

Presbytery of Ohio Valley

Docket for Assembly and Liturgy for Worshipful Work

First Presbyterian Church Bloomington, Indiana

August 13, 2022

The presbytery is responsible for the government of the church throughout its district, and for assisting and supporting the witness of congregations to the sovereign activity of God in the world, so that all congregations become communities of faith, hope, love, and witness. As it leads and guides the witness of its congregations, the presbytery shall keep before it the marks of the Church, the notes by which Presbyterian and Reformed communities have identified themselves through history, and the six Great Ends of the Church. – from G.3-0301

Gathering Around the Word

(All Hymns from Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal)

Music for Gathering

Christopher Young

Declaration of Quorum

Call to Order and Call to Worship (1:00p EDT / 12:00p CDT) *

Alicia Holt

L. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
I call to order this Assembly of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley.
Sisters and brothers: grace to you, and peace.

P. To you, also, grace and peace.

L. From the rising of the sun till its setting in the west,

P. God's holy name be praised.

L. On the lips of children, by babies at the breast,

P. God's holy name be praised.

L. In the visions of the old and the dreaming of the young,

P. God's holy name be praised.

L. In the banquet hall of heaven and the forgotten corners of our hearts.

P. God's holy name be praised.

L. Let all that has life and breath praise the Lord.

P. Amen. We praise the Lord.

Opening Hymn № 475 *

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

L. Let us pray:

**P. Gracious and Holy God: give us wisdom to perceive Thee,
diligence to seek Thee, eyes to behold Thee,
a heart to meditate upon Thee, and a life to proclaim Thee;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Responding to the Word: Affirmation of Faith

Affirmation of Faith *

from A Brief Statement of Faith of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

L. Together, let us say what we believe:

P: We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.**

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Responding to the Word: The Business of the Assembly

Introductions of New Members

Joe Kimmel

Seating of Corresponding Members, Introductory Business

Greetings from the Host Church

Kelley Jepsen

Presentation of Consent Agenda

Joe Kimmel

Minutes of April 7, 2022; Docket; Treasurer's Report; Stated Clerk's Report

Report of the Presbytery Council
Recommendation for 2023 Assembly dates
Recommendation for 2023 Per Capita

Susan McGhee

Report of the Committee on Ministry
The Honorable Retirement of Martha FrizLanger, effective August 31, 2022
Recommendation for 2023 Minimum Salaries

Mary McClellan and Alan Finnan

Greetings from Pyoca

Molly DeWitt

Speak Out Session

New Business

Responding to the Word: Our Prayers and Offerings

Prayers of the Presbytery

Ruling and Teaching Elder Necrology

Joe Kimmel

Memorial Moments for William Barrett

Kelley Jepsen

Gathering the Concerns and Joys

Susan McGhee

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Deborah Fortel

Invitation to the Offering of our Treasure

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Sealing the Word: The Holy Meal

Prayer of Confession

Ryan Bradney

L. In penitence and faith, let us confess our sin before God and one another. Let us pray:

P. O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but our proclamation lacks credibility.

You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation.

You call us to seek the good of all, but in our love for order we uphold oppressive structures.

You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by, endangering human welfare.

Reconcile us to you, O God, by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen

Words of Assurance

L. Praise to the living Christ, hanged on a tree, yet risen in the morning,

Christ scatters the sin from our souls as the mist from the hills;

Let us welcome the grace of Christ in our hearts

to begin what we do, to inform what we say and to redeem who we are.

P. Amen. Thanks be to God.

Sung Response (Hymn No. 435, stanza 1) ♪

- P. There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.**

Invitation to the Table

Susan McGhee

- L. Jesus Christ, the risen Lord, invites us to this feast,
with bread broken for peace, with wine poured in joy.
- P. Lord Jesus, we hear your invitation and remember your work:
from creation to redemption,
from redemption to this day,
from this day to the day when you will come again.**
- L. Praise God for this banquet! Praise God for this feast!
Praise God who makes all things new.

The Great Thanksgiving

- L. God be with you.
- P. And also with you.**
- L. Lift up your hearts.
- P. We lift them to the Lord**
- L. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- P. Amen! It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
- L. It is truly right and our greatest joy
to give you thanks and praise, eternal God....
- ...Therefore we praise you, and join our voices with the whole company of heaven as we sing:
- P. Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory!
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**
- L. We thank you for Jesus, our Savior and Lord....

The Lord's Prayer – ***you are invited to pray in whatever language or form that is most familiar to you***

- L. And now, with the confidence of God's own children, let us pray as Jesus taught us....

Communion of the People

*Those who are in-person are invited to come forward by the center aisle.
A piece of bread (gluten-free) will be placed in your open hands.
Please take a cup of juice from the tray and return to your seat by the side aisle
You are welcome to commune once you have taken your seat or wait until the direction of the celebrant.
Those communing from home are invited to do so whenever you are ready or wait until the celebrant does so.*

Prayer after Communion

L. Because we have shared the Living Bread, we cannot remain the same.

May God ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us.

P. Amen! May we live to God's glory.

Bearing the Word into the World

Closing Hymn № 516 *

For the Bread, Which You Have Broken

Adjournment *

Alicia Holt

Closing Sentences *

L. From where we are to where you need us:

P. Jesus, now lead on.

L. From what we are to what you can make of us:

P. Jesus, now lead on.

L. From the security of what we know to the adventure of what you will reveal:

P. Jesus, now lead on.

L. To refashion the fabric of this world until it resembles the shape of your commonwealth:

P. Jesus, now lead on.

L. Surround us with your presence, inspire us with your purpose, confirm us in your love.

P. Amen.

L. Now to the One who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, glory to God in the church and in Christ Jesus,

P. from generation to generation, forever. Amen.

Music for Sending *

Christopher Young

Participants, Presenters, Pray-ers, Preacher, Celebrant, and Leaders:

Elder Alicia Holt – Moderator

Elder Joe Kimmel – Stated Clerk

The Rev. Kelley Jepsen – First Presbyterian Church, Bloomington

The Rev. Felipe Martinez – First Presbyterian Church, Columbus

The Rev. Susan McGhee – Executive Presbyter

Elder Mary McClellan – Co-Moderator, Committee on Ministry

The Rev. Alan Finnan – Co-Moderator, Committee on Ministry

The Rev. Molly DeWitt – Program Director, Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center

The Rev. Deborah Fortel – Honorably Retired

The Rev. Ryan Bradney – Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Evansville

Dr. Christopher Young – First Presbyterian Church, Bloomington

The Presbytery of Ohio Valley, gathered in-person and by video conference for this hybrid assembly

Resources Used in Worship:

- The Book of Common Worship, by the Presbyterian Church (USA). Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster John Knox Press, 2018
- A Wee Worship Book, by the Wild Goose Resource Group. Chicago, Illinois: GIA Publications, 1999.
- Jesus Christ, the Life of the World: a Worshipbook for the Sixth Assembly of the World Council of Churches. Geneva, Switzerland: WCC Publications, 1983.