PRESBYTERY HIGHLIGHTS

February 7, 2026

It was a true joy to gather in-person at Woodlawn Presbyterian Church for our Presbytery meeting! Thanks go to Lisa Wells and the Woodlawn volunteers for the smooth registration process. Rev. Don Johnson and the entire staff and membership of Woodlawn were very gracious and helpful in preparing for this meeting and much gratitude goes to each of them. The Woodlawn crew even ordered up a most delightful lunch for us all to enjoy!

Worship started us off on the right note. The WPC Combined Choir, led by Rene Johnson, reflected the Spirit's presence during our worship time. We were also able to prayerfully remember the Ruling Elders and Teaching Elders that departed this world in 2025. Moderator Cliff Lyda delivered the message entitled "First Century Presbyterians", encouraging all to take the Gospel message into the streets. We celebrated The Lord's Supper and our offering in the amount of $856.50 will go toward supporting the Community Food Bank at Woodlawn.

Moderator Cliff Lyda guided the Presbytery through the agenda. Highlights included:

• Election of Stated Clerk Charlie Evans, Assistant Stated Clerk Ed Kelly and Assistant Stated Clerk Patti Phillips for a three-year term.

• Introductions of Gene Anderson, Pastor at Wiersdale; Graham Bingham, Parrish Associate at Ocala FPC; Kang Il Kim, Pastor at Korean PC; Steve Horrell, Pastor at Marion Oaks; and Luke Ekstrom, Validated Ministry with Baptist Health.

• Assisting in the winding down of our congregations at Fort Caroline and Branford with appreciation for their years of ministry in their communities.

• The creation of a Task Force to discuss ministry at the Montgomery Center and the creation of a commission to assist the Countryside congregation.

• The approval of the creation of a New Worshiping Community-Mayport Open Table.

• The approval of the Presbytery 2026 budget.

• Filling vacancies on many committees by the Volunteer Management Team.

• Greetings from Dana Waters from the Presbyterian Foundation.

• A warm welcome from our host Rev. Don Johnson with a video of the history of Woodlawn.

• AND…..the Installation of Moderator Dr. Barbara Darby! Welcome Barbara!

Many pleasant conversations, filled with joy and laughter, were held around the tables and in the pews. Please plan to participate in the next meeting of Presbytery in May!