



Our Mission: To support leaders, congregations, and ministries in growing followers of Jesus Christ who joyfully live out God's mission in the world.

121st Stated Meeting • Saturday, October 18, 2025 • Hybrid Format

Physical Location: First Church, Charlottesville/Zoom

500 Park St., Charlottesville, VA 22902

Co-hosts: First Church, Charlottesville and Meadows Church

Section I – Registration and Worship Information

Registration Information

Ministers and Clerks of Session: We will need to know the names and contact information (email and phone number) for your commissioners ahead of time. Please email this information to Barbara Espigh at barbara@presbyteryofthejames.org.

All attendees: Please use the link below to access registration on our website, even if you intend to attend in person. You will be asked for your name, a phone number where you can be contacted on the day/time of the meeting, whether you plan to attend in person or via Zoom, your church's name and city, and whether you are a ruling elder commissioner (a ruling elder who was elected by the church session to represent the congregation), ruling elder serving as moderator of a POJ committee, minister member, commissioned ruling elder, certified Christian educator, Corresponding Member (member of another presbytery), or guest. All registrants will receive an email from Zoom including information regarding virtual meeting access. Please save that email to use on October 18 to log in to the meeting should you prefer to attend via Zoom.

There will be absolutely NO additional advance registrations allowed after the deadline, so please be sure to register prior to noon on Friday, October 17. If you miss the deadline and wish to attend the meeting, you will need to attend in person.

Registration: <https://www.presbyteryofthejames.com/stated-meetings/>

If you have questions or concerns not covered in the above information, please contact Barbara Espigh at barbara@presbyteryofthejames.org.

****Emails and calls will be returned during POJ office hours Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please be sure to contact the office with any questions well before the registration deadline****

Overture Deadline: Overtures must be at the presbytery office by noon eight (8) weeks prior to a meeting. For the February 21, 2026 meeting, the deadline will be noon on December 23, 2025.

Upcoming Stated Meetings

February 21, 2026.....	Invitation needed
June 16, 2026.....	Invitation needed
October 17, 2026.....	Invitation needed

General Information

At their earliest opportunity, each moderator or clerk of session is requested to put Sections I and II of this packet in the hands of the ruling elder commissioner(s) representing their church. Participants should thoroughly review Section II of the packet prior to the meeting to become familiar with the topics that will be discussed and voted on.

- ◆ **Presbytery convenes promptly at 9:30 a.m.**
- ◆ **To participate in person:** We are asking all attendees to register online and receive a Zoom link. This will help you attend virtually should your plans change at the last minute. On the day of the meeting, check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. Please check in with POJ staff/volunteers to receive your nametag and be counted present.
- ◆ **To participate via Zoom, you must have completed registration before the deadline (noon on October 17).** The Zoom link will open at 9:00 a.m. for all commissioners and attendees. If you are participating virtually by phone, please use *6 to mute or unmute and *9 to raise or lower your virtual hand. *Please have ready prior to the meeting what you plan to use as your elements for the Lord's Supper.*

Excused Absences: All ministers and sessions are reminded that email excuses are required for absences to be approved. Please plan to stay for the entire meeting and attend to all matters. Please send excuses to office@presbyteryofthejames.org.

Physical Location Information:

- ◆ **Address:** First Presbyterian Church is located at 500 Park St., Charlottesville, VA 22902.
- ◆ **Parking and Facility Accessibility:** Persons with mobility issues will find the church accessible. See map on page 3.
- ◆ **Childcare:** There will be no childcare available at this meeting.
- ◆ **Meals:** Refreshments will be available during registration. Lunch will be a variety of sandwiches (including vegetarian and gluten-free options), fruit, chips, and water/lemonade. Cost is \$10, payable by cash or check made out to First Presbyterian Church.
- ◆ **Wi-Fi:** Please download the packet to your laptop, tablet, or other device prior to arriving at the meeting location. We would respectfully ask that you refrain from connecting to the Wi-Fi so that we may reserve maximum bandwidth for those running the virtual side of the meeting. Please do not use your Zoom link if you are attending in person. Thank you for your cooperation.

Motions/Amendments:

- ◆ Should you wish to make a motion, please fill out a motion form, which may be found near the microphone in the meeting space. When you have completed your motion form, present it to the Stated Clerk. If you are on Zoom, use the motion form on the stated meeting page of the POJ website and email it to the Stated Clerk at statedclerk@presbyteryofthejames.org. Please present your motion form to the Stated Clerk prior to making your motion.

A blank motion form has been included in this document on page 7.

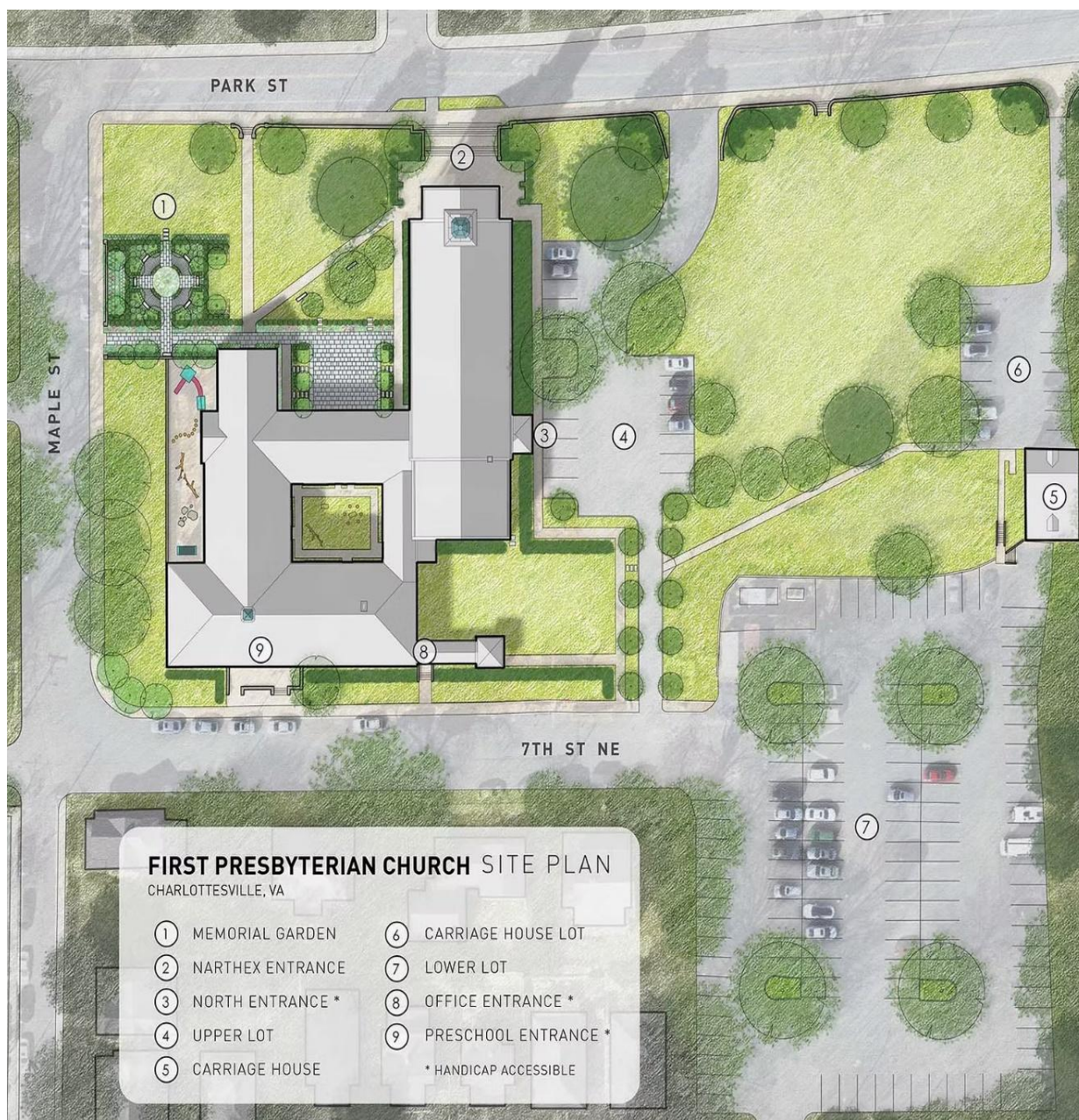
First Presbyterian Church 500 Park Street, Charlottesville VA 22902

Parking is open to all in the Lower Lot (#7).

Accessible parking for those with limited mobility is available in the Upper Lot (#4).

Meeting registration will take place in the Sanctuary's Narthex (#2 entrance).

Both the North Entrance (#3) and Office Entrance (#8) are accessible for those unable to use stairs.



Expectations for Boundary Training

For your safety and ours, the presbytery expects all teaching and ruling elders attending presbytery meetings to have had boundary training. Commissioners who attend events sponsored by the Presbytery of the James agree to be governed by the boundaries policy and behave accordingly.

Boundary training is designed to promote healthy relationships and prevent sexual misconduct, harassment, racial discrimination, microaggressions, and gender bias. The goal is to maintain personal awareness, avoid risky behavior and use appropriate settings to keep behavior healthy and appropriate. Boundary training should address:

- Addressing harassment, discrimination, and bias
- Confronting Racial Discrimination
- Recognizing biases and systemic issues
- Overcoming Gender Bias
- Awareness and promoting gender equity
- Creating a Culture of Respect and Safety
- Bystander expectations - “if you see something say something”

Adopted by the Mission Council May 15, 2024

This policy on boundary training brings the Presbytery of the James into compliance with our Book of Order. That said, we acknowledge that not all congregations may have had the opportunity to train ruling elder commissioners to the Presbytery. Regardless of a commissioner’s status on the training, all attendees are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that respects appropriate boundaries of their fellow attendees.

Health Expectations

It is important to prioritize the health and safety of all attendees at any meeting of the Presbytery, committees, commissions, teams, workshops, etc. By adhering to these health expectations, we can help mitigate the spread of COVID-19, the flu, or any other airborne or contagious illnesses, and create a safe and welcoming environment for all participants.

1. Participation in the meeting includes possible exposure to and illness from COVID-19 and other illnesses. Following recommendations for being vaccinated and attending to healthy practices may reduce the risk, but the risk of serious illness and death does exist. By attending the meeting, you knowingly assume the risks.
2. Please do not attend the in-person meeting if you feel sick or if you have tested positive for COVID-19 anytime 7 days prior to the meeting. If someone comes in your stead, please let the Presbytery staff (Barbara Espigh at barbara@presbyteryofthejames.org) know who that person is before the meeting starts.
3. If you experience any of the symptoms associated with COVID-19 or other illnesses while attending the meeting, please notify the stated clerk immediately and avoid contact with other persons attending the meeting.
4. Even if you are vaccinated, you are invited to wear a mask and keep a comfortable distance from others if you choose to do so for any reason.
5. Please bring a mask to the meeting. If requested by the POJ moderator for health reasons for any of the group, we ask that you agree to wear the mask.
6. Frequent hand washing is highly recommended. All attendees are strongly encouraged to wash their hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, hand sanitizer should be used.

Following public health guidelines such as wearing masks and getting tested can feel inconvenient or uncomfortable at times, but they are important measures to protect ourselves and those around us from the spread of infectious diseases. By taking these actions, we are showing empathy and consideration for others, and doing our part to keep our communities safe and healthy. It's important to remember that we are all in this together, and small actions can have a big impact on the health and well-being of our families, friends, and neighbors.

Adopted by the Mission Council, May 17, 2023

Approved by Presbytery June 20, 2023

Ruling Elder Commissioners from Each Session January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025

Four Ruling Elder Commissioners from congregations having 900 or more members:

First Charlottesville, First Richmond

Three Ruling Elder Commissioners from congregations having from 600 to 899 members:

Brandermill, Salisbury

Two Ruling Elder Commissioners from congregations having 144 to 599 members:

Bon Air, Chester, Culpeper, Fairfield, Fredericksburg, Ginter Park, Grace Covenant, Hebron, Lord Jesus, Korean, Meadows, Olivet, River Road, Rockfish, Second, Southminster, Summit, Swift Creek, Three Chopt, Tuckahoe, Westminster Charlottesville, Westminster Richmond

One Ruling Elder Commissioner from congregations having 143 or fewer members:

Aberdour, All Souls, Amelia, Amptill, Ashland, Bethesda, Bethlehem, Blackstone, Blue Ridge, Bott Memorial, Brett Reed Memorial, Burkeville, Byrd, Campbell Memorial, Colonial Heights, Concord, Cove, Covenant, Eastminster, Ebenezer, First Chase City, First Emporia, First Hopewell, First United, Forest Hill, Gayton Kirk, Genito, Gregory Memorial, Hartwood, Hawkins Memorial, Holy Trinity, Kings Chapel, Kirk O'Cliff, Laurel, Lawrenceville, Louisa, Madison, Mattoax, Milden, Milford, Mitchells, New Hanover, Oak Grove, Ogden, Orange, Overbrook, Pine Grove, Praise The Lord, Providence Forge, Providence Gum Springs, Providence Powhatan, Pryor Memorial, Rennie Memorial, Rivermont, Rosewood, Salem, Sandston, Scottsville, Second Petersburg, South Hill, South Plains, St Andrews, St James, Tabor, Tappahannock, Thyne Memorial, Trinity, Village, Waddell Memorial, Westminster Petersburg, Woodlawn, Woodville, Zion Hill

Presbytery of the James News

If you would like to be added to the mailing list to receive our e-newsletter, the Current, please visit <https://www.presbyteryofthejames.com/news/current/> to subscribe.

The POJ has a [Facebook](#) page as well as a [private Facebook group](#) which gives you a forum to seek the expertise of others, share your experience, and invite others to your congregation's events.

Please email news you wish to share in the Current e-newsletter and on social media to communications@presbyteryofthejames.org

**Worship :: Presbytery of the James
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Prelude

Go Down, Moses

Fela Sowande

Welcome

the Rev. David Forney
First Presbyterian Church, Charlottesville

Opening Prayer

the Rev. Tom Goodrich
Meadows Presbyterian Church

Hymn 853

Siyhamba

Call to Confession

the Rev. Inger Manchester
Rockfish Presbyterian Church

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

(silence)

Leader: I confess to God, in the company of all God's people, that my life and the life of the world are broken by my sin.

All: May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

Leader: Amen.

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Leader: May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

All: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Prayer for Illumination

the Rev. Igmara Sánchez Prunier, Duelo Latino

Scripture

Hebrews 13:2

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

the Rev. Igmara Sánchez Prunier, Duelo Latino

Necrology

October 19, 2025

Church	Ruling Elders
Amelia	Ed Gordon
Ampthill	Martha Horine, Mary Jane Mellette
Ashland	Elizabeth Mathes
Bethlehem	Dallas Hunley
Blackstone	Sarah Carson
Bott Memorial	Harry Lee Clay, Jr., Mary Ann S. Liles
Brandermill	Kit Carson, Barbara Dove, Craig Harris, Sam Lee, Bill Lyon
Campbell Memorial	Sheila Botting Newman, Alice Harrison Winstead
Charlottesville First	John Warren
Chester	Bob Brown Sr., Don Giesler, Tim Williams
Covenant	Dr. Benjamin Rice
Fairfield	Walt Fadeley, Charles Moore, Sr.
First United	Evalyn Page
Fredericksburg	Sheila Baker, Mike Fariss
Gayton Kirk	Peggy McCreery
Ginter Park	Laura Dail, Dennis Malarkey, Bonnie Neighbour
Grace Covenant	John H. Harris, Johnny Norris
Gregory Memorial	Grace Cibula, Evelyn Padgett Foster
Hebron	Ken Mittendorff
Hopewell First	Mildred "Millie" Bailey Basile
Madison	Wilma Myers
Mattoax	Harold Lowery, Margaret Vaughan
Meadows	Laurence "Larry" Pettit, Doug Zanzot, Claire Zillmer
Milden	Nancy J. Davis
Orange	Ralph Ellis Graves, Evelyn Hill Scott
Petersburg Second	Eleanor Garrison, Dick Richard Peterson, Eugene R. "Rudy" Rowland, Elizabeth "Liz" Johnson Schoeb
Providence Forge	Sue Anne Martin
Pryor Memorial	Anne T. Roberts
Rennie Memorial	James C. Elder
Richmond First	Francis Claiborne Johnston, Jr., Robert J. McGann
Richmond Second	Mary Elizabeth "Mary Lib" Dodson Randall
Rivermont	Susan Lapierre
River Road	Lester Dennis Haisley, Jr., Gerald "Buz" Emory Kilgore

Rockfish	Roger Elliott, Ellen MacColl, Bobby Rose
Salisbury	Rick Lee Hinchberger
Sandston	Alice Taylor Baldwin
Scottsville	Amanda Hall
Southminster	Richard Jordanger, Curtis Spitler, Ralph Updegrove
South Hill	Evalyn Mebane Gordon Estes
South Plains	Lynn Creamer
St. Andrews	Anthony "Tony" Stanley
Swift Creek	Mary Carruth
Three Chopt	William "Bill" S. Manning
Tuckahoe	Katharine Jones Calhoun, Don Granville Virgin
Village	Joseph Saunders
Westminster Charlottesville	Dr. Jeffrey Barth, Carol Hogg, Dr. Frank Taylor
Westminster Petersburg	Dr. Beverly B. Archer, Professor Joseph C. McClellan
Woodlawn	Marvin "Bubba" Neal
Woodville	Stevenson Fox Sr., Oliver Paige

Ministers of the Word and Sacrament

Rev. Roy Jackson "Jack" Sadler* – April 8, 2025

Rev. Daniel Roberts – May 29, 2025

Rev. Robert Lee Temple – May 31, 2025

Rev. Nathan Dell – June 13, 2025

Rev. Charles N. Pickell – July 2, 2025

Rev. Edson Pederson – September 10, 2025

*Past Moderator, Presbytery of the James