 - Listen to instrumental or recorded music instead of singing congregationally. Singers/Soloist and preacher should be as far as 20 feet away from the congregation unless masked or behind plexiglass.
3. Determine what you require/mandate for outside groups (AA, NA, scouts, etc) using the facilities? Will you leave supplies and mandate the group clean their space after usage?
4. Keep the names of all worship attendees. If someone contracts COVID-19, you will need to communicate with your congregation and members who may have interacted with that individual. How will you communicate while maintaining privacy and pastoral care?
5. Update your building use agreements to reflect the new realities of COVID-19. Determine if you are also agreeing to permit facility usage for other in-person gatherings like weddings, funerals, anonymous groups, etc.
6. Remember that "Christ is Lord of the conscience". Neither those that participate nor those that refuse to participate in in-person worship are to be judged. Session can decide to provide facilities for in-person gatherings. Individual members and pastoral voices can choose whether to participate in person. Session should make "reasonable accommodation" for pastoral voices that excuse themselves from participating in-person for in-person worship.

Mission Cabinet
Report to Presbytery
May 17, 2021

The Mission Cabinet met virtually on April 8, 2021.

Actions Approved:

1. The May 17, 2021 meeting will convene at 10:00 AM and the August 19, 2021 Presbytery meeting will convene at 4:00 PM.
2. The Presbytery will engage in the Matthew 25 Initiative through conversations at the three remaining 2021 Presbytery meetings.
3. Rev. Warren Lesane, Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, Executive and Stated Clerk, will preach at the May 17 Presbytery meeting.
4. Invitations will be sent to current GA Co-Moderators, Elona Street-Stewart and Rev. Gregory J. Bentley and past Co-Moderator Rev. Cindy Kohmann, to preach at the August and October Presbytery meetings.
5. The worship offering for the May 17 meeting is designated for the Pentecost Offering.

**The Presbytery of Coastal Carolina
Treasurer and Finance and Property Report
April 30, 2021**

As of March 29, 2021, expenses exceeded revenue by **\$7359.89**. \$10,000/1,666 (17%) Shared Mission was received, and \$184,485.12/\$30,747.52 (17%) Per Capita was received. Many thanks to all who supported the Presbytery during this Pandemic.

Information Items:

- Update - Freedom East Loan was presented at the Presbytery meeting and approved in the amount of 161K.
- We have four vacancies to be filled on the Finance and Property Committee.
- We will be sending letters via our Mission Coordinators to churches requesting proof of insurance. This is being done to verify with Churches if they would be interested in doing a combined group policy with the Presbytery which would be less expensive for them. This would also be a great option for Churches who does not have any insurance and this would allow them to have insurance at a lower cost.
- Update -Pike Rocky Point property is still for sale and an offer was made and accepted.
- Pike Rocky Point Cemetery – The cemetery is handled by Jeff Turpin. Now that we have an offer for the church, we must make the cemetery independent from the Presbytery. An Association is being set up which will be comprised of old members of the church that has deceased family members buried in the cemetery.
- Gibson Land – Received delinquent tax notice from Scotland County Tax Collector in the amount of \$4713.88. Our Treasurer went to Gibson to view the land and met a neighbor who may be interested in the land. He informed her that the surrounding land was donated to Habitat for Humanity and they built homes on the land. However, his property and the Gibson property retains water and will not be able to be built on. Our Treasurer will research and find out if we have a clear title to the land. If we do, we will locate a Realtor and place the land up for sale. This is an ongoing item since prior to 1980 which needs to be resolved.
- Manantial Da Vita Erwin received two grants totaling 10K.

Financial Report:

Outstanding loans in the amount of 135,436.72

New Covenant Investment Portfolio:	12/31/2018	\$2,976,411
	02/13/2019	\$3,243,969
	03/30/2021	\$4,682,173

Our New Covenant Investments did very well during the Pandemic. These funds are Restricted Investment Funds. Restricted funds are monies set aside for a particular purpose because of designated giving. They are permanently restricted to that purpose and cannot be used for other expenses of the Presbytery. Therefore, these investment Funds are not available for use. Please note that the Presbytery has done a great job with investing, spending, and the budgeting of our Funds. As a result, we did not have to close, file for bankruptcy, or terminate any of our employees as some of our sister Presbyteries may had to do in this Pandemic and previous years. Also, we did not have to file for the PPP Loan. We were able to allow others to get those funds.

Lornette McCaskill,
Treasurer/Business Manager

You are invited to a virtual lecture
to hear a dynamic speaker
Saturday, June 5, 2021, from 10:00 – 11:30 AM
Theme: “Race is Nothing; Race is Everything”



REV. RODNEY S. SADLER JR.

*Associate Professor of Bible and Director
Center for Social Justice and Reconciliation
At Union Seminary, Charlotte, NC*

******This seminar is sponsored by the Central Community Steering Team. Please register in advance by clicking on the link:***

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/9tZUtdUChrD8vE9aqmUi2goP2jcAJUEyqKUK->

Save the Date: East Community Gathering

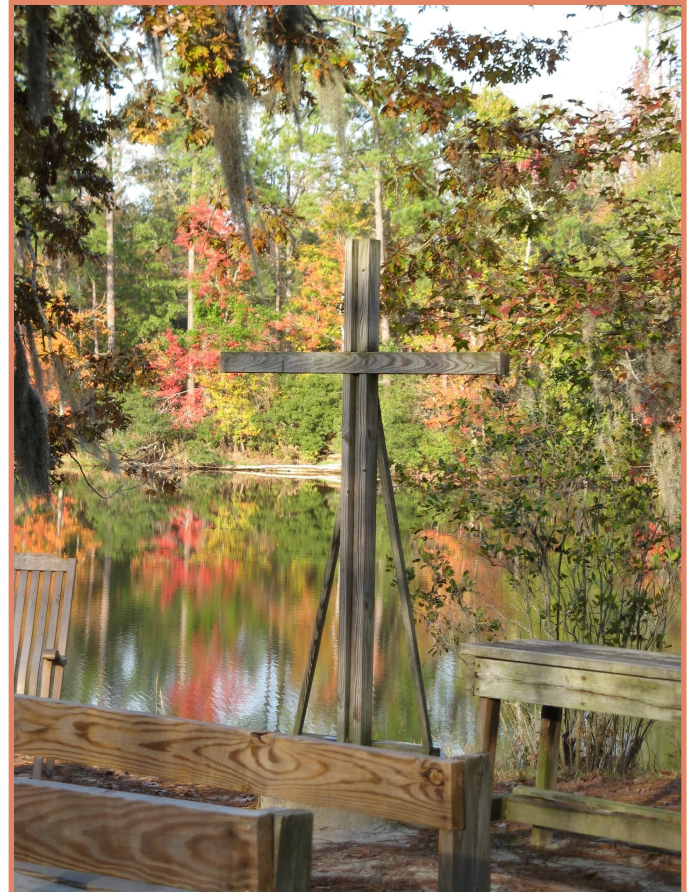
October 30th at Camp Kirkwood

Mourning into Dancing: Mission, Ministry and Care as Church in these Days

We pray that we are moving from a time of pandemic to a new tomorrow, but what comes next for our churches?

Planned Keynote, Worship, and Workshop Leaders include:

- **Ray Jones, Evangelism Ministries Office of the PCUSA**, speaking on the Reformed and transforming church past, present and future, and how to ask the right questions as we anticipate what is to come.
- **Sara Lisherness and a team from the World Mission Agency of the PCUSA** addressing how the Church can re-create an outward focus following a long period of inward reflection, especially within the changing shape of local and global mission.
- **Kathryn Riley, and a team from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** guiding us through the emotional and spiritual transitions experienced by individuals and church families, preparing to meet new challenges yet to come.
- **T. Wes Moore, Pastor of Pollocksville Presbyterian Church**, encouraging us through the hymnody of the church to express the joy and despair, anticipation and fear, grace and heartache experienced as we have walked through this pandemic season into new life.
- **Susan Lewis, Teaching Elder and Counselor at the Community Counseling Center**, sharing strategies and tools for church leaders to care for themselves and others in this time of change, loss, and possibility.



Come enjoy the beauty of Camp Kirkwood in Autumn!

The East Community Steering Team is planning that this event be offered in-person (taking advantage of the ample outdoor space at Camp Kirkwood) with the option to attend virtually. We are planning with the hope and prayer that by October it is safe (and approved by Presbytery) for all who wish to do so to gather in this way.



*Camp Kirkwood Staff will also be offering a day program for children and youth.
Stay tuned for more information!*

*You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you for ever. (Psalm 30:11-12, NRSV)*

News & Announcements from the West Community

WEST COMMUNITY GATHERING— SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2021

The West Community will have a virtual gathering on Saturday, June 12, 2021, 10AM to Noon, using Zoom. This gathering will not have a business meeting but will have a worship service featuring

Rev. Dr. Will Willimon on his small group book: *“Fear of the Other: No Fear in Love”* and break out conversations in these areas.

- **Fear of the Other: No Fear in Love Conversation guide** – How do we use this study in our church? Dr. Will Willimon (Live)
- **Grief Share for Churches** (Conversation around What did we miss as a congregation this past year; How do we honor those losses; How to do funerals so long after the fact? Can some deceased be remembered in groups?)
- **Reawakening - Reigniting Youth Ministries** Conversation & Ideas

Pre-registration will be required. The whole Presbytery is invited and welcome. This is a free event.

WEST COMMUNITY SESSION RECORDS REVIEW

Robert Gordon is scheduling the Sessional Records review dates and locations when the committee will review both 2019 and 2020 session minutes and records. Robert Gordon is chair of the review committee. A *Training for Clerks* was added to the Presbytery's YouTube Channel.

SUPPORT OF PASTORS

Monthly Zoom Conversations with pastors continue on this schedule: First Wed: Scotland & Hoke Co; Second Wed. Lee Co; Third Wed. Harnett Co.; Fourth Wed.: Moore Co. Contact Laura for connection details.

UPDATE: TECHNOLOGY GRANTS FOR THE WEST COMMUNITY CHURCHES

The West Steering Team provided 2 additional grants of up to \$500 to assist with technology in congregation. 15 grants were issued, totaling nearly \$7,000.

NEXT MEETING OF THE STEERING TEAM: THURSDAY, MAY 20TH AT 4PM VIA ZOOM

Respectfully Submitted, *The West Steering Team, Wendy Tomczak, Moderator*

2021 Members: Bill Evans (Antioch-RS), Canessa Lagan (Cameron), David Priddy (Raven Rock & Leaflet), Priscilla Brower (Spout Springs), Wendy Tomczak (Priest Hill-Carthage), Brad Simpson (First Sanford), Catherine Pinkston (Trinity-Laurinburg).

Ex Officio with Vote: Moderator: John Taylor (Jonesboro); Vice Moderator: Alice Baldwin (Westminster-Laurinburg) Ex Officio: Robert Gordon, Clerk, Staff: Laura Lupton, Mission Coordinator