

*Rev. Dr. Peter Henry presented the report of the Committee on Ministry. The Presbytery welcomed **Rev. Donald McManus** as Temporary Pastor at First-Pageland Church. Rev. Ernest Gardner was received as an at-large member. **Rev. Sonya McAuley-Allen** was unanimously approved to move from temporary pastor to called and installed pastor of Bellefonte Presbyterian Church.*

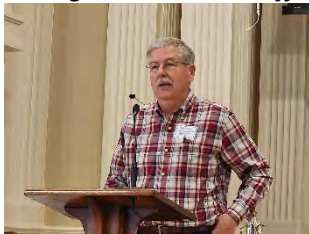


Rev. Donald McManus

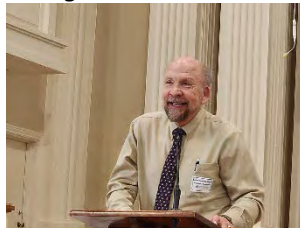


Rev. Sonya McAuley-Allen

***Don Fisher**, Clerk of Session at Williams Memorial, paid tribute to the service and ministry of **Rev. John-Nelson Pope** upon his retirement effective May 31st. **Rev. Deborah Conner** thanked the Presbytery for their support of her ministry as she is granted honorable retirement effective July 1st. **Rev. Dr. Bob Henderson** paid tribute to **Rev. Rob Spach** for his 30+ years of service as Chaplain of Davidson College, as he retires effective August 4th.*



Don Fisher



Rev. John-Nelson Pope



Rev. Deborah Conner



Rev. Dr. Bob Henderson



Rev. Dr. Rob Spach



Laying on of hands...

Highlights of the 158th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Charlotte Tuesday, May 16, 2023



*It was with great joy and thanksgiving that we gathered at **Davidson College Presbyterian Church!** The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by our **2023 Moderator, Rev. Dr. Steve Lindsley**. **Rev. Dr. Peter Henry**, Pastor of Davidson College Presbyterian Church, welcomed the members of the Presbytery on behalf of the staff, officers and members of the church.*

*The Presbytery entered into a time of worship with **Lucy Crain** (Covenant-Charlotte) leading the call to worship. **Allison Tibe** (Selwyn Avenue), led the prayer of confession and the assurance of pardon. **LaWonder McDowell** (Caldwell) led the prayer of illumination and scripture reading, Isaiah 43:1-2;11. **Rev. Dr. Robert Spach** (Chaplain, Davidson College) preached the sermon entitled, ‘Saved by the Whisper’. A special musical selection, “In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness” was sung by Davidson College Church Choir. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was led by **Rev. Daniel Heath** (Associate Chaplain, Davidson College) and **Rev. Caitlyn Zold** (DCPC). **Davidson College Church's Contemporary Music Group** led the body in the final hymn, “Just a Closer Walk With Thee”.*



Davidson College Church Choir



Rev. Dr. Robert Spach

**The 158th Stated Meeting will be on Saturday, August 19, 2023
at First-Albemarle Presbyterian Church**



Rev. Daniel Heath and Rev. Caitlyn Zold



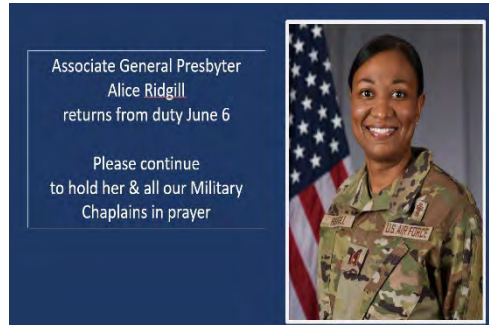
DCPC Contemporary Music Group

General Presbyter, Rev. Dr. Jan Edmiston gave a brief update to the Presbytery about her upcoming Sabbath leave. She will be on sabbatical from June 1st – August 31st. Jan also asked for continued prayers and support for our Associate General Presbyter, **Rev. Dr. Alice Ridgill**, as she completes her current tour of active military duty. Alice will return to the Presbytery as of June 6th.



Rev. Dr. Jan Edmiston

Presbytery heard an update from PCUSA Mission Worker, **Rev. Dr. César Carhuachín**, who has been serving as a professor at the Reformed Theological Seminary in Barranquilla, Colombia for the past 10 years.



Associate General Presbyter
Alice Ridgill
returns from duty June 6

Please continue
to hold her & all our Military
Chaplains in prayer



USAF Chaplain, Captain Alice Ridgill

Rev. Erika Funk presented the report of the Presbytery's Council. Council endorsed the recommendation from the Plaza Church Task Force on entering into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Arts+ for use of the Plaza Church property. **Liz Ward, with Give Impact** gave a detailed overview of the MOU and tentative plans for the use of the property. Presbytery approved moving forward.



Rev. Erika Funk



Liz Ward, Executive Director of Give Impact

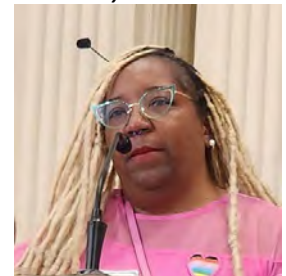
Elder Kathy Pilkington (First-Concord) and **Rev. Chaz Blasdel** (Gilwood) presented the report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry. **Perrin Tribble** (Covenant-Charlotte) and **Fay Palmer** (First-Charlotte) were enrolled as Inquirers **Allyson Tibe** (Selwyn Avenue), **Jonathan Lee** (Sardis) and **LaWonder McDowell** (Caldwell) were approved to be enrolled as Candidates for Ministry.



Jonathan Lee



Allison Tibe



LaWonder McDowell

Lucy Crain (Covenant-Charlotte) and **Serenitye Taylor** were examined and approved to be ordained as Ministers of Word and Sacrament. Serenitye will be serving as a Pastoral Resident at Covenant and Lucy will serve as Associate Pastor at First-Charlotte Church, pending ordination.



Rev. Dr. César Carhuachín



Mrs. Dania Carhuachín



Lucy Crain



Serenitye Taylor