

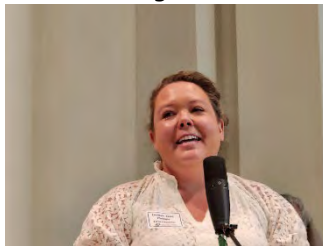
Rev. Ardy Skidmore presented the report of the Committee on Ministry. The Presbytery welcomed Rev. Casey Aldridge, Associate Pastor-Elect at First-Concord, Rev. David Thornton, Interim Pastor at CN Jenkins, Rev. Delilah Jane Phillips, Chaplain for Children and Schools at First-Charlotte, Rev. Ronald Schermerhorn, Pastor-Elect at First-Rockingham, Rev. Jordan Goodwin, Member at-Large, and Rev. Julia Watkins, the new Chaplain at Davidson College.



Rev. Casey Aldridge



Rev. David Thornton



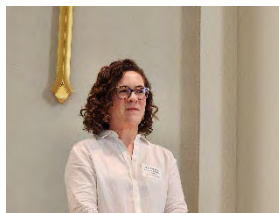
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The newly approved candidates for ordination will serve in the following calls, pending their ordination: **Lindsey Odom**, Associate Pastor-Elect at South Mecklenburg; **Erin Tolar**, Pastoral Resident at Myers Park; **Kim Stamey**, Temporary Pastor at Star; **Joseph Jumper**, Pastoral Resident at Myers Park.



The beautiful birdhouses on the tables at lunch were crafted by a beloved member of First-Albemarle that recently passed.



Singing praises during worship

Highlights of the 159th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Charlotte Saturday, August 19, 2023



It was with great joy and thanksgiving that we gathered at **First-Albemarle Presbyterian Church!** The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by our **2023 Vice-Moderator, Elder Tommy Lawson** (Covenant-Charlotte). **Rev. Cathy George**, Interim Pastor of First-Albemarle 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 worship participants, **Kim Stamey** (Star), **Rev. David Thornton** (Transitional Pastor, CN Jenkins), **Rev. Delilah Jane Phillips** (First-Charlotte), **Lindsey Odom** (South Mecklenburg), **Erin Tolar** (Pastoral Resident, Myers Park), **Rev. Casey Aldridge** (Associate Pastor-elect, First-Concord). A special musical selection, "A Simple Song" was sung by **Ann Crutchfield**, Soprano, accompanied by **Michael Rowland**, Pianist. **Rev. Ardy Skidmore**, Pastor at Locust Church preached the sermon, entitled "Threads", based on Colossians 3:12-17. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was led by **Rev. Skidmore**, **Rev. George**, **Rev. Heather McIntyre** (First-Wadesboro) and **Rev. Ronald Schermerhorn** (First-Rockingham).



Rev. Ardy Skidmore – "Threads"



Ann Crutchfield, Soprano



Associate General Presbyter, **Rev. Dr. Alice Ridgill** gave a brief update on her work over the summer during the General Presbyter's Sabbath leave. She thanked the members Presbytery for their support during this period and asked that they continue to keep Jan and the Presbytery Staff in their prayers.

Thank you to the Staff, Officers and Members of First-Albemarle for your outstanding hospitality!

The 160th Stated Meeting will be on Tuesday, October 24, 2023 By Zoom Video Conference

Lisa Raymaker and members of the LGBTQ+ Ministry Team presented an overview of their work and advocacy in our churches and communities. They highlighted a number of great resources that are available on their ministry's page on the Presbytery website.

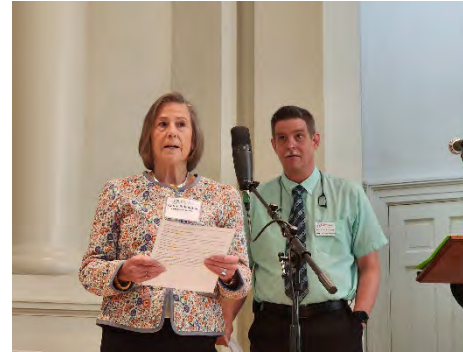


LGBTQ+ Ministry Team



Rev. Megan Argabrite

Elder Kathy Pilkington (First-Concord) and Rev. Chaz Blasdell (Gilwood) presented the report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry. Andrew Beals (Sardis) was enrolled as an Inquirer. Lindsey Odom, Erin Tolar, Joseph Jumper and Kim Stamey were examined and approved to be ordained as Ministers of Word and Sacrament.



Elder Kathy Pilkington and Rev. Chaz Blasdell present the CPM Report



Kim Stamey, Lindsey Odom, Joseph Jumper and Erin Tolar



Ryan Poag



Elena Sepulveda

Rev. John Magnuson and Rev. Rodger Sellers presented the report of the Ministry Resource Committee. They announced the upcoming "Nuts & Bolts" online workshop that is coming up in October. Rev. Sellers shared information about how the MRC Technology grant benefitted Mulberry Church in upgrading their equipment for live-streaming their worship services. MRC has a number of grants and information can be found on the Presbytery website homepage.



Rev. John Magnuson and Rev. Rodger Sellers



Rev. Rodger Sellers



Kim Stamey will be ordained as Temporary Pastor of Star Church.



Joseph Jumper will be ordained as a Pastoral Resident at Myers Park Church.



Lindsey Odom will be ordained as Associate Pastor at South Meck Church.



Erin Tolar will be ordained as Pastoral Resident at Myers Park Church.