

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TW@I Session Minutes

April 15, 2026 5:30PM Zoom

The Session gathered at 5:30PM by Zoom. Rev. Powers opened the meeting with prayer. Following prayer the Session took part in breakout groups for spiritual practice led by Rev. Powers. Quorum was determined. Rev. Powers presented the agenda, Tom Grimes made a motion (second; C. Moore) to approve the agenda. All were in favor. Rev. Powers recognized visitors Elizabeth Zanca, Tanjia Wilkerson, Louise Allen, Jason Hood, Mitchell Redd, Lucy Moore and Cannon Sherman. John Jones (second: T. Grimes) 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 reported the minutes from the New Member Meeting, Session Meeting and Congregational Meeting that took place in March. One transfer of membership for Lucy Cummings to the Presbytery of the Mid-South.

Pastor's Reports

Rev. Gale

Rev. Gale reported recovering from Easter and Holy Week but encouraged about how that season went. The Lenten groups had strong participation across the city and went well. She has a follow-up meeting planned with group leaders/facilitators to debrief about what worked and identify areas for growth. Work continues around becoming a more welcoming and inclusive community for guests and new members.

Rev. Powers

Rev. Powers reported very strong attendance at Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. He stated our Easter 11:00AM service had the largest attendance in years. He offered significant thanks to the kitchen, custodial, and maintenance staff for their extra work during this season. He thanked Tanjia Wilkerson for her first Holy Week at Idlewild noting that she was present at every service taking operational notes, which improved flow especially on Easter morning. Rev. Powers thanked Barbara Jennings and Kirk McClintock who organized early worship and ushers for Palm Sunday and Easter. He also noted the hard work of Debbie Williams, Lisa Wilder and Anna McCraey in providing communion, sanctuary flowers and the many bulletins needed for a large congregation.

Rev. Powers noted his upcoming travel schedule which includes a speaking engagement at Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC and a three day Presbyterian clergy gathering for teaching and renewal in Portland, OR.

Rev. Powers reported the search for a new Director of Outreach Ministry continues with a strong candidate pool. He will meet finalists in the coming weeks. The search for a Director of Music Ministry & Organist is ongoing as well with hope for news soon. He requested continued prayers for both searches.

Presbyterian Women have secured the Earth Care Congregation Designation for our church. PW will continue with its implementation, visiting various ministries and committees to create concrete suggestions to continue to qualify for this designation.

Rev. Powers reminded Session that the Summer Worship Schedule will begin Memorial Day weekend and last through Labor Day weekend. We will have one service at 10:00AM in the sanctuary with formation hour beginning around 9:00–9:45AM