

Good morning,

The Session has been diligently working to move things forward during this transitional time. As you have seen, our Preaching Team, working with the Worship Team of the Session and our Worship staff members, has provided very good preaching for our vacant pulpit. They will continue to do so through November and December.

The Session has enhanced our presence in working with the church staff. All seem to feel we are working together to keep the ministries encouraged, supported and moving forward. Our hope is that all are seeing the positive effects of the church's efforts to invite and connect seekers to know, grow and serve Jesus together.

The Transitional Pastor search team of the Session has identified a candidate, has presented that candidate to Session, and has received the Session's approval to continue the process with their selection. The search team is working with the candidate and the Commission on Ministry of the Presbytery to finish the process. We are hopeful that we will soon be able to introduce this Transitional Pastor to you. Our thinking is early in 2025, this person will be here and ready to serve.

The Mission Study team of the Session has been busy meeting and writing. They have collected required data and will be pulling that information together into the written study. They too are hopeful that early in 2025, they will complete their process making it ready for final approval by the Commission on Ministry.

As I have said before, once the Mission Study is approved and the Transitional Pastor is in place, the Commission on Ministry will then give the Session permission to have the Church Nominating committee form a list of those willing to serve you on a Pastoral Nominating Committee. When ready, the Session will call a Congregational Meeting for you to elect those nominated. If all goes well, we expect this will occur in the first quarter of 2025.

We thank you for your unending support and prayer. We know you have been praying for our church family, for your Session leaders, for our church staff, and for the candidate that God is calling to us. We thank you for those prayers and ask that you continue lifting all of these every day! Your prayers are felt as are the many encouraging words you have uttered.

