

SUPPLEMENT

February 17, 2026

Foothills Presbytery

Stated Meeting #131

“Journey to Serve”



**Stated Clerk and Presbytery Leader
Supplement Report
February 2026**

The Stated Clerk and Presbytery Leader *reports*:

1. Having received and found in good order, the Commission to Install the Reverend John Daniel DeBevoise as the Pastor at the Tyger River Church (Appendix A).
2. That the Officer training previously scheduled for January has been rescheduled for February 21 from 9:30 – 2:30 at the Simpsonville Church (Appendix B).
3. The five presbyteries in South Carolina (Charleston Atlantic, Foothills, New Harmony, Providence, and Trinity) continue to collaborate in mission and ministry:
 - a. The South Carolina Inn (Montreat) review committee continues to meet and review the future sustainability of the Inn. Pete Roe (Elder, Westminster) serves on behalf of Foothills.
 - b. The School of Theology Spring Semester will be March 27 & 28 at Presbyterian College. The School of Theology is for anyone interested in deepening their understanding of the Bible, Theology, Faith Formation, Worship, Church governance, and more. (Appendix C)
4. The Landrum Presbyterian Church
 - a. We closed on the Landrum property (404 E Rutherford St) on January 29.
 - b. Due to inclement weather, the Landrum Administrative Commission had to cancel the closing service of the Landrum congregation. We will celebrate the legacy of the Landrum Church and formally dissolve the congregation at the February 17 Presbytery meeting. (Appendix D)

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie G. Foster
Presbytery Leader and Stated Clerk

**REPORT OF THE COMMISSION TO INSTALL REV. JOHN DANIEL DEBEVOISE
AS PASTOR OF TYGER RIVER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FEBRUARY 8, 2026**

Members of the Commission:

Rev. Eliza Smith DeBevoise, Moderator, Teaching Elder, University Chaplain
(Converse University)

Mr. De Calvert, Secretary, Ruling Elder, First Presbyterian, Spartanburg, SC

Mr. Ryan Arrowsmith, Ruling Elder, Tyger River Presbyterian, Moore, SC

Rev. Joanne Hull, Teaching Elder, Retired, Foothills Presbytery

Rev. Steve Rhodes, Teaching Elder, Retired, Foothills Presbytery, and

Rev. Dr. Helen Montgomery DeBevoise, Guest, Teaching Elder, Park Lake
Presbyterian, Orlando, FL

Proceedings of the Commission

On a bright, brisk Sunday morning, February 8, 2026, the commission met at Tyger River Presbyterian Church. Calling the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m., the moderator opened with prayer. By acclamation the commission elected De Calvert as secretary of the proceedings. Ensuing discussion centered on the mechanics of the installation service, after which the commission decided to be dissolved at the benediction. Rev. Rhodes closed the meeting with prayer.

Assigned duties of the commissioners were:

- Statement on the Ministry of the Church: Rev. Eliza Smith DeBevoise
- Constitutional Questions: De Calvert
- Questions to the Congregation: Ryan Arrowsmith
- Prayer of Installation and Declaration of Installation: Rev. Eliza Smith DeBevoise
- Charge to the Pastor: Rev. Steve Rhodes
- Charge to the Congregation: Rev. Joanne Hull

The worship service was a dual blessing for John Daniel and Eliza BeBevoise. Not only was John Daniel installed, but also his and Eliza's infant daughter, Sarah Montgomery, was baptized by John Daniel's father, Rev. Dr. Daniel M. DeBevoise. Mrs. Sarah Smith, Rev. Eliza DeBevoise's mother, offered the baptismal prayer.

The sermon for the service, "The Faithfulness of Faithfulness," was preached by the Rev. Dr. Helen Montgomery DeBevoise, mother of John Daniel. Her text was from Luke 2:21, 25-33. Music in the service included one hymn, "*Come Sing, O church, in Joy*" and two praise songs, "*Power of Your Love*" and "*Forever (God is Faithful)*."

Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise concluded the service with the benediction, thus dissolving the commission.

Respectfully submitted, De Calvert/Secretary

OFFICER TRAINING

This workshop is for newly ordained Elders and those who have previously served. It will focus on the four areas on which our Book of Order requires each new officer to be examined:

- 1) Personal Faith
- 2) Reformed Doctrines and Beliefs
- 3) Presbyterian Polity
- 4) Duties of the Office of Elder or Deacon



Saturday, February 21, 2026

9:30 AM - 2:30 PM



Simpsonville Presbyterian Church

510 E. Curtis Street, Simpsonville



Cost \$20

includes lunch & materials



Led by Rev. Dr. Tom Malone &
CRE Robin Morris



ELDERS



DEACONS

Register Now at <https://foothillspresbytery.org/officer-training-workshop-january-31-2026/>



Appendix C



SC5 School of Theology 2026 Spring Semester Friday, March 27 & Saturday, March 28 Presbyterian College Clinton, SC

Spring 2026 Semester Courses

CORE

Old Testament
Church History
Worship & Sacraments
Presbyterian Polity

ELECTIVE

The Joyous Letter to the Church at Philippi
One Thread: Crafting Worship that Unravels

The SC5 School of Theology is sponsored by the five presbyteries in South Carolina:
Charleston-Atlantic, Foothills, New Harmony, Providence, and Trinity.

What is the SC5 School of Theology?

Theological training for elders and church leaders. There are two tracks:

Enrichment Track for Ruling Elders who have received a diploma from the SC5 School of Theology *and* for those who want personal enrichment for teaching or leading in their congregations.

**Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE)/
Commissioned Pastor (CP) Track** for Ruling Elders who want to become a CRE or CP.

For Whom?

Classes are for:

Church Leaders interested in learning more.

Ruling Elders interested in learning more.

Ruling Elders interested in being commissioned to serve and lead congregations.

Faith Formation Leaders interested in better equipping themselves to teach.

Costs:

Course and 2 meals:

\$75 for Enrichment Track

\$95 for CRE/CP Track

Accommodations: **Hampton Inn in Clinton**

We negotiated the reduced rate of \$109/night plus tax (regular rate is \$185+tax), which includes breakfast.

Registration is open.

REGISTER HERE

The last day to register is March 12.

For more information about the SC5 School of Theology, please talk with your Presbytery leader, visit our [website here](#), or contact the SC5 School of Theology Registrar, Robin Morris, at rmorris@foothillspresbytery.org

or call Robin at 864.288.5774.



**A CELEBRATION OF
THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF
LANDRUM PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Rev. Nath Briley

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Beth Hoskins

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 1:1-4

Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

And God saw that the light was good. Genesis 1:3-4b

Psalm 121

Elder Susan Tompkins

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore. Psalm 121:8

John 1:1-5

Rev. Jan Roberts

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it. John 1:5

Acts 17:24-28

Rev. Whitney Moss

*The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth,
does not live in shrines made by human hands. Acts 17:24*

Revelation 21:1-6a

Rev. Chris Jones

*Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega,
the Beginning and the End." Revelation 21:6a*

***LITANY OF PRAISE**

ONE: Eternal God,
whom the highest heaven cannot contain,
much less a building made by human hands,

All: hear our prayer.

One: For the Church universal,
the Presbyterian Church (USA),
and Foothills Presbytery,
of which the Landrum Church has been a symbol,

All: we praise you, O God.

One: For all the saints who, in times past and present,
 have formed a congregation of your people
 and have met to offer their prayers and praise to you,
All: we praise you, O God.

One: For those who have been made your children by adoption and grace,
 who in the Landrum were cleansed of sin,
 buried with Christ in the waters of baptism,
 and raised to new and eternal life,
All: we praise you, O God.

One: For your presence
 whenever your Word has been proclaimed
 and your sacramental gifts of bread and wine received,
All: we praise you, O God.

One: For your blessing upon each of your children,
 welcomed and nurtured in the Landrum Church since 1917,
All: we praise you, O God.

One: For all who came
 to ask your blessing in marriage,
 seeking to love with your love,
All: we praise you, O God.

One: For the men and women, children and youth
 who have walked through Landrum's doors
 and filled the sacred halls
 to participate in Vacation Bible School,
 Sunday School, Christmas programs,
 Bible studies, special worship services and fellowship events,
All: we praise you, O God.

One: For faithful stewards from Landrum Presbyterian
 who have lived for others,
 serving you by loving neighbors in the Landrum community and beyond.
All: we praise you, O God.

One: For all who were gathered from the Landrum Church,
 having lived this life in faith,
 who now live eternally with you,
All: we praise you, O God.

One: For the knowledge that your church and your ministry among us
 and on the corner of Rutherford Street in Landrum,
 will continue today, tomorrow, and forever,
All: we praise you, O God.

One: through Jesus Christ our Lord, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Associate for Shared Mission and Ministry Report for February 2026

The Associate for Shared Mission and Ministry *reports* that:

1. In February, I continued my training to serve on the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) National Response Team (NRT) by attending the Helping Others through Personal Engagement (HOPE) training. The NRT is part of the larger PDA ministry, which is funded through the *One Great Hour of Sharing* offering. As part of the NRT, I may be deployed for immediate, on-the-ground support to communities, churches, and presbyteries affected by natural or human-caused disasters. The NRT focuses on long-term recovery, assessment, emotional/spiritual care, and resource coordination, often serving as a "ministry of presence." It is an honor and privilege to serve the larger church through this ministry.
2. On March 21, 2026, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance will host a Church Disaster Preparedness Workshop at Nazareth Presbyterian Church. The intention of the workshop is to inform, educate, support, and motivate presbyteries, congregations, and families in developing and writing their individualized preparedness plans. The primary goal of a preparedness plan is to support the continued functioning of the presbytery, the congregation, and/or the family in the event of a disaster. Topics include forming a planning team, assessing planning needs, determining objectives and goals, developing the plan, and a path to approval and plan sharing. (See Appendix A.)
3. The five Presbyteries of South Carolina will come together on April 28, 2026, to provide a "Leader of Leaders" event. This event is designed for pastors, educators, and volunteers who are passionate about educational ministry in the church. Lynn Miller from the Limestone Church will keynote the event, focusing on intergenerational ministry. The event will be held at Seven Oaks in Columbia. Registration will be available soon on our website.

Respectfully submitted,
Pressley Cox

DO YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY?



Disaster Preparedness Planning is essential for every PC(USA) congregation. For example, on average, 1,300 church fires occur in the U.S. each year.

***Is your church prepared?
Do you have an evacuation plan?
Are your records secure?
Is your insurance sufficient?***

When was the last assessment of your church building(s)?

The primary goal of a preparedness plan is to support the continued functioning of congregations and/or the family in the event of a disaster. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is offering a Congregational Preparedness Workshop. The intention of the workshop is to inform, educate, support, and motivate congregations, and families in developing and writing their individualized preparedness plans.

Topics include forming a planning team, assessing planning needs, determining objectives and goals, developing the plan, and a path to approval and plan sharing.

**Saturday, March 21
9:00 am- 3:00 pm
Nazareth Presbyterian Church
680 Nazareth Church Rd
Moore, SC 29369**

Cost for the event is \$12 and includes



lunch

Register today with the QR code or visit:

<https://foothillspresbytery.org/congregation-disaster-preparedness-workshop/>

This workshop is designed for church leaders (pastors, elders, deacons), facility staff, church officers, ushers/greeters, Sunday School and Bible Study leaders, church members, etc.

Examinations Commission Report February 2026

The Examinations Commission **reports**:

1. That on January 15, 2026, we examined the Rev. Dr. Russell Weekley, who has received a call from Seneca Presbyterian Church to become their Pastor. The commission examined him primarily on fit and call. His examination was unanimously **approved**.

We approved presenting Rev. Dr. Weekley at the February 2026 Stated Meeting of the presbytery and providing an opportunity for dialogue.

- Russ' bio and statement of faith may be found in Appendix A.
- The Terms of Call for Seneca and Rev. Dr. Russell Weekley were reviewed and **approved**.

Effective Salary	\$ 85,000
Total Benefits	\$ 54,586
Professional Expenses	<u>\$ 4,500</u>
Total Financial Investment	\$144,086

2. That we reviewed and **approved** the Ordination/Installation Commission for John Daniel DeBevoise, which is scheduled for February 8, 2026 at Tyger River Presbyterian Church. The commission consisted of the following members:

Foothills Presbytery Commissioners:

Rev. Eliza Smith DeBevoise (Teaching Elder, Converse University)
Rev. Joanne Hull (Teaching Elder, Honorably Retired)
Rev. Steve Rhodes (Teaching Elder, Honorably Retired)
Ryan Arrowsmith (Ruling Elder, Tyger River Presbyterian Church)
De Calvert (Ruling Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg)

Guest of the Commission:

Rev. Dr. Helen Montgomery DeBevoise – Teaching Elder, Park Lake Church in Central Florida Presbytery

Respectfully submitted,
Audrey Reese, Chair

Examinations Commission members: Chair Audrey Reese (Teaching Elder, Westminster, Westminster), Will Nickles (Teaching Elder, At Large), Ben Dorr (Teaching Elder, Westminster, Greenville), Bill Burns (Ruling Elder, First Spartanburg), Eliza Smith DeBevoise (Teaching Elder, Converse University), Fred Hyslop (Ruling Elder, First Greer), Preston Shealy (Teaching Elder, Retired), Sandy Thrasher (Ruling Elder, Trinity), Amos Workman (Teaching Elder, Retired)
Ex officio members: Debbie Foster (Stated Clerk & Presbytery Leader) and Robin Morris (Associate Stated Clerk)

Russell Weekley, Bio/Call to Ministry

Allow me to introduce myself. By official title, I am the Rev. Dr. Russell Scott Weekley CCE. but I invite you to call me Russ. First and foremost, I am a beloved child of God who happens to be a minister of Word and Sacrament in the PCUSA. I am a graduate of Presbyterian College (Clinton, SC), Union Theological Seminary (Richmond, VA), Columbia Theological Seminary (Decatur, GA) and a Certified Christian Educator (APSCE).

My journey into ministry began when I was in eighth grade. I came home from a youth retreat (that was a total disaster) and told my parents, "I could have done a better job!" God said prove it. I was blessed to explore ministry opportunities through Covenant Presbyterian Church in Marietta GA, the Youth Council of Cherokee Presbytery, serving as a YAD to General Assembly and the encouragement and support of my home church pastors, the Rev Paul Kapperman and the Rev Fred Boozer.

My professional path in ministry began after seminary at First Presbyterian Church in Bristol TN as a Youth Pastor / DCE. My next position was with First Presbyterian Church in Morristown TN again as a Youth Pastor / DCE. I then moved to First Presbyterian Church in Jefferson City TN where I served initially as Solo Pastor then as Senior Pastor as we added an Associate Pastor. Today, I am coming to you from Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church where I serve as Pastor / Head of Staff.

On the personal side, I have been married to my amazing wife Carolyn for over 30 years, and we have three beautiful and talented daughters, two dogs, and a cat. Morgan and Amanda are our twins and Hannah is our youngest. Unfortunately, in 2019 we lost Morgan to a side effect of a medication. We know that she is celebrating in Heaven with God and the cloud of witnesses that have gone before us and we look forward to seeing her again.

Amanda is married to Kenny Menefee, and they have a beautiful two-year-old son named Jaxson. They currently live in Simpsonville SC where Amanda is a nurse, and Kenny works for Top Golf while continuing his college career. Hannah is currently enrolled at Georgia College and State University where she is pursuing a degree in Nursing.

In my spare time I love to tinker and build things. Whether it's that special home renovation where my wife says, "Honey, I've been thinking..." or turning wrenches in the garage on my latest project car. I find great satisfaction in making things work again. I also love to travel, read, and spend time around a good campfire.

Russell Weekley, Statement of Faith

As a lifelong Presbyterian my faith has been developed through Scripture, Creeds, Confessions, and the Hymnody of the Church. I believe in the Triune God: revealed to us through Scripture as the God who created everything, Jesus Christ our redeemer and the Holy Spirit which sustains us in daily living.

I believe the Bible to be inspired by the Holy Spirit as God's gift to humanity. It is through Scripture that we learn who God is and who God has created us to be. To that end, I believe that by Grace the indwelling of the Holy Spirit enabled me to accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior. As a result of this gift of new life I have been freed from the power and condemnation of Sin. This new life in Christ allows me to live into the fullness of Joy that God has for me as a beloved Child of God.

As a beloved child of God, it is my privilege to seek to live to the Glory of God. The motivation for this lifestyle is one of gratitude rather than obligation. As Jesus told us in Matthew 22:37-39 We are to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" and "love our neighbor as ourselves". These commandments, as well as the great commission are what lead me in a life of growing faith and sharing God's love.

I believe that the Sacraments are gifts of God for the people of God. I believe that Baptism and Lords Supper, are outward visual representations of grace found in the New Covenant from God expressed in humanity's bond to God and each other in holy community and to the church. I believe that Baptism is a sign of God's love and grace for humanity before we can even begin to understand the holy covenant ourselves. I believe in the power of Communion that calls every single person who proclaims Jesus as Lord and Savior to the table and to the elements. The sacraments are clear examples that the love and grace of God is freely given, there is nothing we can do to earn it.

I believe the Church is called to be a community representative of Kingdom living and God's love for humanity. It is through the Church that we experience and express the grace of God in the world today. Through worship, the sacraments, and serviced to others we embrace the love of God and the love of others as Jesus commanded us. When we fall short, when we cause harm, or we do something that separates us from the intentions of God, we can name such things as sin. Together as the church we confess our sins both personally in prayer and corporately in our confession in worship. Acknowledging and repenting of our sin allows us to move forward into God's freely given forgiveness and grace.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry *reports:*

1. November, 2025 – No meeting was held
2. December, 2025 – No meeting was held
3. On January 22, 2026,
 - a. Welcomed new CPM members, Terri Price, Jennifer Fouse Sheorn, and Stephanie Dion. Full CPM roster is listed below
 - b. Subcommittee Assignments and Responsibilities were reviewed
 - c. The **CPM received Matthew Hunter as an Inquirer**
 - d. Received reports and updates on all students under care of CPM

Respectfully Submitted,
 Will Nickles, CPM Chair
 Leslie Denny, CPM Vice-Chair

Current Members of the Foothills CPM

<i>Class of 2026</i>	<i>Class of 2027</i>	<i>Class of 2028</i>
TE Mel Davis (2)	TE Leslie Lang Denny (1) vice-chair	RE Jennifer Biber (2)
TE Will Nickles (1) chair	CRE Elliott Grow (2)	TE Stephanie Dion (1)
TE Colin Pettigrew (1)	TE Steve Rhodes (1)	TE Jennifer Fouse Sheorn (1)
TE Buz Wilcoxon (1)	TE Will Shelburne (2)	RE Susan Key (2)
RE Harriett Williams (1)	TE Michael York (2)	TE Terri Price (1)
		TE Peggy Swann (2)
Staff members: TE Pressley Cox, RE LeAnne White, TE Debbie Foster (ex. officio)		

Students Currently Under Care of Foothills Presbytery

<i>Student</i>	<i>Liaison</i>	<i>Church</i>
Cyndi Banks (C)	<i>Peggy Swann</i>	Pickens
Raicheal Fulle (I)	<i>Harriett Williams</i>	Central
Jeff Grant (I)	<i>Michael York</i>	Trinity
Landon Hammett (C-FA)*	<i>Dottie Metropol</i>	First Spartanburg
Lauren Hood (I)	<i>Colin Pettigrew</i>	Westminster Greenville
Martin Pruitt (C)	<i>Jennifer Biber</i>	First Anderson
Amanda Taylor (C)	<i>Will Shelborne</i>	Grace Covenant
Grace deMaine (I)	<i>Elliott Grow</i>	John Knox
Trey Austin (I)	<i>Steve Rhodes</i>	St Andrews
Matthew Hunter (I)	<i>Jennifer Fouse Sheorn</i>	Easley

* CRRC (Certified Ready to Receive a Call)

Committee on Shared Ministry
February 2026

CSM Mission and Core Values from Foothills Presbytery Handbook:

Mission: To equip, connect, and nurture the churches of Foothills Presbytery.

Core Values: We will celebrate an adaptive environment where grace abounds while striving to strengthen our connectional church and share mission in a spirit of experimentation.

How: We will explore our mission by offering opportunities for faith formation, gatherings, fellowship, service, encouragement, resources, and support.

The Committee on Shared Ministry *reports* that:

1. We will host a Smaller Congregations Gathering at noon on Tuesday, March 2 at the Presbytery Office. Rev. Anne Russ, founder of [Social Media for Churches](#), will lead a workshop focused on general best practices for social media ministry, including content creation, planning, scheduling and content mix. Anne has been a pastor for 20 years and engaged in social media ministry for over 10 years. She has a Facebook Marketing Certification from Syracuse University and is an active member of the Social Media Marketing Society. (See Appendix A.)
2. The next meeting of the Smaller Congregations Gathering will be on Monday, May 4. Save the date for now as the topic is to be determined.
3. A Spiritual retreat for all women in the church will be held on Saturday, March 7 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in Ellenburg Hall at Providence Presbyterian. The Rev. Julie Schaaf, pastor of the Nazareth Church, is the leader for this Lenten Retreat entitled "Miracles in Plain sight." (See flyer at Appendix B.)

Respectfully submitted,
John Daniel DeBevoise, 2025 Chair

Committee Members

Class of 2025: Cindy Clemmer, John Daniel Debevoise, John Dubose, Susan Felton, Natalie Hoxit, Jackie Putnam, Audrey Reese, Renee Wiseman

Class of 2026: Nath Briley, Amy Couch, Pat Fuller, Jacob Kennedy, Ann-Margaret McClary, Julie Schaaf, Andrea Storie, April Swanson

Class of 2027: Susan Brown, Will Delaney, Joanna Griese, Marion Freeman, Jacob Kennedy, Elizabeth-Kelly Pope, Shannon Weinel, Maggie Wentzky

Staff: Pressley Cox (Associate for Shared Mission and Ministry)



“BEST PRACTICES FOR SOCIAL MEDIA WORKSHOP”

led by Rev. Anne Russ
March 2 @ 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
at the Foothills Presbytery

Rev. Anne Russ, founder of [Social Media for Churches](#), will lead us through a workshop focused on general best practices for social media ministry, including content creation, planning, scheduling and content mix. Anne has been a pastor for 20 years and engaged in social media ministry for over 10 years. She has a Facebook Marketing Certification from Syracuse University and is an active member of the Social Media Marketing Society.

Bring your own lunch. Dessert will be provided.

Email Lwhite@foothillspresbytery.org if you plan to attend.



WOMENS SPIRITUAL RETREAT

MARCH 7 | 10 - 2 pm

Ellenburg Hall at Providence Presbyterian
4000 Highway 153, Greenville

**Gather with women from across
Foothills Presbytery
for fellowship, worship, and spiritual renewal.**



Julie Schaaf, pastor at Nazareth Presbyterian, will lead a Lenten Retreat, "Miracles in Plain Sight."

Cost of lunch is \$12

Register by scanning this code:



Or register on our website :
<https://foothillspresbytery.org/event/foothills-presbytery-women-of-the-church-gathering/>