

Joint Session Meeting
First Presbyterian Church of Bainbridge and United Presbyterian Church in East Guilford
Virtual on Zoom
February 21, 2023

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

Facilitator: Cheryl Nages

We Gather in God's Name and Present Our Offerings

- Call to Order/Declaration of Quorum and Opening Prayer at 6:46 p.m.
- Approval of Minutes from joint meeting January 17, 2023 – **MSP**

Pastor's Report Highlights

- The Leslie speaker for the organ at East Guilford needs repair.
- The baccalaureate service discussion moved to Bainbridge's session meeting.

Presbytery Assembly Report Highlights

- Cheryl Nages is serving on the COM
- Looking for people to help COM with manse inspections prior to pastor's call
- Two Ethiopian visitors are expected here soon

Committee Reports

- Spiritual Nurture committee – Ash Wednesday services discussed; ashes in the Bainbridge Park 12:00 instead of 4:00; 2:00 service will be held at EG and 6:00 Bainbridge service is canceled due to weather predictions. Maundy Thursday service to be discussed at committee meeting.
- Mission report – Lenten suppers set and publicity is out.
- Motion to accept committee reports. **MSP**

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Special offerings for 2023 are One Great Hour of Sharing and Christmas Joy. **MSP**
- Earth Care Sunday will be April 23rd during worship at East Guilford.
- Discussion regarding a proposal to have 2 services May through September; one at each churches. There are several logistics to be considered and a request for more information from East Guilford congregation.

Devotions

- None

Next Meeting

- March 21, 2023 - 6:00 for East Guilford with Bainbridge joining at 6:45 p.m. and will be on Zoom. Motion to close the meeting. **MSP**
- Adjourned with prayer 7:25p.m. (Rev. Ken)

Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine Hager Schmidt, Clerk of Session

