

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TW@I Session Minutes

September 17, 2025 5:30PM Zoom

The Session gathered at 5:30PM by Zoom. Rev. Powers presented the agenda with one edit. He requested a Personnel Committee report be added to the agenda prior to the House and Properties report. John Jones made a motion to approve the agenda with this edit, (second: E. Haddad) all were in favor of the motion. Quorum was determined. Rev. Powers opened the meeting with prayer. Visitors Elizabeth Zanca, interim Project Manager Emily Lowrence and incoming Director of Outreach Ministries Ben Wilkins were recognized. Rev. Powers mentioned that later in the meeting visitors Vicki Cox, Joellyn Sullivan and David Bell would be present for the Special Subcommittee report of CAFE. A motion was made by John Jones (second: T. Grimes) to give visitors a voice. All were in favor and the motion passed. Rev. Powers directed the Elders in spiritual practice and all Elders and visitors attended a breakout group. Following the breakout session Rev. Powers presented the consent agenda with two corrections. The August Session Minutes and Statistical Reports were inadvertently left out of the Session Packet. These items will be presented at the October Session Meeting. The consent agenda passed unanimously with 2 items removed. For reference, the consent agenda is copied here:

Consent Agenda - September 17, 2025

Action Item WM1

The approval of the serving of communion (* denotes for the next 12 months) at the following locations:

- NaCoMe All-Church Camp on October 19, 2025
- Services led by Idlewild pastors at Trezevant Manor the third Tuesday of each month*
- 8:30a Sunday worship services held in the Idlewild Chapel*

Action Item G1

The approval of the publishing of the names of those who make a commitment for 2026 in the worship bulletins on November 9, 2025 and December 14, 2025.

Margaret Apple noted that a full slate of commissioners was needed for the November 15th Presbytery of the Midsouth meeting. Election of these commissioners to take place during the New Business section of the agenda. Margaret mentioned that Idlewild needed to initiate a transfer of membership for Viginia Goss to the Presbytery of New York. Jenni Brooks made a motion (second: S. Jones) to dismiss Virginia Goss by Letter of Transfer to the Presbytery of New York, the motion passed unanimously.

Rev Powers expressed gratitude for staff, ministry teams and committees for a wonderful Kick Off Sunday. He acknowledged the work of many to make the day successful. Rev. Powers

mentioned increased attendance for the first weeks of September with the addition of the 8:30AM worship service and the return to the 11:00AM worship service. Rev. Powers gave an update regarding the continued work of several hiring committees. He noted job postings on the website but encouraged all Elders to spread the word regarding the search for a Director of Youth Ministry. He thanked Jacque Breuer and Sage Scott Jamison for their interim work with middle and high school youth, as well as expressed gratitude to Jenni Brooks, Cindy Moore and the whole youth committee for their leadership. Rev. Power reminded the Session that Sunday, September 21st will be Joshua Narcisse's last Sunday with Idlewild prior to his move to Gaithersburg, MD to pastor a church there. Later this month Rev. Powers will be in Raleigh, NC to assist in the installation of The Rev. Tara Bolger as senior pastor at First Presbyterian Church. In Rev. Powers' absence Rev. Gale will install Chalmers Valentine as an Elder and Caroline Skees, Farley Ezekiel and Steve Turner as Deacons.