

SESSION REPORT

The responsibility of the Session is to serve as the governing body of Second Presbyterian Church. The Elders on Session, together with the Pastor, are responsible for encouraging the people in the worship and service of God, provide for their Christian education, extend pastoral care and oversee all aspects of the congregation's life and witness. This work is accomplished through six program committees, which are chaired by an elder and include members of the congregation.

During 2008, the Session held ten (10) stated meetings and two (2) special meetings, and issued the call for two (2) congregational meetings. Stated meetings of Session are generally held on the last Wednesday of each month, unless that date conflicts with holidays, and begin at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Membership Information:

Active members Dec. 31, 2007.	178	Inactive Members.	37
Gains:	0	Baptized Members.	12
From other churches.	0	Affiliate Members.	1
Affirmation/reaffirmation.	0	Total on all rolls.	216
Losses:	12	Female members.	105
Death.	9	Average worship attendance.	84
Transfer to other churches.	3	1Q: 88 / 2Q: 85 / 3Q: 78 / 4Q: 84	
Transfer to Inactive Roll.	0	Baptisms	
Active members Dec. 31, 2008.	166	Adult baptisms.	0
		Infant Baptisms.	1

In Memoriam – 2008

Juanita B. Mullins.	January 26, 2008	Carolyn Rush.	May 21, 2008
Mary Margaret Gaunce.	February 24, 2008	Sara Cobble.	June 8, 2008
Deborah Jo Wallace.	March 8, 2008	Herman Adkison.	June 13, 2008
Hilda Martin.	April 20, 2008	Louis Mader.	September 16, 2008
Ruby Culpen.	April 29, 2008		

COMPOSITION OF SESSION:

Elders completing terms of service in 2008: Chuck Blackley, Jerry Fry, James Mader, Nancy Swisher, Caroline Woebke. Elder Carolyn Rush died on May 21, and her position was left vacant the rest of the year.

1. Elders beginning service in 2008 (Class of 2010): Chuck Blackley, Jerry Fry, Darlene Mason, Maxine Robertson, Caroline Woebke, James Wright.
2. Continuing elders:
 - 2009: Frank Brown, Danny Fields, Earl Flower, Kay Moyer, Bob Ridle, Paul Wolfe.
 - 2010: Andy Easley, William Jack, Mary McNamara, Mary Rainey, Stewart Sherwood, Eve Thomas.

Summary: The Session consists of eighteen members, not counting the pastor/moderator, of which 11 are men and 7 are women. The age range of the session members is from the early 50's and up. This corresponds to the composition of the congregation (G-10.0301), with the exception of the ratio between men and women; the imbalance is mainly in the Class of 2009.

2008 Committee Assignments (including chairs)

Christian Education: *Mary Rainey, +Caroline Woebke,
Membership and Outreach: *James Mader, *Frank Brown, Eve Thomas, William Jack
Mission: *Nancy Swisher, +Bob Ridle, Mary McNamara
Property: *Chuck Blackley, +Paul Wolfe, Andy Easley
Stewardship and Finance: *Jerry Fry, +Danny Fields, Earl Flower
Worship and Music:., *Carolyn Rush, *Kay Moyer, @Stewart Sherwood
Personnel: *Robert Ridle, +Jerry Fry, Pam Snyder
* = Chair / + = Vice Chair / @ = Communion Steward

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated on the following dates: January 6 (New Year); February 17 (Lenten) March 20 (Maundy Thursday); May 11 (Pentecost); August 3 (Summer); October 5 (World Communion); November 30 (First Sunday in Advent); December 24 (Christmas Eve).

Daniel S. Williams
Moderator

Nancy C. Swisher
Clerk of Session