

Covenant Presbyterian Church, Athens, GA
Called Session Meeting
January 18, 2026

A called Session Meeting, called according to the Book of Order, was held on January 18, 2026. Moderator Tom Buchanan welcomed everyone, asked the clerk to confirm that a quorum was present, and called the meeting to order with prayer at 10:35 a.m.

Elders present: Karl Barnett, Bob Brewster, Dennis Calbos, Melissa Cobb, Warren Combs, Caly DePalma, Ansley Land, and Rich Reaves,

Elders absent: Kathryn Fowler, Brian Herndon, Rebecca Silver, and Pam Thompson

Others present: Tom Buchanan, Deb Millwood, Haylee Nunn, Jack Pannecoucke, Kirche Rogers, and Luanne Rigsby.

Purpose of the Meeting

The Moderator stated the purpose of the meeting is to hear the faith stories, examine, and welcome Deb Millwood, Haylee Nunn, Jack Pannecoucke, and Kirche Rogers, who have been elected to be ordained and installed as elders for a 3-year term.

Examination of the New Class of Elders

Each of the incoming elders introduced themselves and talked about their faith journeys and their feelings about coming on the Session and serving the church in this way. The Session was given an opportunity to ask the candidates questions. **Bob Brewster moved to approve the examination of the elders-elect and to ordain and install them at the 11:00 a.m. worship service on January 18, 2026. Warren Combs seconded the motion. Following discussion, the motion carried.** Deb Millwood, Haylee Nunn, and Kirche Rogers will be ordained and installed during the worship service on January 18th. Since Jack Pannecoucke has been previously ordained, he will be installed at the worship service.

Tom expressed sincere thanks to Warren Combs, Kathryn Fowler, Ansley Land, and Rich Reaves, Class of 2025 elders who are rotating off the Session, and to Luanne Rigsby who is rotating off after serving as Clerk of the Session for six years.

Adjournment and Closing Prayer

Tom adjourned the meeting with prayer at 10:48 a.m.

Tom Buchanan, Moderator

Luanne Rigsby, Clerk