PRESBYTERY HIGHLIGHTS

October 24, 2026

It was a true joy to gather in-person at San Marco Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville for our Presbytery meeting! Thanks go to Lisa Wells and the San Marco volunteers for the smooth registration process. Many contributions for United Community Outreach Ministry (UCOM) were collected from attendees upon arrival. Pastors Adam Anderson and Jessica Means, Clerk of Session Greg McMillan, Office Manager Alice Mickles and many more members of San Marco were very gracious and helpful in preparing for this meeting and much gratitude goes to each of them. The San Marco volunteers prepared a most delightful lunch with a full array of desserts for us all to enjoy!

Worship in the beautiful sanctuary was a wonderful beginning for our meeting. Music Director Michael Dell with the San Marco Chancel Choir and The Heritage Singers provided lovely music throughout the service, which included a special vocal duet with Kendall Austin and Rene Johnson. Rev. Bill Hoff delivered the message entitled "All We Have" based upon Luke 9: 11-17 that provided encouragement to all. We celebrated The Lord's Supper and our offering in the amount of $956.00 will go toward supporting United Community Outreach Ministry.

Moderator Barbara Darby guided the Presbytery through the agenda. A few of the highlights from the day included:

• Display tables for Thornwell, Presbyterian Social Ministries, Montgomery Center, University of Dubuque Theological Seminary and Diakonos Solutions.

• Introductions of new members of the Presbytery, Bruce Havens (UCC) at Geneva; Cassie Todd at Palms; CRE Rick Mills at Crescent City and Charlie Evans at Palatka.

• Reports from our Jamaican Mission Team and our Cuban Mission Team.

• A report from the Montgomery Center Task Force updating the Presbytery on 2027 goals for Montgomery Center.

• A report about exciting first events at Mayport Open Table, a new worshiping community of the Presbytery.

• A vote to grant an exception to G-2.0504b to permit Rev. Joe Albright to be considered as the next installed pastor at Trinity.

• Reports from our Commissioners to the 227th General Assembly. Voting on proposed amendments will occur at our February, 2027 meeting of Presbytery.

• A warm welcome from our host Rev. Adam Anderson and a report of encouraging progress on the Presbytery strategic goals from Lead Presbyter David Rollins!

Many pleasant conversations, filled with joy and laughter, were held around the tables and in the pews. Please plan to participate in the next meeting of Presbytery on February 13, 2027 at Lakewood Presbyterian Church!