

What's In Session?

April 2026

Called meeting: On April 19, 2026, the Session held a called meeting to examine the Confirmation Class of 2026. Confirmands and elders gathered in small groups. Following the discussion, the Session voted unanimously to uphold examination of the Confirmation Class of 2026 – Brooklyn Johnson, Elle Lathan, Josie Harrington, Luke Lanier, Lyda Williams, Silas Lockamy, Tory Hilliard – and receive them into active membership of St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church.

Regular meeting: Rev. Harrington called the meeting to order and called on Chris Johnston who offered a devotion based on forgiveness and opened the meeting with prayer.

Our Purpose: The Session voted to adopt a new Purpose Statement that replaces the previous Global Ends Policy. The session evaluated the topic in its September 2025 retreat. Following the retreat, a task force was formed to examine and update the policy. A draft was presented to the Session in March and was received positively. The updated Purpose Statement will be taken into consideration by a separate task force working to evaluate overall session policies and committee structures. The updated statement is enclosed.

Presbytery of Coastal Carolina East Community Gathering: The Presbytery of Coastal Carolina has an upcoming meeting on May 30, 2026. Marty Conley, Virginia Hager, Chris Johnston and Jen Phelps were elected to represent SACPC as commissioners.

Summer worship schedule: The Session voted to adopt a single summer worship service beginning at 10 a.m. from Sunday, May 24 through Sunday, September 6.

Katie Harrington report: Rev. Harrington shared:

- Staff updates: Director of Children's Ministry Lynn Warner will be retiring at the end of July and Director of Youth Ministries Jen Phelps will depart the staff at the end of June. A celebration for both will occur in the summer. A committee will be formed to seek a candidate for a full-time staff position focusing on children and youth. Katie reiterated a strong commitment to supporting children and youth ministry.

Rev. Harrington adjourned the meeting with prayer.

Enclosure

The Purpose of St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church

St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church exists so that individuals are inspired to be in relationship with Jesus Christ, to love one another, and to be faithfully present in our community.

Therefore, Our Purpose is to:

Worship God

We gather to participate in worship consisting of Scripture, prayer, sacraments, music, and proclamation of the word, as we strive to love God with all our heart, soul and mind.

Care for One Another

We support and nurture one another in every age and stage, through connection and a sense of belonging to our church community. We strive to know one another by name; cultivating relationships and caring for each other in daily life as well as seasons of celebration and sorrow.

Grow in Faith and Discipleship

We provide meaningful opportunities for education, prayer, and fellowship for children, youth, and adults.

We seek to equip each person to grow and strengthen their faith as we follow Jesus, trust in God, and are moved by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Serve our Community and World

We seek to be the hands, feet and heart of Jesus through prayer, acts of service, missions, and giving as we serve our neighborhood, city, and the world.

Share the Love of God

We encourage and support opportunities to joyfully witness for Christ as his disciples.

We share the good news of the gospel through our words and actions to demonstrate God's love for all.