

## What's In Session? January 2024 Report

The beginning of a new year means celebrating a new class of Elders. We welcomed the class of 2026: John Frye, Steve Miller, Chris Johnston, Rosalind Barker, Jim Benson, and Dave Hoff.

Each meeting begins with a devotion and prayer from a Session member and ends with prayer concerns and a closing prayer from our Pastor/Head of Staff. To keep our eyes focused on our "Ends" or SACPC's long-term ministry goals and to explore new opportunities, we regularly invite speakers from Wilmington area organizations to educate and inspire the Elders.

Our speaker this month was Meade Van Pelt, Executive Director of the Harrelson Center, which our church supports financially and with volunteers. Ms. Van Pelt provided a history and overview of services offered at the Harrelson Center. She encouraged members of Session and our church family to visit for a tour and to read the monthly newsletter for ministry and volunteer opportunities. Click [here](#) to view a video from the Harrelson Center website

The Session reviews church statistics (attendance, livestream activity, social media engagement, financial reports) at each monthly meeting. This month we reviewed the 2024 Asking Budget submitted by the church staff and to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the congregation on February 11th at 10:30 a.m. The Session approved this budget, which also includes updated terms of call for Reverend Harrington.

Part of the Session's job, per the Book of Order, is to review the church rolls and keep them up to date with active members. We are in the process of identifying inactive members and encouraging them to return. Additional business called for a meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church, Inc. to elect officers for 2024. The following team of officers was approved:

President - Hugh Caison  
Vice President – Jason Swain  
Treasurer – Ed Hobson  
Assistant Treasurer – Edwin Link  
Secretary – Lynn Atkinson

The name of two Session committees were changed to reflect their jobs more accurately: Planning Committee was renamed Strategic Planning and Training. The Training and Governance Committee is now Officer Education and Governance.