

Second Session
Wednesday, June 18, 2025

45-20 MORNING WORSHIP

Worship began at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary Ward Church. The court continued in worship as noted below:

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Today's music led by the Ward Praise Team:

Praise
Firm Foundation (He Won't)
Build My Life
I Speak Jesus

Video E2025

Scripture 1 Peter 2:4-8

Sermon God's Building Project

Dr. Karen Job

45-21 CALL TO ORDER

The Moderator, TE Dave Strunk (Southeast) called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

45-22 GREAT COMMISSION SHARE AND OPENING PRAYER

TE Waring Porter (Central South) opened with prayer and shared about the Central South and Gulf South Presbyteries E2025 partnership in Lebanon.

45-23 APPROVAL OF DOCKET and ANNOUNCEMENTS

ON MOTION The docket was adopted as follows:

- 2.1 Business Convenes – Moderator TE Dave Strunk
2.2 Great Commission Share and Opening Prayer - TE Waring Porter
E2025 Partnership of Presbyteries of Central South and Gulf South
2.3 Approval of the Docket and Announcements – TE Dean Weaver

- 2.4 Nominating Committee – Partial Report -TE Mike Goolsby
 - a. **Recommendation 45-03**-Permanent Committee Nominees (p.31) 1st reading
 - b. **Recommendation 45-04**-2024-2025 Permanent Nominating Committee and BRI Chair (p.33)
- 2.5 Invitation to the 46th General Assembly – TE Brad Strait
 - a. **Recommendation 45-05** (p.34)
- 2.6 Stated Clerk’s Report - TE Dean Weaver
- 2.7 Matters Received and Referred TE – Dean Weaver
 - a. **Recommendation 45-06** (p.36) -**Descending Overture 44-A**
 - 1 Ratifying Amendment to BOG 10-7 and BOG 9-5 related to Transitional Pastors
 - b. New Business
- 2.8 Committee Assignments and Instructions -TE Dean Weaver
- 2.9 Great Commission Share and Closing Prayer – RE Bruce Shown
E2025 Partnership of Presbytery of the Midwest

45-24 NOMINATING COMMITTEE – PARTIAL REPORT

TE Mike Goolsby (Great Plains) opened with prayer and brought the Nominating Committee Report.

- a. **Recommendation 45-03:** That the 45th EPC General Assembly elect the slate of nominees for the 46th EPC General Assembly permanent committees and boards. (First Reading)
- b. **Recommendation 45-04:** That the 45th EPC General Assembly elect the 2025-2026 Chairman for the Benefits Resources, Inc., Board of Directors and the slate of nominees to fill vacancies on the Permanent Nominating Committee. (First Reading)

Insert slate of nominees

45-25 INVITATION TO THE 46th EPC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

TE Brad Strait (West) opened with prayer and extended an invitation for Cherry Creek Church in Englewood, Colorado, to host the 46th General Assembly June 16-18, 2026.

ON MOTION Recommendation 45-05 Cherry Creek Church in Englewood, Colorado, invitation to host the 46th General Assembly on its campus was adopted.

45-26 Stated Clerks Report

TE Dean Weaver opened his report with prayer and brought Matters Received.

ON MOTION Recommendation 45-06 Descending Overture 44-A on amending G.10-7 and G. 9-5 related to Transitional Pastors was ratified.

TE Dean Weaver gave instructions for Standing Committees.

The Moderator, TE Dave Strunk (Southeast) led the Assembly in an acapella version of “How Firm A Foundation”.

45-27 ADJOURNMENT

The Assembly was recessed until worship

RE Bruce Shown (Midwest) shared about the E2025 partnership of the Presbytery of the Midwest with the Siberian Tatar people. The meeting closed with prayer allowing the commissioners to attend Committee meetings.

45-28 EVENING WORSHIP

Today's music was led by the Ward Praise Team.

Elohim
Your Great Name
Praise
Living Hope

Video on E2025 in Indonesia.

Scripture Isaiah 43:1-13

Sermon When the Redeemed Walk Through The Water Rev. Trevor Gribben

Benediction

Tonight's Offering is for the Medical Benevolence Fund