

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TW@I Session Minutes

March 18, 2026 5:15PM Montgomery hall

The Session gathered at 5:15PM in Montgomery Hall for dinner and fellowship. Rev. Powers opened the meeting with prayer. Following dinner the Session met for spiritual practice. Quorum was determined. Rev. Powers presented the agenda, Todd Taylor made a motion (second; E. Haddad) to approve the agenda. All were in favor. Rev. Powers recognized visitors Elizabeth Zanca, Anna McCrarey, Mark Jones and John Lawrence joining later in the meeting. John Jones (second: S. Nelson) made a motion to give visitors voice, all were in favor and the motion passed. Rev. Powers presented the consent agenda.

Clerk's Report

Margaret Apple noted the February Session Minutes from 2/25/26. She referenced one letter of transfer for Katherine Bryan to Grace Presbyterian Church in Bartlett TN. Margaret made a motion to schedule a New Member Meeting for March 29th at 10:30am in the chapel. John Jones seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Pastor's Reports

Rev. Gale reported on leading the Trezevant communion service for a second month in a row. She joyfully reported seeing Gail Williamson and Faye Southern there, both looking much improved despite having been on the prayer list for some time. She noted the meaningful presence of both members and non-members who attend the monthly Tuesday service in the Trezevant chapel. Rev. Gale encouraged the Session to continue praying for congregational concerns shared weekly and via the prayer ministry email, and invited those not already involved to sign up, stressing that prayer for members is a key part of congregational leadership.

Rev. Powers reported that the search committee for the Director of Music Ministry and Organist is in the final interview phase with three candidates. The second in-person interview was completed today; the candidate is spending time in Memphis, and the final candidate will visit next week. The committee will move into discernment around Palm Sunday and Holy Week. Rev. Powers asked the Session to simply offer prayers and encouragement to committee members. Committee members are: Jared Braddy-Haney, Will Gibbons, Jan Wardle, Lane Faughnan and Doug Hardin.