

Minutes of 34th Meeting of Athanasius Presbytery

March 10th, 2026

Pensacola, FL

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

- I. PM Thacker called the meeting to order at 8:40am (CDT) and opened in prayer.
 - II. Ben Merkle gave a brief exhortation on “trouble” (Job 5:7). Joe Thacker led in song.
 - III. Roll was called and a quorum was established with the (22) presbyters listed below:
 1. Christ Church Branch Cove (Odenville, AL): Ted Phillips, Justin Wallick
 2. Christ Presbyterian Church (Baton Rouge, LA): Galen Sorey, Denny Dufour
 3. Christ Presbyterian Church (Knoxville, TN): Drew Maney, Fred Young
 4. Christ the King Church (Greenville, SC): Michael Hansen, Steve Roderrer
 5. Immanuel Presbyterian Church (Clinton, MS): Davy Durham
 6. Pilgrim Hill Reformed Fellowship (Goodlettsville, TN): Brooks Potteiger, Clint Lum
 7. Providence Church (Pensacola, FL): Uri Brito, Al Stout
 8. St Mark Reformed Church (Nashville, TN): Burke Shade, Jeff Kernodle
 9. Trinity Presbyterian Church (Birmingham, AL): Rich Lusk, Kameron Edenfield
 10. Trinity Presbyterian Church (Valparaiso, FL): Ben Rossell, Mike Ruff
 11. Trinity Reformed Church (Huntsville, AL): Brian McLain
 12. Trinity Reformed Church (Newnan, GA): Jimmy Oliver, Thomas Countess
- Member Churches observing online:
13. Igreja Reformada de Cristo (Porto Alegre, Brazil): Evandro Rosa

MOTION 26/03/10:1 Ted Phillips moved that the agenda be accepted as presented. Uri Brito seconded. The motion passed without audible dissent.

Mission Churches Present:

1. All Saints Reformed Church (Covington, LA): Kent Burgeron
2. Christ Church (Pace, FL): Bob McGee
3. Covenant Reformed Church (Dothan, AL): Jerry Young, James Wells
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, Bradley Donaldson
7. King’s Kirk Presbyterian Church (Cartersville, GA): Noah Johnson, Shawn Hebert
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:

- Immanuel Reformed Church (Birmingham, AL)
- King’s Cross Reformed Church (Columbia, TN)

MOTION 26/03/10:2 Al Stout moved that visitors be seated and permitted to speak on the floor of presbytery. Ben Rossell seconded. The motion passed without audible dissent. Visitors are listed below:

Christ Church (Branch Cove)

Keith Diamond (elder)
Titus Wallick

Christ Church (Pace)

Zach Thames
Thomas Moody

Christ the King (Greenville)

Josh Rollins (deacon)
Steve Battistin (member)
Bob Corneroli
Wilson Hunter (deacon)
Nick Daniels (deacon, pastoral intern)
Kiley Waldrop
Caleb Levi (deacon, assistant pastor candidate)
Tim Collins (deacon)

Christ the King Presbyterian Church (Tallahassee)

Jonathan Watt

Christ Presbyterian Church (Knoxville)

Todd May
David Groschel

Immanuel Presbyterian Church (Clinton, MS)

Bobby Hunter (deacon)

Providence Church (Pensacola)

Jonathan Franzone (Pastoral Intern)
Mickey Schneider (Pastor Emeritus)
Brian Caldwell (Elder)
Ed Gregg (Elder)
Ron Gilley (Elder)
Ken McNeill (Deacon)
Kevin Heifner (Deacon)
John Stringfield (Deacon)
Ryan Holst (member)
Ethan Lafont (member)
James Cowart (member and headmaster at Trinitas Christian School)
David Hammerstrom (member)
Ronnie Spicer (visitor)

Trinity Reformed Church (Huntsville)

Gage Crowder

Trinity Presbyterian Church (Birmingham)

Michael Winstead (elder)

Trinity Presbyterian Church (Valparaiso)

Sam Nelson (elder)

Kelly Jones

Chris Roy

Coy Suprise

Trinity Reformed Church (Newnan)

Nathan Burns (Deacon)

Jonathan Rajala (Deacon)

Vashton Smith (Member)

Cullen Briere (Member)

Trinity Reformed Evangelical Church (Orange Park, FL)

John Hawes

Benjamin Pittman

Benjamin Lamb

Visitors from Miami, FL

Jesse Saez

Eric Garcia

Franklin Davis

Felipe Ascenso

New Business

IV. Presbytery Exam of Jonathan Franzone (called as Assistant Pastor by Providence Church)

Examination was led by the Committee: Jimmy Gill, Michael Hansen, Al Stout.

Additional questions were taken from the floor of presbytery.

The exam was concluded at 10:53am. The Presbyters entered executive session and all visitors and non-delegates (including the candidate) were excused from the room.

MOTION 26/03/10:3 The exam committee recommends the candidate for ordination.

After minimal discussion, the PM called for the vote. **The motion carried without audible dissent, and the executive session was concluded at 11:00am.**

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 11:05am.]

[PM Thacker reconvened the meeting at 11:20am. Mike Ruff gave a brief announcement about Reformed Evangelical Seminary while the presbytery was re-assembling.]

- V. Jesse Saez gave a presentation on church planting efforts in Miami, FL, and took questions from the floor.
- VI. Acceptance of New Member Church: Christ the King Presbyterian Church (Tallahassee)

MOTION 26/03/10:4 The Session of Trinity Presbyterian Church (Valparaiso, FL) moved that their mission church in Tallahassee, FL (Christ the King Presbyterian Church) be accepted into full membership in the presbytery as a particular congregation. Michael Hansen seconded. Discussion followed regarding the condition and health of the church. **The motion passed without audible dissent.**

PM Thacker administered the membership vows to Josh Waller and Bradley Donaldson as representatives of the Session. The presbytery confirmed their membership vows with a hearty “Amen” and extended the right hand of fellowship to their delegation.

Rich Lusk offered prayer on behalf of Christ the King.

- VII. PMoC Report: Uri Brito
- VIII. Council Preparation Update
- IX. Discussion of Memorial on Nations
- X. PMoP Report: Joe Thacker
- XI. Location and dates of next presbytery meeting: Sept. 29-30 in Nashville, TN.
- XII. Adjournment at 12:00pm

MOTION 26/03/10:5 Mike Ruff moved to adjourn. Seconded by Uri Brito. **The motion passed without audible dissent.**

Joe Thacker closed the Presbytery in song. Brooks Potteiger closed in prayer and asked the blessing on the luncheon.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jimmy Gill, Clerk of Presbytery