

November 17, 2026

Important Upcoming Dates

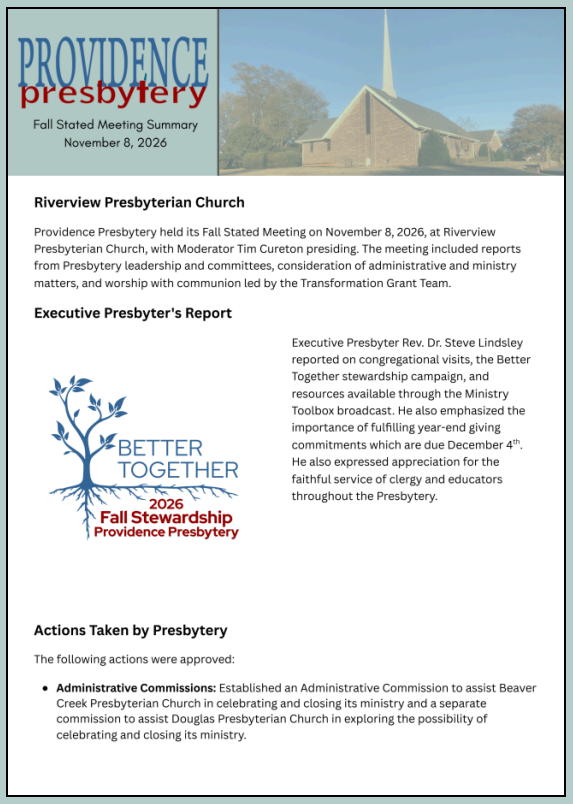
- November 30 | Educators' Gathering
- December 4 | Mission Partnership Pledges Due

View our calendar for full details

November 8th Stated Meeting Summary

The draft summary of the November 8th Stated Meeting is now available -- if you missed the meeting or need a review, please check it out!

Click Here To Download The Summary



PROVIDENCE presbytery

Fall Stated Meeting Summary
November 8, 2026

Riverview Presbyterian Church

Providence Presbytery held its Fall Stated Meeting on November 8, 2026, at Riverview Presbyterian Church, with Moderator Tim Cureton presiding. The meeting included reports from Presbytery leadership and committees, consideration of administrative and ministry matters, and worship with communion led by the Transformation Grant Team.

Executive Presbyter's Report

BETTER TOGETHER 2026 Fall Stewardship Providence Presbytery

Executive Presbyter Rev. Dr. Steve Lindsley reported on congregational visits, the Better Together stewardship campaign, and resources available through the Ministry Toolbox broadcast. He also emphasized the importance of fulfilling year-end giving commitments which are due December 4th. He also expressed appreciation for the faithful service of clergy and educators throughout the Presbytery.

Actions Taken by Presbytery

The following actions were approved:

- **Administrative Commissions:** Established an Administrative Commission to assist Beaver Creek Presbyterian Church in celebrating and closing its ministry and a separate commission to assist Douglas Presbyterian Church in exploring the possibility of celebrating and closing its ministry.

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2026 Fall Stewardship Providence Presbytery



A Calling Fulfilled

I was praying for discernment about my own path, and it became clear God was calling me to seminary. Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte was a perfect fit — I could keep teaching and cover my daughter's tuition — but there was little room left in my budget for seminary expenses, and no FAFSA or loan options available since the program was part-time only. The one option left was to ask for help from my home church and my presbytery.

Read More

Happening Saturday: You're Invited

PLEASE JOIN US

for our next

COMMUNITY TABLE

Lunch & Conversations

Saturday, November 21, 2026

Pathways Community Center
546 S. Cherry Road, Rock Hill SC

Doors will open at 12:00 pm

The Vision of the Community Table is to be a Beloved Community of diversity and equity who come together to address issues of injustice(s) within our community in a peaceful and compassionate way that honors the dignity of all."

There is no cost to attend this event. Donations are welcome to help cover the cost of the meal.

Scan for event registration



Lunch will begin at 12:30 pm. In keeping with the spirit of the Community Table you are invited to bring a dessert to share.

Seating is limited - RSVPs encouraged by 11/16/2026

Follow Link to RSVP

Sponsored by OAPC Disciples Against Racism, St Mary's Social Justice Ministry and the Community Builders Coalition.

Register Here

Banquet at Bethelwoods

Make this Christmas one to remember at Lake Lodge! Gather your family, church group, or work team for a festive 4-hour holiday celebration in a stunning lakeside venue. With plenty of space to celebrate, and enjoy the spirit of the season, Lake Lodge is the perfect place to bring everyone together.

$25.00 per person

Gather, feast, and make merry in Lake Lodge,
fully decorated for Christmas.

A Christmas Feast

To start
Two appetizers — one hot and one cold

The holiday favorites
Turkey & ham

All the trimmings
Green bean casserole • Sweet potato casserole
Mashed potatoes • Cornbread dressing
Tossed salad • Fresh cranberry jelly
Rolls & Honey butter

A sweet finish
Pumpkin & apple pies with whipped cream

Substitutions for any items are available upon request.

Make Your Christmas Gathering Special

Book your Banquet at Bethelwoods Christmas party.

Email Wendy@bethelwoods.org
for details and availability.

Bethelwoods Camp and Conference Center 922 W. Mt Gallant rd. York, SC 803-366-3722

Leaderfest is Coming



We continue to feature descriptions of Leaderfest 2027 workshops each issue of ***In The Know***. In today's issue, we describe workshops that will help congregations worship the Lord and serve the body more effectively by identifying good practices.

The Ministry of Sound

How important is it for every participant in our worship services to be able to clearly hear the message, the music, the spoken Scriptures and the prayers? The Rev. Rob Jones from Liberty Hill Presbyterian Church has a workshop to help! Workshop participants will learn about the important ministry of our technology and sound teams.

Participants in the Ministry of Sound workshop will learn from Reverend Jones' decades of experience designing and installing technology (sound, lights, video, internet) in churches across the Carolinas.

This workshop will benefit pastors, technology/sound team operators, and others who are interested in improving their equipment and skills.

Clerk of Session Training

God bless our Clerks of Session!

The Clerk of Session Training workshop will cover the overall ministry of this essential office, including Book of Order requirements, best practices, challenges, and potential traps.

The experienced team who will lead this workshop include the Providence Presbytery Stated Clerk (and pastor of Faith Presbyterian in Indian Land), Rev. Dr. David Bender, and wise and seasoned Clerks of Session, John Nettles from Bethesda Church, and Jane Stein from Faith.

This workshop will benefit current and future (we see you Clerk of Session aspirants!) Clerks of Session.

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EXECUTIVE CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS FUNDRAISING

The ECRF is designed for religious leaders in faith-based organizations and institutions who wish to learn more about the spirituality of fundraising and gain a core foundation in fundraising principles.

Atlanta, Georgia
May 17-19, 2027

LAKE INSTITUTE
on Faith & Giving

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EXECUTIVE CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS FUNDRAISING

LAKE INSTITUTE *on Faith & Giving*

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE

Presbyterian College is partnering with Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy's Lake Institute on Faith and Giving to offer the Executive Certificate in Religious Fundraising (ECRF) in the southeast region.

The Executive Certificate in Religious Fundraising (ECRF) is designed for religious leaders in faith-based organizations and institutions who wish to learn more about the spirituality of fundraising and gain a core foundation in fundraising principles. The ECRF covers four key topics and includes select required reading to be completed in advance and the completion of a final project.

The ECRF provides the research, tools, and customized training to meet the growing needs of leaders in religious communities and fundraisers for faith-based organizations. The focus of the ECRF is on the cultural, organizational, and philanthropic practices unique to religious institutions. These practices in turn enable donors motivated by spiritual and religious values to experience the joy of generous giving.

The ECRF utilizes faculty presentations, interactive discussion, selected readings, and a context-specific final project to address:

- Nurturing Generous Congregations and Organizations
- Nurturing Generous Donors
- The Practice of Religious Fundraising
- Integrating Religious Leadership and Fundraising

This hybrid, in-person and online, program allows students the opportunity to earn a certificate in fundraising as they explore motivations for giving in the nonprofit sector. The course begins with a required two and half days in-person teaching sessions, hosted by Presbyterian College, three additional online teaching hours, and ends with a practical application project.

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www.presby.edu/graduate-programs/graduate-certificate-partnerships/

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For more information about the in-person teaching sessions, email Rev. Erin Farry at erinfarry@presby.edu. For information regarding the certificate program and final project requirements, visit www.lakeinstitute.org/ecrf.



Current Job Openings

- **Bethelwoods Food Service Staff (Part-Time)**
- **Minister of Music (Part-Time) -- Clover Presbyterian**
- **Communications Specialist (Part-Time) -- Unity Presbyterian**

2027 Providence Presbytery Stated Meetings

- February 25 (Thursday) | Covenant Presbyterian Church | 9:30 a.m.

- May 15 (Saturday) | Meeting with SC5 in Columbia, SC
- August 19 (Thursday) | Virtual meeting via Zoom | 9:30 am
- November 14 (Sunday) | Van Wyck Presbyterian Church | 2:00 pm

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Providence Presbytery Staff Members

Executive Presbyter: Rev. Dr. Steve Lindsley
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Business Administrator: Rose Lemmons-Berry
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Newsletter Submissions

Do you have content or announcements for the Presbytery Newsletter? It will be published every other Tuesday. Please send items to be included to Katie no later than the Friday before publication.

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