

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are writing to share important updates on matters impacting the life of our church: the recent adoption of amendments to the Presbyterian Church (USA) Book of Order (BOO) and an important update on the next steps towards calling a pastor.

Amendments to the Presbyterian Church (USA) Book of Order

First, we would like to update you on the status of recent amendments to the Presbyterian Church (USA) Book of Order. By way of background, the BOO is Part Two of the constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA), the denomination of which the Presbyterian Church of Falling Spring is a member (Part One of the constitution is the Book of Confessions). Having received the required majority of affirmative votes from the presbyteries around the country, [Amendments 24-A and 24-C](#) were adopted and took effect July 4, 2025.

As you may recall, these BOO amendments were discussed at length during our May 4, 2025, congregational meeting with a representative from the Carlisle Presbytery, and were the subject of two subsequent congregational listening sessions where members had the opportunity to ask the Session questions and share concerns with the amendment language.

Listening to your comments and concerns from these meetings, as well as from the various individual conversations many of you have had over the past few months with the elders, we have continued to listen, pray and discern the potential impact of these changes on our ministry at the Presbyterian Church of Falling Spring. While there is diversity of opinion among Session members regarding these changes to the BOO and their potential impact, we remain committed to navigating the evolving Presbyterian Church (USA) polity, relying on the Holy Spirit and the Bible, keeping the congregation informed, and providing clarity on how these developments may affect our church.

Please continue to keep our congregation and the entire Presbyterian Church (USA) in your prayers during this time.

Pastoral Transition

With the recent acceptance of our Mission Review by the Carlisle Presbytery's Committee on Ministry, we are now able to take the next step—electing a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). The PNC will evaluate prospective pastors and, in God's timing, recommend a candidate we pray will be the shepherd our congregation needs. A **Congregational Meeting** will be held on **Sunday, August 24, at 11:15 a.m. in the Family Life Center (FLC)** for the purpose of electing the slate of nominees for the PNC. Our Congregation's Nominating Committee (separate and distinct from the PNC) is finalizing this list for presentation at the meeting.

Once elected, the PNC will work independently from PCFS leadership and in strict confidentiality, guided on process matters by a Presbytery liaison. While respecting that confidentiality, the PNC will share regular updates as the search progresses.

Furthermore, the Mission Review, prepared by the Transition Team with significant input from the congregational survey, is now available on the Transition page of the PC Falling Spring website. At the top center of the page, you will see a red rectangle labeled **2025 MISSION REVIEW**. For those without easy internet access, printed copies are available at the back of the Chapel, Sanctuary, and FLC. This 13-page document outlines our vision, strengths, challenges, needs, and key statistics about our congregation.

We ask for your continued prayerful support during this season of transition, trusting that God will continue to provide for our church. Please plan to join us on August 24 for worship and the congregational meeting as we take this important step together.

In Christ's Love,

The Session of the Presbyterian Church of Falling Spring