

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TW@I Session Minutes

January 21, 2026 5:15PM

The Session gathered at 5:15PM for fellowship in Montgomery Hall. Following dinner, quorum was determined. Rev. Powers opened the meeting with prayer and led the Session in worship. Rev. Powers presented the agenda with the following edit: Commissioners for the March 3, 2026 Presbytery Meeting need to be elected. John Jones made a motion (second: L. Gibbons) to approve the agenda with this edit. All were in favor. Rev. Powers recognized visitors Elizabeth Zanca and Tanjia Wilkerson, as well as Blanche Deaderick and John Lawrence, joining later in the meeting to give a report from the Sanctuary Committee. Todd Taylor (second: S. Nelson) made a motion to give visitors voice, all were in favor and the motion passed. Rev. Powers presented the consent agenda.

Margaret Apple noted the December Session Minutes from 12/14/25 for New Members as well as the minutes from the Congregational Meeting on 12/14/25. She stated that commissioners were needed for the Presbytery Meeting to be held March 3, 2026 in Huntingdon, TN. Rev. Powers called for a motion to approve the minutes (motion: A.B. Thomas; second S. Jones) all were in favor.

Rev. Powers highlighted upcoming events including the Memphis Interfaith Dinner on February 22, 2026 at 4 PM. The dinner will take place at the Memphis Islamic Center during the season of Ramadan. Elders were encouraged to attend and a sign up QR code was circulated. Rev. Powers updated Session on the onboarding of two new employees, Tanjia Wilkerson as Director of Operations and Sage Scott-Jamison as the Director of Youth Ministry. Rev. Powers recognized Julie Nanney for coordinating the schedule for front desk volunteers during Marsha Enloe's absence. Rev. Powers announced the beginning of training for new officers, including a joint training session for Deacons and Elders on Sunday afternoon. Training is scheduled to start at 12:30 PM, and additional Elder training sessions are planned for the rest of the spring. Rev. Powers noted the impending cold weather and relayed that church closures will be updated by email to the congregation. The funeral of Patty Montgomery is rescheduled due to weather concerns, a new date will be communicated.

Rev. Gale discussed the tradition of Lent and Lenten small groups across town. There are six Lectio Divina small groups with locations including Midtown, East Memphis, North Mississippi, far East Memphis, Germantown, and the University area. Sign up is available on Realm. Rev. Gale encouraged participation in the Presbytery of the Mid-South Education Day, which will be held at Idlewild on January 31. The event will include workshops led by members of the congregation. Rev. Gale invited Session to participate and support the event.