# STATED SESSION MEETING FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ORLANDO November 28, 2023

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

A stated meeting of the session of FPCO was held on November 28, 2023, and was called to order by moderator, Teaching Elder Dr. Jack Peebles at 5:45 PM.

### **OFFICER TESTIMONIES**

The deacons-elect and elders-elect, who are completing the course of instruction in Church government, the Sacraments, the Faith of the Church, the Discipline of the Church, The History of the Church, and the understanding of the office of ruling elder and deacon, began a process of sharing their spiritual testimonies. The following deacons/ruling elders-elect gave their testimonies: Courtney Pelfrey, Justin Domeck, Ken Kozielski, Chris Danielski, Anna Hall, Katie Witter, Katie Shook, Betsy McClelland, and Bill Magee.

<u>MOTION</u>: To sustain the examinations of the above-listed deacons and ruling elders-elect. M/S/P

Prayer for the deacons and elders-elect was offered by TE Dr. Case Thorp, TE Tanner Fox, TE Paul Gibson, and TE Dr. Jack Peebles and this portion of the meeting was terminated.

### ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

## **ATTENDANCE:**

Teaching Elders: Tanner Fox, Paul Gibson, Jack Peebles and Case Thorp

Senior Leadership Team: Bret Allen, Christina McDaniel, and Charles Bell

Ruling Elders: Buzz Auzley, Scarlett Broughton, Jeff Brown, John Burden, Gabe de Guia, Lance Fair, Bruce Gordy, Joel Hall, Bill Hull, Mike Kelley, Greg McNeill, Lisa Schultz, Sam Spears, Chris Sproles, Bryan Tabler, Jonathan Thigpen, and Kurt Wood

Excused: Steve Cahill, David Swanson

Unexcused: None

Others in Attendance: Dennis Brockman

A quorum was declared.

### **CORRESPONDANCE**

A letter was received from Dr. David Swanson to the Session.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SESSION MEETING DATED October 24, 2023. M/S/P

APPROVAL OF THE DOCKET - M/S/P

### **STATISTICS**

Membership as of October 2022: 3,587 Membership as of September 2023: 3,086

Transfers into the Congregation: 9

Reaffirmation of Faith: 10 Profession of Faith: 0

Profession of Faith and Baptism: 0

Restored to the Roll: 2 Total Additions: 21

Transfers from the Congregation: 0

Deaths: 1

Removed from the Roll: 0 Placed on the Inactive Roll: 0

Total Reductions: 1

Membership as of August 31, 2023: 3,106

# Transfers into the Congregation:

Mrs. Tara Gibson, Transfer from Harrodsburg Baptist Church, Harrodsburg, KY

Mrs. Shirley Adams, Reaffirmation of Faith

Mr. and Mrs. Chad and Elizabeth Rice, Reaffirmation of Faith

Mr. and Mrs. Andy and Jennifer Swadel, Reaffirmation of Faith

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck and Sarah Worrell, Transfer from Mosaic Church, Winter Garden, FL

Mr. John Karagianis, Transfer from St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Tarpon Springs, FL

Ms. Anna Marie Raymond, Transfer from First Presbyterian Church of Deerfield, Deerfield, IL

Mr. and Mrs. Frank and Nancy Raymond, Reaffirmation of Faith

Mrs. Jessie Lee, Transfer from Lake Baldwin Church

Mr. and Mrs. Scott and Dawn Williams, Transfer from First United Methodist Orlando

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart and Tori McDonald, Reaffirmation of Faith

Mr. Gibb Teel, Reaffirmation of Faith

Mrs. Brenda Tilley, Transfer from First Baptist Orlando

# Deaths:

Mrs. Alene Baker, October 26, 2023

# Restored to the Roll:

Tim & Kim Smith, Transfer from Liberty Church - North Campus, Pensacola, FL

### Births:

Ms. Annie May Henderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Zane and Jess Henderson, October 13, 2023

Mr. Finley James Fisher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carter and Sam Fisher, October 19, 2023

# Child Baptisms:

Wilder Hall Babb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison and Olivia Babb, October 22, 2023

# **CONSENT AGENDA**

### WORSHIP

1-1 Communion Dates for 2024:

None in January February 4 March 28 (Maundy Thursday) April 7 May 5 June 2 July 7 August 4 September 1 October 6 November 3 December 1	
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APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA with the addition of a request for approval of TE Case Thorp to lead communion on the Gotham Fellowship Retreat at Camp Kalaqua in High Springs, FL, Sunday, January 7, 2024. M/S/P

# SEMIANNUAL REPORT FROM HEART OF THE CITY - Dennis Brockman

**MINISTER REPORT** - Session members are encouraged to sign up for the January Elder Retreat.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

• 2024 Work Group Assignments were distributed.

## **SUPPORT**

<u>MOTION:</u> To approve the distribution of the available \$974,000 in surplus funds as recommended by the Support Committee. M/S/P

<u>INFORMATION</u>: Financial Summary attached to the Session packet.

### PERSONNEL

• FMLA policies will be reviewed at the next Session meeting.

## CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Jack Peebles Moderator Lance Fair Clerk