

**Minutes**  
**Presbytery of Saint Andrew**

**CALLED MEETING**  
**10:00 a.m. on January 9, 2024**

A quorum being present, the Presbytery of St. Andrew (Presbytery) met for a called meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at FPC, Tupelo. The Moderator was in the chair and the Stated Clerk was present.

Rev. Buren Blankenship, moderator, convened the meeting with prayer and stated the purpose of the meeting which was:

*to examine the Rev. John Brock for reception as a member of the Presbytery of St. Andrew, and installation as the next Pastor of FPC, Tupelo.*

He then called on the Stated Clerk to establish the roll for the meeting. The Stated Clerk reported that there were a total of 12 ministers and ruling elders present constituting a quorum, and that there were another 16 visitors present for a total enrollment of 28. He moved that this be established as the roll for the meeting, with those minister members not present and sessions not represented excused. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

Roll for the Meeting:

Minister Members (7):

Buren Blankenship, Moderator  
Greg Goodwiller, Stated Clerk  
Frank Beck  
B.J. Chain  
Deb deBoer  
Barrett Milner  
Ron Richardson

Ruling Elder Commissioners/Enrolled for Terms (5):

Jim Waltress (FPC, Pontotoc – Admin Bd)  
Drew Mauldin (FPC, Oxford)  
Hope DeVenney (FPC, Columbus)  
Chauncy Godwin (FPC, Tupelo)  
Cathy Yeoman (FPC, Pontotoc – Admin Bd)

Barrett Milner was recognized. He presented the Rev. John Brock to the presbytery, where he was then examined in his Christian Faith and his views in theology, worship and Sacraments, and polity, led by several members of the Commission on Ministry.

Rev. Milner then moved on behalf of the Commission that Rev. John Brock be received as a member of the Presbytery of St. Andrew on transfer from the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley and installed as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Tupelo effective January 8, 2024. The motion was adopted by voice vote.

Rev. Milner then reviewed the terms of call approved by the Commission on Ministry as follows:

Salary and Housing .....	\$90,000
SECA .....	6,885
Allowances/Reimbursement .....	6,556

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Board of Pensions .....35,199  
Moving expenses .....*full*  
4 Weeks Vacation  
2 Weeks Study Leave

Total Annual Compensation: \$138,541

He then moved that the following administrative commission be appointed to install Rev. John Brock as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Tupelo at 4:00 p.m. on January 14, 2024, in the sanctuary of FPC, Tupelo:

Rev. Frank Beck, Moderator  
Rev. Jerry Long  
Rev. Greg Goodwiller  
Elder Cathy Yeoman – First Pontotoc  
Elder Sarah Young – First, Tupelo

And further, that Rev. Tom Bryson, Rev. Rachel Winter, and Elder Caryl Privett from the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley be invited to sit with the Commission and participate in the service.

The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous consent.

The meeting was then adjourned with prayer by the moderator at 10:45 a.m.

*Approved 2/16/24*

