

Covenant Presbyterian Church, Athens GA

Special Called Session Meeting

June 14, 2026

A special called Session Meeting, called according to the Book of Order, was held at Covenant Presbyterian Church on June 14, 2026. Moderator Tom Buchanan welcomed everyone and stated the purpose was to welcome five new members into Covenant Presbyterian Church. He declared a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Pastor Tom opened the meeting in prayer.

Elders present: Melissa Cobb, Haylee Nunn, Bob Brewster, Kirche Rogers, and Caly DePalma

Elders present on Zoom: Jack Pannecoucke

Elders introduced themselves and shared their Session ministry participation.

New member candidates Marge Striggow, Ela Nichols, John Knox, and Charles and Linda Jean Jay introduced themselves and shared why they felt led to Covenant. Tom asked if any of the five were members of another church, and Ela Nichols and Charles and Linda Jean Jay stated that they were. Tom confirmed these three would be joining by Transfer of Letter and Re-affirmation of Faith, and that Marge Striggow and John Knox would be joining by Re-affirmation of Faith. Tom then presented the candidates the following questions:

- Do you trust in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?
- Do you intend to be his disciple, to obey his Word, and to show his love?
- Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and mission through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

Motion to Approve New Members

Caly DePalma moved and Haylee Nunn seconded to receive all new members. Motion was unanimously approved.

Adjournment and Closing Prayer

Pastor Tom closed with prayer and meeting adjourned.