

Presbytery of Ohio Valley

Docket for Assembly and Liturgy for Worshipful Work

First Presbyterian Church, Bloomington & Videoconference via Zoom

November 17, 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 EST / 12:00p CST) *

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 № 37 *

Let All Things Now Living

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.**

Scripture Lesson

A reading from Genesis 1:1-4 and John 1:1-5

L. In the beginning

P. In the beginning

L. In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth

P. In the beginning was the Word

L. the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep,
while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

**P. and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.
All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.**

L. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light.

P. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

L. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.

P. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

L. This is the word of the Lord.

P. Let our thanks and praise be to God.

Sermon

"Light of the World"

Hana Elliott

Hymn № 853 *

We Are Marching / Dancing / Praying / Singing in the Light of God
feel free to use drums, shakers, tambourines, or even your keys to make a joyful noise!

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: 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

Greetings from the Host Church

Tommy Brown and Kelley Jepsen

Technology Review

Introductions of New Members

Joe Kimmel

Seating of Corresponding Members

Presentation of Consent Agenda

Joe Kimmel

Minutes of August 13, 2022; Docket; Treasurer's Report; Stated Clerk's Report

Report of the Presbytery Council

Susan McGhee and David Crittenden

Nominations to the Presbytery Nominating Committee

Class of 2025: Rev. Deborah Fortel, Moderator

Elder Janet Huber Lowry (Hanover)

Presentation of Proposed 2023 Budget

Report of the Presbytery Nominating Committee

Deborah Fortel

Annual Meeting of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, Inc.

David Crittenden

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Election of Corporate Officers for 2023

President: David Crittenden

Secretary: Joe Kimmel

Treasurer: Jean Brown

Chief Executive Officer: Susan McGhee

Consideration of the Questions:

1. Shall the actions of the ecclesial body, the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, since the last annual meeting of the Corporation be considered the actions of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, Inc.?
2. Shall the Officers and Board of Directors of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, Inc., be authorized to review, edit if necessary, and approve the minutes of this meeting of the Corporation?

Adjourn with Closing Prayer

Greetings from Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center

Molly DeWitt

Speak Out Session

Report of the Executive Presbyter

New Business

from the Committee on Ministry

Mary McClellan and Alan Finnan

The Honorable Retirement of the Rev. Michael Bean, effective December 31, 2022

The Honorable Retirement of the Rev. David Lee, effective January, 31, 2023

Responding to the Word: Our Prayers and Offerings

Prayers of the Presbytery

Invitation to the Offering of our Treasure

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Sealing the Word: The Holy Meal

Celebrants: Kelley Jepsen and Tommy Grimm

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

L. The Lord 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,

O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

You set us in this world to love and serve you,

and to live in peace with all that you have made.

When we turned from you, you did not turn from us.

When we were captives in slavery, you delivered us to freedom,

and made covenant to be our sovereign God.

When we were stubborn and stiff-necked, you spoke to us through prophets

who looked for that day when justice shall triumph and peace shall reign over all the earth.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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. You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

You sent him into this world to satisfy the longings of your people for a Savior,

to bring freedom to the captives of sin, and to establish justice for the oppressed.

He came among us as one of us,

taking the lot of the poor, sharing human suffering.

We rejoice that in his death and rising again, you set before us the sure promise of new life,

the certain hope of a heavenly home where we will sit at table with Christ our host.

We praise you, Holy God, that on the night in which he gave himself up for us,

the Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, saying:

"Take, eat, this is my body given for you, do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, and gave it to his friends, saying:

"Drink from this, all of you; this is the cup of the new covenant,

poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, gathered here out of love for you

and on these gifts, that we who break this bread and bless this cup may be the body of Christ in this world.

And by your Spirit make us one with Christ,

one with each other and one in ministry to all you have created,

until Christ comes in final victory and we feast forever in his heavenly kingdom.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all honor and glory are yours, gracious and holy God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

P. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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

Installation of Moderator and Vice-Moderator

Alicia Holt

Recognition of Outgoing Moderator

Susan McGhee and Joe Kimmel

Closing Hymn № 36 *

For the Fruit of All Creation

Adjournment *

Alicia Holt

Closing Sentences *

Alicia Holt and Felipe Martinez

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, Prayers, Preacher, Celebrant, and Leaders:

Elder Alicia Holt: Moderator

The Rev. Felipe Martinez: Vice-Moderator

Elder Joe Kimmel: Stated Clerk

The Rev. Hana Elliott: First Presbyterian Church of Greene County

The Rev. Tommy Grimm: First Presbyterian Church, Bloomington

The Rev. Kelley Jepsen: First Presbyterian Church, Bloomington

The Rev. Susan McGhee: Executive Presbyter

The Rev. David Crittenden: President, Presbytery Trustees and Corporation

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

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.