

AROUND THE PRESBYTERY

Announcements & Opportunities

Hello!

We typically only send out newsletters once a month, but we have several exciting things to share and wanted to make sure you had all the latest updates and upcoming events!

We also look forward to seeing everyone at the Northeast Georgia Presbytery meeting next Tuesday, May 19, at Commerce Presbyterian Church. Registration will begin at 1:00 p.m., and the meeting will start promptly at 2:00 p.m.

The docket and agenda for the May 19 meeting are now available on the presbytery website at NEGA Presbytery Meetings Page. Scroll down to “May 2026” and click the attachment to download the meeting materials. Website: <https://www.negapby.org/presbytery-meetings>

We invite everyone to arrive around 1:00 p.m. to enjoy cake and fellowship time as we celebrate Anita Green, our Business Administrator of 23 years, on her recent retirement.

You're Invited 

We invite you to join us from 1:00–2:00 p.m. for a special

CAKE RECEPTION

honoring

Anita Green

and celebrating her **23** years of service to the
Northeast Georgia Presbytery.

Congregations are encouraged to bring a love offering, notes of appreciation or gift cards, addressed directly to Anita, in honor of her retirement.



May 19



Commerce Presbyterian Church

before the stated meeting

NEGA PRESBYTERY STAFFING UPDATES

Announcing Katie Karel as our new Bookkeeper!

Katie is a financial administrator and entrepreneur with a background in finance, economics, and business management. Through her work with Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church in Duluth, Georgia, she has developed a passion for supporting nonprofit organizations through thoughtful financial stewardship, bookkeeping, payroll, reporting, and organizational systems support. Katie is particularly interested in helping organizations build sustainable operational practices that support their mission and community impact.

In addition to her nonprofit and church finance work, Katie spent over a decade building and operating successful yoga and Pilates studios centered on community, wellness, and leadership development. She brings both creativity and structure to her work, with a collaborative and people-centered approach to organizational support.

Outside of her professional life, Katie is a mom of four, a plant lover, and an outdoor enthusiast who enjoys finding new ways to blend creativity, efficiency, and meaningful community connection.

The Personnel Action Team and Coordinating Team are pleased to announce Katie Karel as our new Bookkeeper! She will begin her work on Monday, May 11th. Please welcome her warmly to Northeast Georgia Presbytery! If you have any financial questions, feel free to email Katie: Finance@negapby.org

Rev. Lee Koontz
Chair, Personnel Action Team

Search Committee Search Underway

In February, the Presbytery voted to create a new position, combining the roles of both the General Presbyter and the Stated Clerk. The Nominating Committee has been charged with identifying individuals to serve on the Search Committee that will look for candidates to fill that position. At least three Ruling Elders and three Teaching Elders are needed for the Search Committee. If you are interested in serving on that committee, or know of someone else who could serve, please send names and contact information to Rev. Rindy Trouteaud, Chair of the Nominating Committee. Her email address is: rindy@trouteaud.com. Please be in prayer for the Search Committee as they begin their work.

Assistant Music Director – Covenant Presbyterian Church of Athens

Covenant Presbyterian Church of Athens is seeking an Assistant Music Director. Interested applicants should send a cover letter and résumé outlining their church service and performance background to Karen Wetherington at kwetherington@covpresathens.org.

For a full job description or to confirm the position is still open after May 31, please contact the church at (706) 548-2756 or the email address above.



**REGISTER BY
MAY 23RD**

**Class of
2028 COHORT**

BEGINS JUNE 26-28
at Epworth by the Sea



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to Register

EXAMPLE COHORT COURSE CALENDAR

YEAR ONE

(Focuses on the Bible)

- June: Introduction to the Bible:**
- October: Old Testament Survey**
- March: New Testament Survey**

YEAR TWO

- June: Introduction to Reformed Theology**
- October: History, Mission, and Polity**
- March: Essential Elements of Worship**

YEAR THREE

(COMPLETION)

- June: Practical Ministries**



SAVANNAH PRESBYTERY'S
J. RICHARD BASS
School OF THE Laity

**REGISTER BY
MAY 25TH**

JUNE 26-28, 2026

INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE:

Participants will survey the literature, history, and faith of the people of Israel as recorded in the Old Testament and the new Israel of God as described in the New Testament. They will examine key elements of the narrative and explore how the church of Jesus Christ has come to view its history and itself.



This course will be led by Dr. Bob Bryant, Professor of Bible at Presbyterian College, and favorite School of the Laity faculty member of many years.

INTRODUCTION TO REFORMED THEOLOGY:

Provides a foundational introduction to Reformed Theology and explores how it shapes and informs the ministry of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Presbyterian view of scripture, Attributes of God, Major Doctrines of the Church, The Trinity, incarnation, salvation, justification, sanctification, and predestination.



This course is led by Rev. Dr. Kirk Nolan, Professor of Religion & Philosophy at Presbyterian College, Clinton, SC

PRACTICAL MINISTRIES:

This course is the capstone of the School of the Laity program. Practical Ministry, as participants will study and practice in this course, aims to approach ministry from the viewpoint of God's provisioning us to engage in ministry, service, as led by the Spirit of the Lord.



This Course is be led by Rev. Sam Henderson, Cherokee Presbytery.

To register or for more information, visit www.savannahpresbytery.org/events