

Stated Meeting of the Session, First Presbyterian Church, Burlington, NC
April 19, 2026

Class of 2026

Hal Bates
+Kent Byrd
Don Grady
+Charlie Harris
+ Ron Joyce
Roger Kolarich
+Betsy Reeves
+Virginia Wilburn

Class of 2027

+A. C. Arnn
+Jerry Bailey
+Caroline Durham
+Sara Beth Hardy
Gail McGowen
+Scott Moffitt
+David Sapp
Avery Wagoner

Class of 2028

+Pat Askew
Veronica Biscocho
+Jordan Britton
+Bob Giles
+Phil Langley
Mary Parker
+Chip Smith
+Nan Wooten

+Jim Lunde, Pastor and Moderator
John Johnson, Parish Associate
+Matt Brittain-Director of Music

+Charlotte Allbright, Church Educator
+David Pinson, Treasurer
+Barbara Roberts, Clerk

Rev. Dr. Jim Lunde called the stated meeting of the Session to order at 7:00 on April 19, 2026 in Shive Hall. Charlotte Allbright opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer. Dr. Lunde welcomed the Confirmands and their Elder Partners: Charlie Davis-Elder Bob Giles, Miles Dicke-Elder Rodger Temples, Levi Wellman-Elder Willy Fisher, Vincent Wolf-Elder Jordan Britton. Time was spent with the confirmands reading their faith statements and discussing their faith journeys. Scott Moffitt made a motion that these young men be accepted into membership. A.C. Arnn seconded and the motion passed unanimously. They will be acknowledged at the May 3 worship service.

Consent Agenda: Phil Langley moved that the Consent Agenda be accepted. Bob Giles seconded and the motion passed without discussion.

Budget and Finance: A. C. Arnn presented the February financial statements and noted that cash flow was positive for the second consecutive month with a positive variance of \$39,462.67. Water usage dropped after needed repairs were made in January.

Capital Campaign: Scott Moffitt updated the group on the *Gather and Grow from Generation to Generation* Campaign. 83 pledges have been received for over \$2M. The new HVAC chillers were funded with cash that had already been received from the campaign. We are awaiting a grant decision which will come in June.

Buildings and Grounds: Chairman Phil Langley announced that the Women's Resource Center's Herb Festival will be held next week and their Leading the Way dinner will be on November 5. He requested that wine be permitted at both events. The motion was modified to allow WRC to serve wine annually at these events going forward without annual discussion. The motion passed.

Salem Presbytery: A. C. Arnn, Phil Langley and David Sapp were elected to serve as Elder Commissioners at the Tuesday, May 12 meeting of Salem Presbytery which will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Greensboro.

Moderator's Report: Dr. Lunde reiterated the news from the Congregational Meeting that Rev. Dr. Dari Rowen will join us as Associate Pastor on June 1. The Pritchett Symposium will be held April 26 with the Rev. CeCe Armstong as the guest teacher/preacher. Dr. Lunde reported that a search for a full-time director of the Child Development Center is underway. Currently, 115 children are enrolled.

Fellowship: Betsy Reeves announced that May 17 will be a day to give special recognition to the graduating seniors in our congregation. Lemonade on the Lawn will provide a time for people to sign special graduation books for the seniors and leave cards. Elders signed cards for each senior before tonight's meeting. A family brunch will be held following the Lemonade on the Lawn. May 3 is Youth Sunday and the Confirmation Class will be recognized.

With no further business, Dr. Lunde adjourned the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Roberts
Clerk of Session

Membership Updates for April 2026:

Remove from active roll: Christine Fischer (#4016) and Carl Fischer (#4015)

Birth: Elisabeth Jones Affronti, March 18, 2026 to Lewis and Anna Affronti (#3572)

Death: Allison Elizabeth Keill (#3976) March 25, 2026

Congregational Meeting for Special Purposes, First Presbyterian Church, Burlington, NC
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Dr. Jim Lunde called the Congregational Meeting to order. Clerk Barbara Roberts announced that a quorum was present. Dr. Lunde opened the meeting with prayer and announced that the special purposes of the meeting were to hear a report from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and to act on its recommendation. He called on Willy Fisher, chair of the APNC. Mr. Fisher thanked his committee and reported that 53 applications had been reviewed. He then presented biographical information and terms of call for the Rev. Dr. Dari Rowen. Dr. Rowen is currently serving as Senior Pastor at Red Springs Presbyterian Church. On behalf of his committee, Mr. Fisher moved that Dr. Rowen be called as our Associate Pastor and the terms of call be accepted as presented. The motion was approved unanimously. She will begin serving FPC-Burlington on June 1, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Roberts
Clerk of Session