

**Joint Session Meeting**  
**First Presbyterian Church of Bainbridge and United Presbyterian Church in East Guilford**  
**Virtual on Zoom December 19, 2023**

Attending: Paul Cliffe, Don Cole, Al Clune, Gordon Spreutels, Billie Jo Northrup, Paula Banks, Cheryl Nages, Lori and Mike Davidson, Bainbridge Clerk of Session Dorian Bunting-Cliffe, East Guilford Clerk of Session Katherine Schmidt and Moderator Rev. Dr. Ken Simurro

Excused: none

Facilitator: Cheryl Nages

**We Gather in God's Name and Present Our Offerings**

- Call to Order/Declaration of Quorum and Opening Prayer at 6:59 p.m.
- Approval of minutes from joint meeting November 21, 2023 - **MSP**

**Pastor's Report Highlights**

- Ken will be providing emergency coverage for a Lutheran Church.
- Ken has taken a week of vacation and anticipates a week off after Christmas.

**Committee Reports**

- Mission Committee was received via email.
- Spiritual Nurture was received via email.
- Motion to approve all of the reports. **MSP**

**Old Business**

- Pastor compensation package option #2 was approved by both sessions with a 5% increase in the base salary.
- Christmas Eve service at East Guilford preparations were discussed.
- Annual meeting for East Guilford technology requirements were discussed. Cheryl Nages will do ZOOM component and Ed will set up sound system.

**New Business**

- January 2024 worship services will be held in East Guilford.
- The printing and mailing of the weekly bulletins was discussed. A note will be placed in the next mailing to ask the recipients to contact the church or clerk if they wish to continue.

**Next Meeting**

- The next meeting will be January 16, 2024 at 6:00pm for East Guilford with Bainbridge joining at 6:45 p.m. and will be on ZOOM.
- Motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. **MSP** with a closing prayer (Cheryl).

Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine Hager Schmidt, Clerk of Session

