

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TW@I Session Minutes

November 19, 2025 5:30PM Zoom

The Session gathered at 5:30PM by Zoom. Quorum was determined. Rev. Powers opened the meeting with prayer. Rev. Powers presented the agenda, Ellis Haddad made a motion (second: T. Grimes) to approve the agenda without edits. All were in favor. Rev. Powers recognized visitors Whitney Getman, Director of Children's Ministry, Elizabeth Zanca, Executive Assistant to Rev. Powers, and John Lawrence, joining later in the meeting to give a report from the Sanctuary Committee. John Jones (second: E. Haddad) made a motion to give visitors voice, all were in favor and the motion passed. Rev. Powers presented the consent agenda which included one letter of transfer and the October Session Minutes. Rev. Mary Gale led the Session in prayer practice and Elders participated in breakout small groups.

Margaret Apple noted the October Session Minutes and one Letter of Transfer for Lizzie Apple to First Presbyterian Church in Durham, NC. She reminded Elders that a quorum will be needed for the November 23rd New Member Meeting. The upcoming December Session meeting will be on December 17th at 5:30PM taking place at Rev. Powers' home.

Rev. Powers noted the Introducing Idlewild class has had as many as 25 people in attendance. The class has been well received. Staff has been in the midst of annual performance reviews. Planning for the church spring calendar has been completed and summer planning is underway. The Director of Youth Ministry and Director of Music Ministry searches are ongoing. Rev. Powers reminded Session that Charles Key has completed his term as the Sated Clerk of the Presbytery of the Midsouth. Lucy Cummings' ordination was approved with a date pending for her ordination service. Rev. Powers has completed his moderating duties for Presbytery.

Rev. Gale reported Adult Formation is focused on the Advent Workshop done in conjunction with Children's Ministry and Fellowship and Recreation. She asked that Session join the workshop on November 30th. Rev. Gale mentioned that she continues to work with her committees to offer creative ways for all congregants to be engaged. The Diaconate Prayer Ministry Team is working on new ways to engage the congregation through prayer. Rev. Gale is working on offering opportunities for, and envisioning ways to engage, empty nesters.