

Stated Meeting of the Session, First Presbyterian Church, Burlington, NC
August 16, 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
+Charlotte Allbright, Church Educator
+David Pinson, Treasurer
+Barbara Roberts, Clerk

+Dari Rowen, Assoc. Pastor
John Johnson, Parish Associate
+Matt Brittain-Director of Music

Rev. Dr. Jim Lunde called the stated meeting of the Session to order at 7:00 on August 16, 2026 in the Witherspoon Room. Sara Beth Hardy opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer. Scott Moffitt made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Jerry Bailey seconded and the motion passed.

Capital Campaign Update: Scott Moffitt reported that \$2.4M has been pledged by 134 donor units. Bobby Long and Betsy Long have pledged to upgrade the Mary Helen Long Garden in memory of their mother. Windows will be reglazed soon and water issues will be addressed before new plants are installed. Scott also updated the group on the Holt Scholarship and the Cannon Grants. \$847,376 have been received to date which have allowed much work to take place since the first of the year.

Budget and Finance: Dave Pinson reviewed the June YTD budget and indicated that early pledge payments, lower personnel expenses and careful expense monitoring have led to a \$147,115.38 positive variance.

Gratitude and Generosity: Ron Joyce presented the stewardship campaign of *Together We Love, Together We Serve* based on Galatians 6:9-10. The goal will be \$1.3M to fund the 2027 budget which will include expenses for complete full-time staff positions. Officers were asked to complete their pledges by September 16. The campaign will run from September 27-October 25, 2026. The committee is composed of Chairman Ron Joyce, Jordan Britton, Scott Moffitt, Sara Beth Hardy, John Johnson, Jim Lunde, Dave Pinson and A. C. Arnn.

Salem Presbytery: Jim Lunde reported briefly on the June 15 meeting of Salem Presbytery where a church was dismissed from the Presbytery. Dave Pinson was elected to replace Don Grady as an Elder Commissioner at the September 1, 2026 Salem Presbytery meeting.

Moderator's Report: Dr. Lunde reported that there is a search for a part-time facility monitor. The summer intern's position has been completed. Possibly a government grant may be available through Elon University for future interns. He mentioned that Marie Lunde has taken

a job at the Burlington School. The CDC board is seeking a new director, revising its by-laws and evaluating its insurance needs. The Nominating Committee is working to secure nominees for Elder and Deacon Class of 2029. Scott Moffitt made a motion to hold a Congregational Meeting on September 27 for the special purposes of receiving the committee's report and reviewing Dr. Lunde's terms of call if needed due to changes in Marie's insurance. Hal Bates seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Nolan Chilton has received a call to Westminster Presbyterian in Knoxville, TN, and Nolan will be ordained in a service at our church Labor Day weekend. In closing, Dr. Lunde commented on Dr. Dari Rowen's installation service and welcomed her as a member of Session. With business completed, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Roberts
Clerk of Session

Membership Updates from Consent Agenda:

Birth: Ellis Hart Britton-May14, 2026 to Jordan and Katie Britton

Transfer: Amanda Holt Rosenblum (#3761) to Myers Park Pres., Charlotte, NC

Deaths: Linda Hardie Perdue (#3830) June 4, 2026

Betty Gwen Beck McPherson (#727) July 13, 2026

Anne Grey Gardner (#3291, #1281 and #2184) July 16, 2026

To non-member: by his request, John Bowden, III (#174)

New members by Profession of Faith May 19, 2026

Confirmation Class: Charles Samuel Davis, Miles James Dicke, Levi Wellman,

Vincent Wolf

New member by letter of transfer: Alice M. Livey from Rocky Mount UMC, Rocky Mount, Va