

Minutes of 33rd Meeting of Athanasius Presbytery

October 7th, 2025

Odenville, AL

Joe Thacker, Presiding Minister
Rich Lusk, Presiding Minister *pro tempore*
Jimmy Gill, Clerk of Presbytery

- I. PM Thacker called the meeting to order at 8:45am (CDT) and opened in prayer.
- II. Justin Wallick gave a brief exhortation from John 12. Joe Thacker led in song.
- III. Roll was called and a quorum was established with the (21) presbyters listed below:
 1. Christ Church Branch Cove (Odenville, AL): Ted Phillips, Justin Wallick
 2. Christ Church (Pace, FL): Bob McGee
 3. Christ Presbyterian Church (Baton Rouge, LA): Galen Sorey
 4. Christ Presbyterian Church (Knoxville, TN): Drew Maney
 5. Christ the King Church (Greenville, SC): Michael Hansen, Steve Roderrer
 6. Holy Trinity Church (Greenville, SC): Eddy Field
 7. Immanuel Presbyterian Church (Clinton, MS): Davy Durham
 8. Pilgrim Hill Reformed Fellowship (Goodlettsville, TN): Brooks Potteiger
 9. Providence Church (Pensacola, FL): Uri Brito, Al Stout
 10. St Mark Reformed Church (Nashville, TN): Burke Shade
 11. Trinity Presbyterian Church (Birmingham, AL): Michael Winstead, Kameron Edenfield
 12. Trinity Presbyterian Church (Valparaiso, FL): Ben Rossell, Mike Ruff
 13. Trinity Reformed Church (Huntsville, AL): Brian McLain, Larson Hicks
 14. Trinity Reformed Church (Newnan, GA): Jimmy Oliver, Grant Van Brimmer

Member Churches not present

15. Igreja Reformada de Cristo (Porto Alegre, Brazil)

Mission Churches Present:

1. All Saints Presbyterian (Covington, LA): Kent Burgeron
2. Covenant Reformed Church (Dothan, AL): Jerry Young
3. Church of the Redeemer (Fairhope, AL): JJ Stephens
4. Trinity Presbyterian Church (Winter Springs, FL): Kyle Stewart
5. Covenant First Presbyterian Church (Live Oak, FL) Herman Gunter III
6. Christ the King Presbyterian Church (Tallahassee, FL): Josh Waller
7. Immanuel Reformed Church (Birmingham, AL): Peter Leithart
8. Trinity Reformed Church (Columbus, GA): Kyle McMaster
9. Trinity Reformed Church (Chattanooga, TN): Glenn Jones
10. Trinity Reformed Evangelical Church (Jacksonville, FL): Jimmy Gill

Mission Churches not Present:

- King's Cross Reformed Church (Columbia, TN)

MOTION 25/10/07:1 Ted Phillips moved that the agenda be accepted as presented. Ben Rossell seconded. The motion passed without audible dissent.

MOTION 25/10/07:2 Brooks Potteiger moved that visitors be seated and permitted to speak on the floor of presbytery. Seconded Al Stout. The motion passed without audible dissent. Visitors are listed below:

Immanuel Reformed Church (Birmingham)

Deacon Kody Ward

Christ Church (Pace)

Zach Thames

Whitleyville Reformation Church (Jackson County, TN)

Andrew Isker

CJ Ingel

Christ the King (Greenville)

Wilson Hunter (deacon)

Nick Daniels (deacon candidate)

Anders Carlson (member)

Kiley Waldrop

Christ the King (Tallahassee)

Bradley Donaldson

Pilgrim Hill (Nashville)

Joshua Haymes

Clint Lum

Providence Church (Pensacola)

Jonathan Franzone (Pastoral Intern)

Phil Bozarth

Mickey Schneider (Pastor Emeritus)

Devin Moore, CRC Dothan

Phillip Baker, CRC Dothan

James Wells, CRC Dothan

Trinity Reformed Church (Huntsville)

Gage Crowder

Darren Drown

Daniel Valcarcel

Trinity Presbyterian Church (Valpariso)

Kelly Jones

Trinity Reformed Church (Newnan)

Thomas Countess

Benjamin Sherrill

Shawn Hebert

Noah Johnson

George Crocker

Christ Community Church (Tullahoma, TN)

Rob Rice

New Business

IV. Presbytery Exam of Clint Lum (called to serve as Assistant Pastor by Pilgrim Hill's session)

Examination was led by the Committee: Justin Wallick, Burke Shade, Brooks Potteiger. Additional questions were taken from the floor of presbytery.

The exam was concluded at 10:50am. The Presbyters entered executive session and all visitors and non-delegates (including the candidate) were excused from the room.

MOTION 25/10/07:3 The exam committee recommends the candidate for ordination.

The candidate does not have training in Hebrew, which he plans to pursue under the oversight of his pastor. Discussion followed regarding his educational background, ministry giftings, and personal call.

When discussion concluded, the PM called for the vote. **The motion carried without audible dissent, and the executive session was concluded at 11:10am.**

Having resumed normal session, the PM pronounced the recommendation of the presbytery in accordance with the BOP, and the presbyters extended the right hand of fellowship.

[PM Thacker called a recess at 11:15am.]

[PM Thacker reconvened the meeting at 11:25am.]

V. PMoC Brito gave an update on happenings in the CREC.

VI. Governing Documents Review Committee

PM Thacker invited feedback and input from presbyters to John Dekker, who is chairing the Committee.

VII. Member Church Reports

Immanuel Presbyterian Church (Clinton, MS) – Brooks Potteiger prayed.
Pilgrim Hill Reformed Fellowship (Goodlettsville, TN) – Al Stout prayed.
Providence Church (Pensacola, FL) – Burke Shade prayed.
St Mark Reformed Church (Nashville, TN) – Kameron Edenfield prayed.
Trinity Presbyterian Church (Birmingham, AL) – Ben Rossell prayed.
Trinity Presbyterian Church (Valparaiso, FL) – Brian McLain prayed.
Trinity Reformed Church (Huntsville, AL) – Davy Durham prayed.

VIII. Update on Council 2026 (Sept. 28-Oct. 1) in Nashville, TN

IX. Location and Dates of Next Presbytery Meeting

Providence Church in Pensacola has volunteered to host on March 23-24, 2026.

X. Adjournment

MOTION 25/10/07:4 Kameron Edenfield moved to adjourn. Seconded by Justin Wallick. The motion passed without audible dissent.

Joe Thacker closed the Presbytery in song. Galen Sorey closed in prayer and asked the blessing on the luncheon.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jimmy Gill, Clerk of Presbytery