

***"We build bridges across divides to deepen connection to Christ
and one another to serve the world."***

DOCKET

PRESBYTERY OF EASTERN VIRGINIA

147th STATED MEETING

"Come to the Table"

Tuesday, October 27, at 10:00 am

First Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach, VA

Offering is for ForKids & Samaritan House of Virginia.

<https://abundant.co/peva/oct2026offering>



Book of Order: The Purpose of a Presbytery G-3.0303 - Presbytery, being composed of the ministers of the Word and Sacrament and commissioners elected by the session of congregations within its district, has a particular responsibility to coordinate, guide, encourage, support, and resource the work of its congregations for the most effective witness to the broader community.

Check in at 9 am

Prelude

"Gather Us In"

Rebecca Groom Te Velde

Call to Order, Opening Prayer (10 am)

The Rev. Dr. **Garrett Bugg**
Moderator

Quorum

Stated Clerk, Ruling Elder (RE) **Roxie O. Holder**

Introductions

Moderator

Adoption of Docket

Stated Clerk

Appointment of Temporary Clerks

Stated Clerk

Consent Agenda

Stated Clerk

Land Acknowledgement

The Rev. **Addie Peterson**

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. **Diedre "Dee Dee" Carson**

Call To Worship

Leader: Can't you see — the God who made every nation, every tribe,
every family of the earth is still reaching toward us?

People: Lord, open our eyes.

Leader: Come, all who are weary.

People: Come, all who are waiting for a word from God.

Leader: Come, all who feel far off, and all who feel unseen.

People: We come to worship the God who sees us first.
Let us worship the Lord!

Hymn

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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Confession/Assurance

Commissioned Pastor **Sid Etherington**
PEVA Vice-Moderator

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy God,

You see the whole earth as Your own — every nation, every people, every human being bearing your image. We confess that we do not see as You see.

We have drawn lines You never drew. We have called some “insider” and others “other” — by nation, by race, by class, by every small tribalism that makes us feel safe. We have assumed Your favor was nearer to people like us than to people unlike us.

We confess, too, that we have wanted Your healing without Your holiness — restoration without repentance, comfort without the harder work of turning from what is not right in us and among us.

And when the answer to our prayers seems delayed, or the door seems shut, we confess we are quick to walk away and give up.

Forgive our small sight, Lord. Enlarge our hearts as You enlarge Your mercy.

(silence for personal confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news: in Christ, every wall that separates us from God, and every wall we build between one another, has been broken down — not by our effort, but by His mercy.

People: In Christ, we who were far off have been brought near.

Leader: Friends, believe the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Anthem “For Everyone Born” Tom Trenney

Prayer for Illumination Elder **Kevin King** (Yorkminster)

Scripture 2 Kings 5: 15-18
Matthew 15: 21-28

Sermon “Can’t You See?” The Rev. **T. Denise Anderson**

Time of Prayer Compassion, Peace, and Justice Ministry Team

The Rev. **Donald Martin** – For the Church Universal

Leader: ... God, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

The Rev. **Boone Clayton** – For the World and All Creation

Leader: ... God, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Commissioned Pastor. **Randy DuVall** – For those Who Govern and Lead

Leader: ... God, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

RE **Claudette Gravely** (New Horizons) – For Local Communities within PEVA

Leader: ... God, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

The Rev. **Monica Gould** – For those in Need of Healing, Comfort, and Justice

Leader: ... God, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

The Rev. **Leigh Gillis** – Conclusion

Leader: ... we need assurance that we are united in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

People: Look with compassion upon your whole human family
and break down walls which separate us.

Breathe upon us your Holy Spirit of mutual love and peace.

Banish mistrust and fear.

Inspire us with hope and give us eyes of love to see as You do.

Cultivate reconciliation and fruitful collaboration

**among Your people and in this body,
all to Your glory.**

Amen.

Hymn

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

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Commission on Ministry

The Rev. **Clark DeSarro-Raynal**, moderator

Introduction of new Commissioned Pastor **Dianne Schoonover** (Yorkminster)

Recognition

Elder Jill Keifer, former moderator of PEVA Presbyterian Women

CROSS Missions

The Rev. **Erika Funk**, Director, Myers Park Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC

Campus Ministries

The Rev. **Michael A. Cuffee**, Jr. Director of Campus Ministry, Wesley-Westminster Foundation at Norfolk State University

The Rev. **Joshua McCauley**, Director and Campus Minister, Wesley Foundation at Old Dominion University

Offertory Announcement/Prayer

The Rev. **Georgianna Brabban Johnson**

Offertory recipients

ForKids

Samaritan House of Virginia

Sara Mitchell, Primary Prevention Specialist & Tamra Griffin, Outreach Education Specialist

Musical offering - "Give Me Jesus"

Prayer Before the Meal

Break

Nominations/Representation Committee Presbytery Council

The Rev. Dr. **Michael Condrey**
The Rev. Dr. **Christina "Chris" Carrasco**, moderator

2027 PEVA Budget Proposal
Director of Spiritual Growth
PEVA Minister Fellowship Pilot Program
General Presbyter Housing Allowance for 2027

Good News

The Rev. Dr. **Melissa "Lissa" Long** General Presbyter

Unfinished Business

New Business

Prayers of the People

The Rev. **Mike Burcher**

Hymn

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

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Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Revs. Denise Anderson & Dee Dee Carson

Blessing and Adjournment

Dr. Bugg, Moderator

Postlude

"A Mighty Fortress"

Rebecca Groom Te Velde

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