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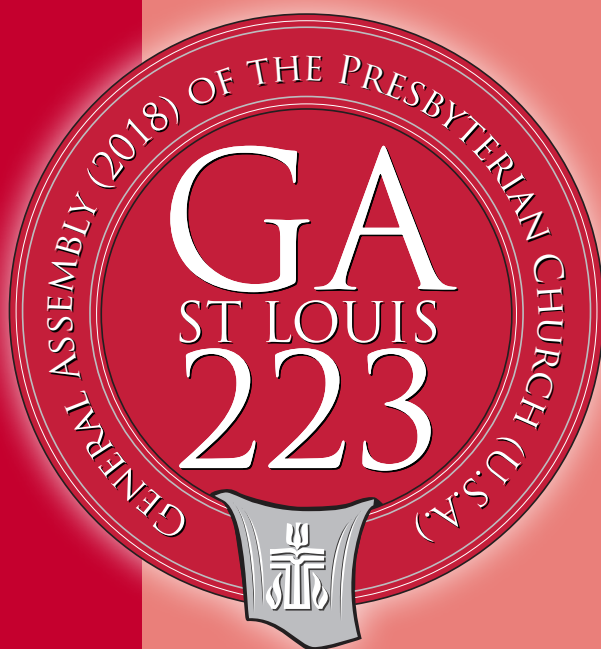
Program Book

223rd General Assembly

ST LOUIS, MISSOURI

Hosted by the Presbytery of
Giddings-Lovejoy

June 16 - 23



**Renewing
the Vision:**

**Kindom
Building for the
21st Century**

*"But strive first
for the kingdom
of God and His
righteousness."*

Matthew 6:33



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St. Louis Engagement as a Matthew 25 Church “Kindom building for the 21st Century”

In a prescient move, the 222nd General Assembly (2016) in Portland called upon the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to be a “Matthew 25 Church” – among other things, instructing future assemblies to create opportunities to engage in acts of service to and with communities at risk and to confront racism and the systems that destroy the environment and keep people marginalized.

In the years leading up to the 223rd General Assembly (2018), the Stated Clerk’s office and the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly has invited the church to join them and the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy in acts of service in St. Louis and to focus on the endemic, structural issues facing that city and our nation. The Stated Clerk invites you to join in this continuing engagement throughout the General Assembly. Please see the Schedule of Events in this Program book for opportunities for education and action.

The General Assembly Bail Out is one opportunity. Co-Moderators Jan Edmiston and Denise Anderson have designated the offering from the Opening Worship to be used in coordination with local leaders including the St. Louis Action Council, the Bail Project, and Arch City Defenders, toward ending the system of cash bail and bench warrants that is used to keep people incarcerated in modern debtor’s prisons. Presbyterians across the church will have the opportunity to donate to this fund. On Tuesday afternoon, the Stated Clerk invites those who are interested and able to join him in a silent march from the convention center to the St. Louis City Justice Center, where in partnership with The Bail Project there will be a public presentation of the assembly’s offering to free individuals currently awaiting trial in a system that keeps them incarcerated until they can meet bail.

2018 Hotel Map



Important Numbers

General Assembly Switchboard – 314-342-5600

Located in the Assembly Information Center
in the Plaza Lobby in the America's Center

Convention Center Public Safety – 314-342-5016
(or ext. 5016 from any convention center house telephone)

Assembly Hotels

(see the inside front cover for a map)

Courtyard Downtown St. Louis	314-231-7560
Drury Inn Convention Center St. Louis	314-231-8100
Embassy Suites Downtown St. Louis	314-269-5900
Hampton Inn Gateway Arch	314-621-7900
Hilton at the Ballpark St. Louis	314-421-1776
Holiday Inn Downtown Convention Center	314-421-4000
Marriott Grand St. Louis	314-621-9600

Future General Assemblies

224th	June 20-27, 2020	Hosted by the Presbytery of Baltimore in Baltimore, Maryland
225th	June 25 -July 2, 2022	Hosted by the Presbytery of Scioto Valley in Columbus, Ohio
226th	June 29 - July 6, 2024*	Hosted by the Presbytery of Utah in Salt Lake City, Utah

*Pending approval by this assembly

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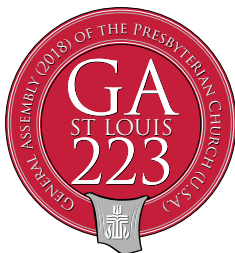
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Dear Friends:

Welcome to the 223rd General Assembly (2018) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the most inclusive council of the 1.3 million-member denomination. This week 538 commissioners and approximately 200 advisory delegates will together seek to discern the will of Jesus Christ for his church and for the world which He has entrusted to our care. We will all do this through worship, prayer, Bible study, and the leading of the Holy Spirit.

The assembly's theme, "Kindom Building for the 21st Century," is based on Matthew 6:33: "But strive first for the kingdom of God and of God's righteousness." This scripture calls to build communities that reflect and live out God's values of peace, justice, forgiveness, and reconciliation. In St. Louis, as in many cities in this country and around the world, those kindom values are sorely tested by racism, economic injustice, social inequities, and political polarization. Kindom building – creating communities where all God's children can thrive and reach their potential – will take concrete form in St. Louis as assembly participants will engage in a number of service, learning, and public witness actions that together demonstrate our common commitment to strive for God's righteousness.

As we work and discern and witness together in this time and place, I am confident that the Holy Spirit will continually guide us so that this assembly will forever be known for action that matched its words, for commitment that matched its hope, and for joy that matched its confidence in God's abiding presence.

J. Herbert Nelson, II
Stated Clerk of the General Assembly

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Committee on Local Arrangements (COLA) and the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy, we welcome you to St. Louis and to the 223rd General Assembly (2018). Our Steering Committee, work group leaders, and hundreds of volunteers have been working for more than two years to provide for you a hospitable and positive experience as you come to share, learn, and direct the work of God's people in this particular portion of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). We are so glad to welcome you to this part of the Midwest. We have used the confluence of three great rivers as a guiding theme of our planning. Water has a powerful imagery in our theology, and we hope you will experience the unifying themes of confluence and convergence.

Our volunteers will be noted by their red cobbler aprons (Yes, Cardinals baseball is its own religion in this area) with our COLA logo. Members of the Steering Committee will be identified by their red polo shirts, also bearing the COLA logo. All of us are here to assist in whatever way we are able – to find a good lunch or dinner spot, find your way around downtown, or venture farther out to some of the nearby attractions.

As you converge from around the country and the world on this central spot, we hope to offer you gracious hospitality. Look for our welcoming faces and hands at the airport, the hotels, around the convention center, as we usher and serve communion, as we host tours and invite you to participate in some “hands-on mission” in the Exhibit Hall.

Many cultural and mission tours have been arranged for our guests. Not only will these highlight some unique attractions of St. Louis and surrounds, but also will give a taste of the mission and ministry offered in the name of Christ in this area. Our local congregations are looking forward to worshipping with you on Sunday morning.

All of our work and planning has tried to embody the theme of “Kindom Building,” just as we have been enriched by the fostering of kinship among ourselves, as we have met local Presbyterians we haven't previously known, and deepened relationships, strengthening our individual faith lives, as well as strengthening the kinship within our presbytery. We hope you will experience kindom in new ways and be encouraged to return to your places of home determined and better prepared to engage in “Kindom Building for the 21st Century.”

Grace and peace in the name of our Savior Christ Jesus,

Carol DeVaughan and Cedric Portis
Co-Moderators
Committee on Local Arrangements
Presbytery of Giddings Lovejoy

Please Join Us in Thanking –

The Committee on Local Arrangements of the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy for its ministry of hospitality, expressed through the work of countless volunteers. We especially thank those that have served on the COLA leadership team for the last two years.

Executive Committee: Carol DeVaughan and Cedric Portis, Co-Moderators; Jim Madson, Treasurer; Craig Howard, Presbytery Leader; Jennifer Pitcher, COLA Executive Coordinator; Emma Dobson and Kathleen Henrion, COLA Program Assistants.

Hospitality Committee: Elly Commings and Julie Gvillo, Co-Chairs.

Media and Communications Committee: Miriam Foltz and Jillian Embrey, Co-Chairs.

Special Events Committee: Sue Scott and Gina Smutz, Co-Chairs.

Volunteer Committee: Brad Gift and Jane Geer, Co-Chairs.

Worship Committee: Susan Niesen and David Erwin, Co-Chairs.

Hands and Feet: Erin Counihan, Liaison.

The COLA's generous hospitality includes a gift for each commissioner and advisory delegate of a water bottle and an ornament, each bearing the COLA logo, as a remembrance of this special time in St. Louis.

Many generous donors have given gifts of time, talent, and treasure to support the 223rd General Assembly (2018) and the work of the Committee on Local Arrangements. We give thanks to:

The congregations in the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy and individuals who responded to the request for a two-year pledge of \$4 per member per congregation; to the congregations of Ladue Chapel, First United of Bellville, First Presbyterian of Kirkwood, Webster Groves Presbyterian, St. Mark of Ballwin, Second Presbyterian St. Louis, Third Presbyterian of Moline Acres, who made lead gifts; to the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy, and Presbyteries of Heartland, Northern Kansas, Cascades, and the Synod of Mid-America.

Presbyterian Manors of Mid-America, who supported COLA by co-sponsoring the Welcome Event, doing so in honor of RE Jim Cook, who has served in many roles within the presbytery and synod, and who is currently vice chair of PMMA.

The thirty-two congregations in the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy that welcomed assembly participants for worship and lunch June 17.

Special thanks to the congregations of Kirkwood, Ladue, and Webster Groves, which hosted meetings of COLA during the transition of the presbytery office to its new space.

Please also join the Office of the General Assembly in thanking these sponsors and supporters:

Northern Trust Securities, the official investment advisors for the Presbyterian Foundation, for its very generous gift to fund Kirk Whalum's performance.

Columbia Theological Seminary, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and Union Presbyterian Seminary for helping to offset the cost to stream the content of the assembly plenary sessions and worship.

Board of Pensions, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Union Presbyterian Seminary for sponsoring the Guidebook Event Mobile App.

ExploreSt.Louis (the St. Louis Convention and Visitors Bureau) for providing many resources and much assistance for this General Assembly.

Staff of the **America's Center** are helping to ensure that everything is in place and working smoothly to facilitate the work of the assembly and the safety and comfort of participants.

Gift Project

Please express your appreciation for the generous hospitality provided by our host by donating to the Gift Project. The Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy is offering a multipart Gift Project. Participants are asked to bring new men's or women's crew socks, and will also have an opportunity to participate in several *hands-on* mission projects in a special area in the assembly exhibit hall (Hall 3). These projects include:

Prepare "go-bags" for our unhoused neighbors in St. Louis. These will include the crew socks donated by General Assembly attendees and other items, and will be distributed by various organizations, including Churches on the Streets and St. Louis Winter Outreach (working also in summer).

Prepare summer activity packs for children served by Churches on the Street summer youth outreach.

Help get a head start on winter 2018 by making prayer scarves that will be distributed throughout the St. Louis area. Cut and tie fleece scarves and pray for the women, men, and children who are impacted by adverse weather conditions.

Working with the Office of Public Witness and local social justice advocates, write letters to government officials on issues of concern.

Working with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, prepare care packages needed by communities throughout our nation that have suffered from natural and human made disasters.

Financial donations will also be accepted to provide supplies for these projects.

Check out these projects, visit with facilitators, participate, and see how you can model a similar project in your own context.

Please be generous!

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The America's Center (AC) will house most of the assembly events. See page 202 for the facility diagram.

Assembly Locations:

Business Sessions	Hall 5
Assembly Worship Services	Hall 5
Bible Study	Ferrara Theater
Exhibit Hall	Hall 3
Assembly Committees	AC – see page 46
Registration & Ticket Sales	Room 123
Assembly Information Center	Plaza Lobby
Special Assistance	Assembly Information Center, Plaza Lobby
G.A. Operations	Hall 4
Assembly Business Center (ABC)	Hall 4
PMA Offices	Hall 4
Prayer Room	Room 127
Family Room	Room 121

See the Index to Services and Locations and the Schedule of Events in this *Program* for locations of other meetings and events.

Convention Center Hours

The Convention Center is accessible during the hours of officially scheduled and published meetings. For security reasons, the building is secured after hours, and the plenary/worship hall, exhibit hall, and other meeting rooms are locked when those meetings and events end each day.

	Registration & Ticket Sales	Exhibit Hall	Plenary Hall
Fri., June 15	10:00 am - 7:00 pm	2:00 pm - 7:30 pm	
Sat., June 16	7:30 am - 7:00 pm	8:30 am - 10:45 am 12:30 pm - 5:00 pm*	10:00 am - recess
Sun., June 17	Noon - 7:30 pm	1:30 pm - 5:00 pm	1:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Mon., June 18	8:00 am - 7:30 pm	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	closed
Tues., June 19	8:00 am - 6:00 pm	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	closed
Wed., June 20	8:00 am - 7:30 pm	11:00 am - 7:30 pm	9:00 am - recess
Thurs., June 21	8:00 am - 7:30 pm		8:00 am - 5:30p
Fri., June 22	8:00 am - Noon		8:00 am - recess
Sat., June 23			8:30 am - recess

*The Exhibit Hall is open to commissioners and advisory delegates only from 5:30–7:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 16.

Assembly Worship

There are many opportunities to worship together during the week, beginning with the Opening Worship Service on Saturday, June 16, 11:00 a.m. The Co-Moderators Denise Anderson and Jan Edmiston will preach, and communion will be celebrated. Preachers at the daily worship services are Ekram Kachu, Don Meeks, and Floretta Barbee-Watkins. Najla Kassab, president of the World Communion of Reformed Churches, will preach at the Ecumenical Worship Service on Wednesday morning, June 20. The bulletins for these services are the fourth section of this *Program*.

The Communion Table

The communion table has been created by a team of craftsmen assembled from Illinois by the Reverend David Marshall. It is fashioned from two tables set at an angle to each other and positioned to the front of the lower platform so that the presiders can more fully relate to the congregation seated at tables surrounding the stage. The white oak used for the surface of the tables is wood repurposed from pews that until recently provided seating in the nave of College Avenue Presbyterian Church in Alton; its origin serves as a gesture linking 21st-century Presbyterians to our history.

The College Avenue congregation was served by pastor and publisher Elijah Parish Lovejoy in 1837, the year it was formed. His tenure was brief, as he was martyred in November while protecting his printing press from a pro-slavery mob. In May of that year, the abolitionist had moved his newspaper across the river from St. Louis, where his editorial views had met with violence resulting in the destruction of his press on three occasions. Although the College Avenue building and its furnishings do not date to Lovejoy's pastorate, the congregation faithfully carried their heritage forward in their commitment to social justice.

The material for this project was gifted by the session of LoveJoy United Presbyterian Church, the congregation formed in the fall of 2016, when the College Avenue congregation merged with the United Presbyterian Church in Wood River, Illinois.

Communion Ware

The communion ware used during worship services through Friday of this week was created especially for the 223rd General Assembly (2018) by Mississippi Mud Pottery, a local studio located in Alton, Illinois.

Communion ware purchased through the General Assembly registration site will be available to be picked up at the Special Event Information Counter in the Plaza Lobby on Friday, June 22nd from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday, June 23rd, from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Worship Art

The banner and the communion table covers were designed by Ellen Cavendish Phillips of Atlanta, Georgia (<http://ellenphillipsart.com/>), and implemented by a team of volunteers from the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy, under her direction. Both illustrate the word “confluence.” At its most literal, the word refers to the waters of the great rivers: the Illinois, the Mississippi, and the Missouri. Not far from where we are gathering the three flow together to become one. In the context of our gathering, confluence is occurring between many kinfolk and we hope that sense of kinship will flow beyond this location to all corners of the world.

Bible Study

Bible Study will be offered on two mornings, Monday, June 18, and Tuesday, June 19, on the theme of Kingdom Building for the 21st Century. The Bible study leaders are Deborah Krause, academic dean and professor of New Testament at Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis, and Raj Nadella, assistant professor of New Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia.

Worship on Sunday

On Sunday morning, June 17, all assembly registrants are invited to worship with St. Louis area congregations that are making special arrangements to welcome them. Transportation is provided to these churches, and the churches are providing lunch to their assembly guests on that day. If you did not sign up in advance, please visit the Special Events Information center in the Plaza Lobby on June 15 or 16 to sign up on-site.

Prayer at this General Assembly is both concrete and transcendent. The goal of the Committee on Local Arrangements is to wrap the entire assembly in prayer, supporting the actions and discernments of the whole, as well as supporting the individuals who come to this 223rd General Assembly (2018) gathering.

Prayer Partners

Even before the assembly comes together in St. Louis, the entire presbytery has been praying for the events, overtures, decisions, relationships, and worship services. In particular, each commissioner and advisory delegate has been prayed for by name during this preparation period by “prayer partners” and their home congregations. During the course of the assembly, these prayer partners will continue to pray for their commissioners and advisory delegates.

Prayer Room

A sacred space for inner stillness and listening to God, this quiet room (Room 127) is a place to come away and rest a while. We offer you guidance on various ways to pray through scripture and poetry, art, nature, music and movement; including opportunities to embody and reflect on worship themes. Or you may choose to simply sit quietly in the presence of God. At the confluence of our rivers and church you are invited to pray with fabric swatches gathered from local church communities; writing messages of hope, holding them in prayer, dipping them into the font, and hanging them on prayer trees to be moved into our closing worship space at the end of the week. The Prayer Room is open Saturday through Friday, and will host opportunities to participate in Yoga and Reiki Monday through Friday. Please also visit the Labyrinth, located in Room 200.

See page 50 for additional information and hours.

Meeting Spaces

At the beginning of each day, a team of volunteers will visit each of the meeting and assembly rooms being used that day, and will “pray into” that space, invoking God’s presence and a spirit of reconciliation and hope among the commissioners.

Services and Assistance

Assembly Information Center – Plaza Lobby

Staffed by the Office of the General Assembly and volunteers from the Committee on Local Arrangements to provide services, information, and assistance to all participants.

This is the first place to come with any question or concerns.

Assembly Information Center staff and volunteers can provide answers to most questions about the assembly as well as information about St. Louis area services, restaurants and shops, recreational attractions, etc. This is the location for lost & found and mail collection.

Notice boards located near the Assembly Information Center display messages for participants, meeting announcements, assembly committee agendas, hearing notices, daily minutes, and other information.

Registration and Ticket Sales – Room 123 and Plaza Lobby

- Pick up registration packets and tickets (pre-registered)
- On-site registration
- Tickets to assembly events and mission tours

G.A. Meeting Service – Room 123

- Assembly housing and travel assistance
- Distribution of assembly credit cards to commissioners & advisory delegates
- Expense reimbursement assistance
- Leave of absence requests

G.A. Operations – Hall 4

This is the location for many of the staff and volunteers who support the assembly and the plenary and the committee business processes.

- Assembly Business Center (ABC) includes the Tracking Desk and services for those with responsibility for committee reports, commissioners' resolutions, and other assembly business.
- Resource Library – provides Minutes of previous assemblies and other resources.
- Financial Implications Team – analyses those implications to assembly business.
- Offices for some OGA staff.
- Ecumenical guest assistance.

Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA) – Hall 4

- Offices of the PMA Moderator and Executive Director
- Offices of the PMA ministry directors.

Communication Center – Hall 4

Provides a primary location for the dissemination of news and information about the assembly. Volunteer reporters team up with PC(USA) staff to publish the daily *General Assembly News* and other communications materials. The center also assists the press, and maintains the General Assembly website (www.ga-pcusa.org) and social media platforms.

Services for Participants with Disabilities

During the assembly, OGA staff and volunteers at the Assembly Information Center can provide information and assistance for participants with disabilities or other special needs.

The convention center and the assembly hotels are accessible.

Information on St. Louis area vendors that rent wheelchairs and scooters is available from the Assembly Information Center in the Plaza Lobby.

Headphones to use with the amplification system in the Plenary/ Worship space are available at the Assembly Information Center in the Plaza Lobby.

Real time captioning of assembly plenary sessions and worship services in Hall 5, and the Bible Studies on Monday and Tuesday mornings, is accessible at ga223.spf.io/z using your smart phone, tablet, or other device.

Braille and large-print copies of the worship services are available from the ushers at those services.

Translation and Interpretation

Some of the recommendations from the reports to the General Assembly and all of the overtures are translated into Spanish and Korean and accessible in PC-biz (under additional resources).

Spanish, Korean, and English translations, subtitles, and audio accessibility for the plenary sessions, worship services (in Hall 5), and Bible Studies will be delivered directly to your mobile device – android, iPhone, tablets, etc.

Spf.io (pronounced spiffy-oh) is an online application that delivers real-time captions and translations through your own smartphone and mobile device. Go to ga223.spf.io/z and select your preferred language or modality. This is also available to those observing the live stream of the assembly from any location.

You will find detailed how-tos on the separate handout available at the Assembly Information Center in the Plaza Lobby. On Friday, June 15, from 1:00–5:00 p.m., a spf.io representative will be available at the Information Center.

Spf.io – Multilingual made simple – is a product of TheoTech LLC. <http://spf.io>.

Family Room

Onsite child care is not available during the General Assembly, but the OGA and Committee on Local Arrangements are working together to provide for a Family Room, located in Room 121 in the convention center. It is accessible during the hours of plenary sessions and committee meetings. It is not staffed; parents/guardians may spend time there with their child(ren). It is equipped with a rocking chair, refrigerator and microwave, and other appropriate furnishings and equipment. For access to this room, visit the Assembly Information Center in the Plaza Lobby.

Wi-Fi and Email Stations

Wi-Fi is available throughout most areas of the convention center. A portion of the assembly registration fees covers some of the cost to provide this in other areas.

The computers available for on-site registration (located in Room 123) can be used for email when they are not in use by those registering. Please limit your use to ten minutes when others are waiting.

Airport Transportation

The assembly provides shuttle service from the convention center to the airport on Saturday, June 23, from 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Coaches depart from the 7th Street Plaza Entrance.

On that day, luggage storage is available from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Hall 3 at the convention center so that attendees can bring their luggage to the convention center that morning and depart from there.

Those departing on other days/times are encouraged to use MetroLink. MetroLink's Red Line provides service between the Convention Center Station (and other downtown stops) and Lambert Airport. Trains depart frequently and the trip takes about 35 minutes. The fare is \$2.50, and tickets can be purchased from vending machines at each station.

Other options for airport transportation are:

- GoBest Express airport shuttle – \$25 one-way, with discounts for round trip itineraries and advance reservations. Visit <https://gobestexpress.com/reservations?code=GA2018> for more information and to reserve.
- Taxi – the one-way fare is around \$40. Hotel bell staff can call a cab.

Special Event Transportation

Transportation is provided for most of the mission tours, and to the churches welcoming guests on Sunday morning, June 17, and some other off-site events. Unless otherwise specified, transportation for events listed in this *Program* departs from the 7th Street Plaza Entrance. Mission Tour buses and transportation to churches on Sunday depart promptly *at the time printed in the Program and on the ticket*. Visit the Special Event Information counter in Plaza Lobby for more information.

Meals**Restaurants and Concessions**

The AC caterer operates concession areas in several areas, with a variety of offerings.

Most of the assembly hotels have full-service restaurants, and there are numerous restaurants and other outlets at all price ranges throughout downtown St. Louis.

Per Diem and Group Meals for Commissioners and Advisory Delegates

The per diem amount approved by the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly for commissioners and advisory delegates to this assembly is \$53 (\$13 for breakfast, \$13 for lunch, \$27 for dinner). This applies to meals other than the group meals.

Commissioners and advisory delegates receive tickets to the group meals, which include:

- Saturday lunch Hall 3
- Saturday dinner Hall 3
- Sunday dinner Majestic Ballroom, Marriott

This dinner is partially sponsored by the Board of Pensions and celebrates the release of Gradye Parson's book, *Our Connectional Church: The Hopeful Future of the PC(USA)*.

- Wednesday dinner Hall 3
- Friday lunch Atrium (2nd floor)
- Friday dinner Atrium (2nd floor)

Commissioners and advisory delegates receive a credit card with a preset credit limit in the amount of their per diem amount for meals not provided as a group meal. This may be used at the convention center concession areas, food outlets in assembly hotels, and other area restaurants, shops, and vendors that accept major credit cards.

Participating in the General Assembly

The General Assembly is an open meeting. It is enriched by the commissioners, advisory delegates, and others who are official attendees, as well as the participation of hundreds of observers. All participants are strongly encouraged to register, and to wear assembly credentials inside the convention center. If you did not register in advance, you can do so on-site and obtain assembly credentials at Registration & Tickets Sales (Room C123). The \$30 on-site registration fee helps to offset the costs of registration services, facilities and equipment, Wi-Fi in the AC, making assembly reports available, etc. It is waived for those for whom it is a financial hardship.

To ensure the safety and security of attendees, only registered participants wearing an assembly name badge are admitted to the assembly business sessions from Sunday, June 17, through Saturday, June 23.

Only commissioners and advisory delegates, and designated assembly staff and assistants are admitted to the commissioner and advisory delegate seating area during business meetings. Badges are not required for admission to the Exhibit Hall, assembly worship services, or assembly committee meetings.

Badges and Ribbons

The colors of the assembly name badge holders and ribbons distinguish different categories of participants (see page 33 for information on these categories).

Badges

Commissioners	Blue
Advisory delegates	Navy
Staff of the Office of the General Assembly, Presbyterian Mission Agency, Board of Pensions, Presbyterian Foundation, Presbyterian Publishing Corporation, Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program, Inc.	Red
Assembly assistants and other OGA volunteers	Green
Elected members and others representing the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly, Presbyterian Mission Agency Board, Board of Pensions, Presbyterian Foundation, Presbyterian Investment & Loan Program, Inc., Presbyterian Publishing Corporation,	Grey
Presbytery and synod staff and stated clerks, seminary staff, ecumenical representatives and guests, worship leaders, other invited guests	Black
Committee on Local Arrangements volunteers.....	Purple Vinyl
Observers.....	Brown vinyl

Exhibitors	Orange vinyl
Press	Green vinyl

Ribbons

Corresponding members	Black ribbon
Resource Coordinators	Gold ribbon
Resource persons.....	Yellow ribbon
Presbytery and synod overture advocates	White ribbon

Distributing Materials

During business meetings, assembly assistants distribute official materials and messages to commissioners, advisory delegates, and corresponding members at their assigned seats. The Assembly Committee on Bills and Overtures determines which materials may be distributed to commissioners and delegates.

During assembly committee meetings, all requests for duplication and/or distribution of resource materials are coordinated through the committee assistant or resource coordinator. No materials may be distributed to a committee without leadership team approval.

Entities of the church and special organizations distribute many resources and publications from their booths in the Exhibit Hall.

Non-official materials (in .pdf form) may be distributed through the message board feature of PC-biz. The fee is \$20 per document. Contact the Assembly Business Center in Hall 4 for information.

No other distribution of materials is permitted inside the convention center. Standing Rule F.8. of the *Manual of the General Assembly* specifies that anyone offering flyers and other materials to participants as they enter or leave the convention center must be twenty-five feet from the building entrances. The rules and regulations on distribution of materials and public demonstrations of the America’s Center and the city of St. Louis have priority over assembly policies.

Posting Signs and Notices

Bulletin boards are provided in the AC lobbies for posting notices about hearings, meetings, and other events.

The AC prohibits taping, gluing, tacking, or otherwise affixing signs, flyers, notices, stickers, etc. to any walls, doors, windows, or other permanent surfaces in the facility. This includes adhesive backed decals. The convention center assesses a fine for violations of this policy in order to recoup the costs of repairing damages.

Any signs, flyers, notices, decals, etc. that are posted in violation of this policy will be removed and discarded. The fine will be assessed against the entity or organization sponsoring the event or activity – even if the individual responsible for posting the sign or placing the decal on a wall or other surface is not identified.

Photography, Recordings, and Use of Participants' Images, Speeches, and Documents

Each General Assembly is an historical event of interest to the press and to Presbyterians across the church. Images, assembly proceedings, and other activities are recorded by official assembly staff, press, and individual participants. Through live video streaming, people throughout the world are watching the proceedings as they happen.

By attending and participating in the 223rd General Assembly (2018) as a commissioner, advisory delegate, observer, or in some other role, you give irrevocable permission for your image, name, and voice, as well as any presentation, speech, or written document submitted by you to the assembly or any of its committees, to be used, reproduced, distributed, and/or modified by the General Assembly and its related entities at any time in a variety of media (including print and electronic) for a variety of purposes, all of which may be available on the Internet.

The assembly's open meeting policy provides that committee meetings, plenary sessions, and other proceedings are open to the public and press. Permission to take photographs or record assembly meetings is permitted under that policy, provided that participants in the meeting are treated with courtesy and respect, the photographer does not obstruct the view of official participants, and camera lights do not interfere with participants or proceedings.

Those taking photographs or other images of children during the General Assembly are asked to ensure that the child's identity is protected, or receive permission from the parent/guardian.

Flash photography is not permitted during worship or other times of prayer. Photographs made with existing lighting are permitted if done so without disrupting the service or worshipers.

Staff in the GA Communication Center (located in Hall 4) will assist in arranging for photographs before or after specific events. The Stated Clerk is responsible for resolving questions relating to the application and interpretation of the open meeting policy.

Being a Covenant Community in the Virtual Community of Social Media

Guidance for participants at a General Assembly

The Church of Jesus Christ has always been an epistolatory community. We are a going and telling faith. The earliest church communicated through the written word – the media of their era – bringing the body of Christ together when they could not be together bodily. We lift up many of these epistles as scripture.

Social media brings immediacy to how and with whom we communicate. Social media gives people a chance to share ideas and think aloud with many communities simultaneously. Attending or observing a General Assembly, we can instantly share our thoughts with others nearby and across the globe. We can post reflections, continue debates after the voting is over, and point our friends to the thoughtful reflections of others by passing along links.

By virtue of our baptisms, our actions and words are not our own for we belong to each other. Our polity professes that we are bound by the Holy Spirit to Christ through our baptisms and that baptism also “unites the people of God with each other.” We live to make witness to that unity in the body of Christ Jesus and as a General Assembly work to the end that the whole church become “a community of faith, hope, love and witness.” (*Book of Order* G-3.05)

Social media can build up community or undermine community. Like any communication it can bring people together and enrich the dialogue among those participating. It is also important to be aware that what is written lacks the social nuances of words spoken in person and thoughts written in haste or even in jest have a life of their own in the internet.

In councils like the General Assembly, we put our trust in the powerful discernment that occurs when women and men gather to speak and listen to each other in the Holy Spirit. Our councils are clearly defined in membership and in method. At a particular General Assembly, we believe that the commissioners and advisory delegates who have gathered together are uniquely set aside for the decisions they will bring forth at that particular time.

The guiding principle for using social media at a General Assembly is to be attentive and in the present to the community gathered immediately around us and to the mysterious and wondrous movement of the Spirit of Christ in this place. Our baptisms call us to engage our hearts with each other in the moment during the business of a General Assembly.

- Mobile telephone conversations will continue to be banned from the floor during plenary.
- Through live video streaming, people throughout the world will be watching the proceedings as they happen. The commissioners and advisory delegates with whom you serve trust that when you speak and vote you are reflecting your own heart and convictions as guided by the Spirit in this community.
- Remember that anything you write can be copied and distributed. Please do not make a comment about the proceedings that you would not make in person to other commissioners and advisory delegates.
- When sharing pictures, please be mindful of the assembly's policy on photography and the use of participants' images.
- Participants in the assembly should identify themselves in their username. As a courtesy, profile information or the username should represent who you are and your affiliation with the General Assembly.

The official 223rd General Assembly (2018) social media platforms are a Twitter feed under the username presbyGA (<http://twitter.com/presbyga>) and the Spirit of GA Facebook page (<http://facebook.com/spiritofga/>). Both can be accessed on the homepage of <https://ga-pcusa.org/>. Hashtags for this assembly are #ga223 and #pcusa.

Get the GA223 Guidebook Event App

Go to <https://guidebook.com/g/ga223/> for info about downloading the app on your phone (iPhone/Android Compatible) or accessing it through your mobile web browser.

Awareness of People with Disabilities

Throughout our time together, we ask that you pay particular attention to those around you who may need assistance. In particular:

- Please be aware of those around you, particularly when walking in a crowd. Persons using walkers, canes, or who are unsteady on their feet are in jeopardy when in large crowds. If you notice such an individual, you could walk behind them at a slower pace to help protect them.
- Please be aware of those behind you when opening a door. Stay an extra moment to hold the door open for those who might need the assistance.
- If you notice someone who might need assistance, please ask rather than assuming or physically intervening. Occasions where assistance might be appreciated: buffet lines, opening heavy doors, etc.
- Do not pet or talk with service animals such as guide dogs while they are working; be sensitive to the need to take a service animal for an outdoor break, offering assistance if appropriate.
- The convention center has few elevators. Please use stairs or escalators if you are able, to allow those with mobility difficulties easier access to the elevators.
- When you enter or leave an elevator, pay attention to those around you and hold the door open for those using a scooter, wheelchair, or walking slowly.
- When possible, please be seated toward the center of long rows of chairs. This allows those with mobility difficulties greater ease in being seated.
- Please use handicap stalls in bathrooms only when you recognize that there is no one in line who can use only that stall.
- Remember that some individuals have fragrance and chemical sensitivities; please refrain from wearing heavy perfume, aftershave lotions, scented deodorants, and lotions in meetings and group meals.

Those requesting assistance or with questions may visit the Assembly Information Center in the Plaza Lobby.

Appropriate Conduct

All participants, including observers, will abide by the Standing Rules of the General Assembly and respect other policies and standards of behavior that are conducive to an orderly meeting. The Stated Clerk has authority to revoke the credentials of participants if their activities disrupt the meeting or may bring harm to other participants or damage to others' property. Report problems or concerns to the Assembly Information Center in the Plaza Lobby.

It is the policy of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) that all church members, church officers, non-member employees, and volunteers of councils and entities of the church are to maintain the integrity of the ministerial employment and professional relationship at all times. One area of particular concern is sexual misconduct. The denomination adopted a policy in 1993 that defined sexual misconduct as:

- Child sexual abuse.
- Sexual harassment.
- Rape or sexual conduct by force, threat, or intimidation.
- Sexual conduct (such as offensive, obscene, or suggestive language or behavior, unacceptable visual contact, unwelcome touching or fondling) that is injurious to the physical or emotional health of another.
- Sexual malfeasance, defined as sexual conduct within a ministerial (e.g., clergy with a member of a congregation) or a professional relationship (e.g., counselor with a client, lay employee with a church member, presbytery executive with a committee member who may be a lay person, teaching elder, or ruling elder). Sexual misconduct includes unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature. This definition is not meant to cover a relationship between spouses, nor is it meant to restrict church professionals from having normal, mutual, social, intimate, or marital relationships.
- Sexual abuse (See *Book of Order* D-10.0401)

This policy is applicable to all members of the denomination and employees of the denomination present at a meeting of the General Assembly. Violations of this policy are not acceptable. Report incidents of sexual misconduct that occur during the assembly to the Assembly Information Center in the Plaza Lobby.

A More-Green Assembly

The Office of the General Assembly joins with many others, including the America's Center and other vendors, in efforts to reduce the "carbon footprint" of the assembly.

Printing, postage, and materials

Printed G.A. Registration Booklets and other materials have been replaced by making this information available on the web, and each year more participants register on-line. Registration confirmations, lodging notifications, and other information are sent by email.

PC-biz replaces the printing and mailing of thousands of pages of *Reports to the General Assembly* and on-site committee reports.

The Message Board feature of PC-biz replaces the individual "mailboxes" for commissioners and advisory delegates and tables for distribution of nonofficial materials in print form.

At the Convention Center

Explore St. Louis is dedicated to doing its part towards reducing, reusing, and recycling, as a means of conserving and providing stewardship for the resources of the community. In its role of both attracting visitors to the area and operating America's Center, it is committed to minimizing the negative impact to the environment that travel to its community can have. The following sustainable practices have been implemented towards this goal:

- Multi-stream containers collect waste for recycling throughout the event space and exhibit hall.
- Where possible, items left at America's Center from events are donated to local charities.
- When available, locally sourced organic produce is used in meal functions.
- Surplus food product is collected and donated to Operation Food Search and St. Patrick's Center.
- Reusable china and biodegradable dishes, cups, and flatware are used 100 percent of the time by catering. Biodegradable products are used in the concession outlets.
- The lighting, heating, and cooling systems are monitored 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to ensure spaces are only conditioned and lit when occupied. A lower level of lighting is utilized during move-in and move-out periods

Transportation

The assembly offers shuttle service between the airport and downtown on the peak arrival and departure dates. Those arriving or departing on other days are encouraged to use Metrolink's service between the airport and downtown, or a shared ride service. The Metro Downtown Trolley and Metro Forest Park Trolley are each only \$2/day for unlimited use. Visit explorestlouis.com/travel-tools/getting-around/ for more information about these options.

Carbon Offsets

Join the PC(USA) Team in supporting carbon reduction projects! Together, our collective donations to Native Energy's Capricorn Ridge Wind Project in Central Texas will offset our General Assembly event space, participant travel, and accommodations.

The Capricorn Ridge Wind Project is a 112.5-megawatt wind generation plant, capable of generating enough electricity to power more than 37,350 homes. The Capricorn Ridge project avoids more than 221,000 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions per year – equivalent to taking approximately 186,000 cars off the road (according to US Environmental Protection Agency methodology). The benefits to this wind project also include land lease revenues for farmers and ranchers in that area, job creation and land remaining in agricultural use while generating renewable electricity.

The assembly registration process included the opportunity to make an optional donation to offset General Assembly participation. Almost 200 participants contributed in this way. Visit on-site Registration and Ticket Sales in Room 123 if you missed the opportunity to donate when you registered.

What can we all do?

- Recycle – watch for receptacles throughout the building and please properly dispose of waste. Items that can be recycled at the convention center are cardboard paper, cans, and plastic bottles.
- Water is provided around the convention center in large urns. Carry a reusable water bottle, rather than purchasing bottled water. (The Committee on Local Arrangements is providing water bottles for commissioners and advisory delegates.)
- In your hotel room, hang up and reuse towels; ask that your sheets not be changed daily.

Health, Safety and Security

First Aid

First Aid services in the convention center are provided by certified emergency medical technicians during the convention center hours. The EMTs will be stationed in the Plaza First Aid Station, located next to Room 115 on the lower level. To summon first aid assistance, call convention center security (314-342-5016, or ext. 5016 from any black house phone). Any convention center or assembly staff with a two-way radio can also contact First Aid. Please do not call 9-1-1.

A list of area doctors, dentists, immediate medical care facilities, pharmacies, medical equipment rental companies, and other services is available from the Assembly Information Center in the Plaza Lobby.

For medical assistance at your hotel, contact the hotel's front desk.

Safety and Security Procedures

As in any large city, exercise caution while attending assembly activities and enjoying downtown St. Louis. Do not wear your name badge outside of the convention center, as it identifies you as a tourist. Walk in groups at night; stick to the main streets. Safeguard your wallet and do not carry large sums of money. Lock your vehicle when parked, and never leave valuables visible in a parked car.

Do not leave valuables unattended in the plenary hall, committee rooms, or other areas of the convention center. Report any security incidents immediately to the Assembly Information Center (Plaza Lobby) or convention center security (314-342-5016, or ext. 5016). The plenary / worship hall, meeting rooms, offices, and exhibit hall are locked at the end of each day; participants do not have access to these areas outside of the designated hours.

Bolt your door whenever you are in your hotel room. Do not open your door to strangers. Do not leave cash and valuables where they will be a temptation. Safeguard your room key. Report any incidents immediately to hotel management or security staff.

Emergency Procedures

The convention center has a detailed Emergency Preparedness Plan for all types of emergencies. Convention center staff use a number of devices (including an internal public-address system, audible alarms, and strobe lights) to communicate with each other and with others in the building in such situations. Emergency Information pertaining to severe weather and other emergencies is also displayed on a series of flat screen televisions installed throughout the Center. It is important to listen for and follow the voice instructions. In the event of an emergency, stay calm and follow instructions from the staff.

Fire and Other Emergencies

The center is equipped with an intelligent addressable fire alarm system that is monitored 24/7. In the unlikely event that you are among the first to observe a fire or explosion, notify Public Safety by calling 314-342-5016 (or ext. 5016 from any house phone), close all doors to the fire scene, and wait for instructions from convention center staff who will decide if an evacuation is necessary and, if so, will provide directions to the proper exit. All emergency exits are clearly marked within the complex and are easily accessible.

Any evacuation will be managed by convention center staff. In the event of an evacuation, do not use elevators. Assist others leaving the building, especially those who are injured or who have mobility limitations. Exit the building and follow the directions of the convention center and emergency staff.

It is always advisable to be aware of the exit(s) in any room, and the closest exit to the outdoors.

Reporting Suspicious Packages

- Remain calm.
- Stay away from the package, DO NOT OPEN IT.
- DO NOT allow anyone to handle or go near the package; clear the immediate area.
- DO NOT use any cell phones, radios, or other wireless devices around the package.
- Contact any convention center staff in the area and report what you have observed.
- If there are no convention center staff in the area, contact Public Safety at ext. 5016 from a black house phone. DO NOT make this call with a cell phone.

Summoning Assistance:

It is extremely important that convention center staff be the ones to contact the fire department, ambulance, police, or other emergency response personnel. They are best able to communicate clear instructions and direct the 9-1-1 responders to the emergency location.

In the event of any emergency situation, contact Public Safety (314-342-5016, or ext. 5016 from a black house phone) and provide the specifics of the occurrence. Public Safety will contact the medical technician and/or other key staff on duty. When calling to report an occurrence, give the best description possible regarding what has happened and where the individual is located. To assist with that, within Halls 1–5 there are identifying numbers painted on the overhead speaker boxes. For example, speaker box number 4–28 tells us that it is in Hall 4 at Box 28. Merely look up to reference the number when requesting assistance.

Assembly Traditions

Moderators' Gavels

The Committee on Local Arrangements is presenting the Co-Moderators or Moderator of the 223rd General Assembly (2018) with gavels crafted by Ruling Elder Jim Otto, member of Calvary Presbyterian Church, Mehlville, Missouri. In his retirement, Jim pursues woodworking as a skilled hobby.

Gifts to the Moderators

The Committee on Local Arrangements is presenting to both the outgoing and the incoming Moderators sets of communion ware crafted by Mississippi Mud Pottery, Alton, Illinois, each including a chalice, paten, and pitcher. These pieces are being used by the Co-Moderators of the 222nd General Assembly (2016) and those officiating at the Table during this 223rd General Assembly (2018).

The Moderator's Crosses

For more than half a century, small silver Celtic crosses have symbolized the office of the Moderator. In 1948, Dr. Harrison Ray Anderson, then pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, purchased two such crosses on the Island of Iona, off the coast of Scotland. Dr. Anderson presented one of these to Dr. Jessie Baird, then Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, as they stood near John Calvin's pulpit in St. Pierre Cathedral in Geneva, Switzerland. He subsequently presented the other cross to W. E. Price, then Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, suggesting the hope that someday the crosses would be welded together as a symbol of our reunited church.

In 1953, Dr. Anderson was elected to represent the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. to the meeting of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in North America. Shortly before leaving for that assembly, Dr. Anderson received a letter from the Reverend Frederick W. Ingle, pastor of the Avondale Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, Alabama, which said that he, too, had visited Iona and had purchased a silver Celtic cross. Knowing of the symbolic gifts that had been made, Ingle wrote, "If you would like to present it to the Moderator of the United Presbyterian Church, to be kept until that day when we shall be one again, I would consider it an honor to contribute it." Dr. Anderson accepted and presented that cross to Dr. Samuel Weir at the assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in North America in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

In 1958, two of the three crosses were riveted together in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, at the assembly that marked the reunion of these two denominations, and presented to Theophilus M. Taylor, first Moderator of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. Dr. Anderson wrote, "The two are now one, and someday a third cross will be joined, and the three will be one."

In 1983, all three crosses were joined together in Atlanta, Georgia, at the assembly that reunited the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. and the Presbyterian Church in the U.S., to create the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and presented to Moderator Randolph J. Taylor. It has been passed to each succeeding Moderator as each is installed at the beginning of their service to the church, and continues to provide symbolic witness to our tradition and our oneness in Jesus Christ.

It is deemed significant that the crosses were riveted, rather than welded, as a reminder that unity can be broken if not guarded carefully. It is also noted that the joined crosses are not identical, with each distinct in its style, a reminder that unity does not require uniformity.

The Moderator's Stole

The second symbol associated with assembly Moderators is a stole. The clerical stole is an item of liturgical garb that has come into general use more recently than the more familiar black Geneva gown, clerical collar, and bands (sometimes called tabs) often worn by Presbyterian ministers in leading worship. While such a Scottish ancestral figure as John Knox is shown wearing a stole in at least one old print, it seems that the use of stoles by military chaplains in the twentieth century has led to their wider use. The stole has been called the most ancient and meaningful of all articles of clerical dress that symbolized the "yoke of service."

The Office of the General Assembly presents each new Moderator with a stole marking their moderatorial office which is kept by the Moderator as a witness of their ministry after the term is completed. This stole was designed and crafted by Jenny Gallo of Carrot Top Studio (CarrotTopStudio.com).

The prominent features in the design includes a fleur-de-lis, which calls attention to the French background of the early city of St. Louis. Additionally, the water lines are a symbol for growth. The convergence of the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers allowed for growth of our nation. Lastly, the representational people surrounding the cross reminds us of the church called to be a witness and working together.

On the back tip, which joins the two branches of the stole, a dove descends as the traditional symbol of the Holy Spirit. The images harmoniously offer a message of the 223rd General Assembly (2018), "Renewing the Vision: Kindom building for the 21st century."

The stole is a visible symbol that the Moderator and the commissioners are the continuing community of the 223rd General Assembly (2018) until the 224th General Assembly (2020) convenes.

The Moderator's Banner

The Moderator's Banner is a gift of First Presbyterian Church of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and members (and ruling elders) of the congregation involved in its design and implementation. In 2001, John Meiser designed the banner. Jane Moses and her daughter, Carolyn Rhodes, brought the design to life. Charles Rhodes designed and constructed the display pole that holds the banner.

Roll of Participants

As of May 25, 2018, more than 2,300 participants had registered to attend the 223rd General Assembly (2018).

538 COMMISSIONERS (269 teaching elders and 269 ruling elders) elected by 170 presbyteries.

Commissioners are elected by their presbytery and are entitled to speak, vote, and present motions in assembly committee meetings to which they are assigned and plenary meetings of the General Assembly.

ADVISORY DELEGATES are voting members of their assembly committee and have the privilege of the floor in the General Assembly without vote. They may not propose or second a motion. There are four categories:

144 Young Adult Advisory Delegates (YADs)

Young adult advisory delegates are elected by their presbyteries.

16 Theological Student Advisory Delegates (TSADs), representing 13 schools, and elected by their presbyteries.

8 Missionary Advisory Delegates (MADs)

Missionary advisory delegates are chosen by the Presbyterian Mission Agency's World Mission ministry area from among PC(USA) missionaries or fraternal workers in another country in which this church is engaged in mission.

14 Ecumenical Advisory Delegates (EADs)

Fifteen communions in mission partnership with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) are invited each year to send ecumenical advisory delegates to the General Assembly. See the Roster of Participants for more information on the churches that are represented.

100 Corresponding Members

Corresponding members may speak in assembly committees and in plenary meetings on matters related to the work of their entity, but may not vote or present motions.

- Staff and elected members designated by the Office of the General Assembly, the Presbyterian Mission Agency, the Board of Pensions, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Foundation, the Presbyterian Publishing Corporation, and the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program.
- Members of the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly, and the moderator(s) or designee(s) of other G.A. permanent and special committees.
- The executives of the 16 synods.
- Former assembly moderators
- The presidents of the 10 PC(USA) theological institutions and the 2 seminaries in covenant relationship with the denomination.

Over 100 OGA staff and volunteer assembly assistants

The duties of these participants include assisting assembly committees, producing the assembly *Minutes*, directing the audiovisual operations, staffing the G.A. Office, processing delegates' expense reimbursement requests, and a variety of other tasks.

Over 300 Staff, elected members, consultants, and guests

These participants represent the General Assembly permanent and special committees, the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA) and its ministries, the Board of Pensions, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Foundation, the Presbyterian Publishing Corporation, and the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program. They resource committees, report the assembly news, staff their entity's exhibit booths, sponsor orientation sessions and other functions, and so forth.

43 staff of theological institutions

245 Staff and stated clerks of presbyteries and synods.

25 Ecumenical Representatives –

These participants are from the churches that responded to the invitation of the Stated Clerk to send representatives to this assembly. See the Roster of Participants for the churches that are represented.

625 Registered observers –

This list includes alternate commissioners and delegates, reporters from various publications and other media, exhibitors from special organizations, and other Presbyterians who have come to see the church at work and meet friends from across the country.

We expect more than 1,000 volunteers and others from the host presbyteries and the surrounding area.

Assigned Seating in Plenary Meetings

In accordance with Standing Rule D.1.c. in the *Manual of the General Assembly*, commissioners, advisory delegates, corresponding members, and designated presbytery staff have assigned seats on the floor of the assembly. Their row and seat numbers are shown in the roster of assembly participants.

Commissioners and advisory delegates are seated at the tables topped in white and blue within the blue skirted area. Access to this area is limited to commissioners and advisory delegates. Assembly assistants distribute committee reports, other official materials, and messages in this area. Assigned seats facilitate fellowship and support within presbyteries, and the ability to locate commissioners and advisory delegates in an emergency. Please use your assigned seat throughout plenary meetings.

Corresponding members and **Committee assistants** have assigned seats in the section behind the commissioner/advisory delegate seating area.

Presbytery staff. In accordance with Standing Rule D.1.f., one designated person from the administrative staff of each presbytery is assigned a seat in business sessions. These participants are seated behind the commissioner/advisory delegate seating area. Stated clerks of synods and presbyteries are also assigned seats in this area.

Ecumenical representatives are seated in designated rows immediately behind the commissioner/advisory delegate seating area.

Observer seating is provided at the back of the hall.

The roster of commissioners, advisory delegates, corresponding members, and presbytery administrative staff in attendance at the 223rd General Assembly (2018) is printed separately, and available on PC-biz.

Acronyms Commonly Used Around the Church and the Assembly

Acronym	What It Means
A&C	Advice and Counsel Memoranda
AAEO	Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity
AARC	All Agency Review Committee
ABC	Assembly Business Center
ACC	Advisory Committee on the Constitution
ACL	Advisory Committee on Litigation
ACREC	Advocacy Committee for Racial Ethnic Concerns
ACSWP	Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy
ACWC	Advocacy Committee for Women's Concerns
AMCL	Association of Mid-Council Leaders
APCE	Association of Presbyterian Church Educators
B&O	Bills and Overtures Committee
BMS	Basic Mission Support
BOC	Book of Confessions
BOO	Book of Order
BOP	Board of Pensions
CA	Committee Assistant
CACE	Certified Associate Christian Educator
CANAAC	Caribbean and North America Area Council of the World Communion of Reformed Churches
CCE	Certified Christian Educator
CCT	Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A.
CCT/PW	Churchwide Coordinating Team of Presbyterian Women, Inc.
CE	Christian Education
CLC	Church Leadership Connection
CM	Churchwide Ministries
COGA	Committee on the Office of the General Assembly
COLA	Committee on Local Arrangements
COM	Committee on Ministry
COR	Committee on Representation
COTE	Committee on Theological Education
CPJ	Compassion, Peace, and Justice
CPM	Committee on Preparation for Ministry
CR	Commissioners' Resolution
CRE	Commissioned Ruling Elder
CUIC	Churches Uniting in Christ
CWP	Churchwide Plan (short for the CWP on Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity)
CWS	Church World Service

Acronym	What It Means
DfW	Directory for Worship
EAD	Ecumenical Advisory Delegate
ECG	Evangelism and Church Growth
ECO	Extra Commitment Opportunity Giving
EEO/AA	Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action
EEM	Ecclesial and Ecumenical Ministries
EP/GP	Executive Presbyterian/General Presbyterian
FDN	Presbyterian Foundation
FOG	Form of Government
GA	General Assembly
GACEIR	General Assembly Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations
GACOR	General Assembly Committee on Representation
GAMS	General Assembly Meeting Services
GANC	General Assembly Nominating Committee
GAPJC	General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission
HLPC	Hispanic/Latino Presbyterian Caucus (sometimes NHLPC)
MAD	Missionary Advisory Delegate
MC/MCM	Mid Council/Mid Council Ministries
MIF	Ministry Information Form
MOO	Manual of Operations
MRTI	Mission Responsibility Through Investment
NACC	Native American Consulting Committee
NAPC	National Asian Presbyterian Council
NBPC	National Black Presbyterian Caucus
NCC	National Council of the Churches of Christ of the USA
NCD	New Church Development
NCKPC	National Council of Korean Presbyterian Churches
nFOG	New Form of Government
NMEPC	Middle Eastern Presbyterian Caucus
NNPCW	National Network of Presbyterian College Women
NWC	New Worshipping Community/Also referred to as a 1001
OA	Overture Advocate
OFM	Organization for Mission
OGA	Office of the General Assembly
OVT	Overture
PA	Parliamentary Assistant (in plenary)
PBY	Presbytery
PC(USA)	Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
PCC	Presbyteries' Cooperative Committee on Examinations for Candidates
PCOR	Presbytery Committee on Representation
PDA	Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Acronym	What It Means
PDC	Presbyterians for Disability Concerns
PHEWA	Presbyterian Health Education and Welfare Association
PHS	Presbyterian Historical Society
PIF	Personal Information Form
PILP	Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program, Inc.
PJC	Permanent Judicial Commission
PM	Presbyterian Men
PMA	Presbyterian Mission Agency
PMAB	Presbyterian Mission Agency Board
PPC	Presbyterian Publishing Corporation
PW	Presbyterian Women
RC	Resource Coordinator
REC	Ruling Elder Commissioner
REWM	Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries
REYWT	Racial Ethnic Young Women Together Network
RGAs	Reports to the General Assembly
ROD	Rules of Discipline
SC	Stated Clerk
SCOR	Synod Committee on Representation
SDOP	Self-Development of People
SR	Standing Rules
SYN	Synod
TEC	Teaching Elder Commissioner
TFE	Theology, Formation and Education
TSAD	Theological Student Advisory Delegate
WCC	World Council of Churches
WF/WFC	Way Forward/Way Forward Commission
WCRC	World Communion of Reformed Churches
WM	World Mission
WP	Word Processing
YAAD	Young Adult Advisory Delegate

PC-Biz

The reports and recommendations of assembly entities, overtures from synods and presbyteries, and various resources are available on PC-Biz (www.pc-biz.org), the electronic system that all interested persons can use to access assembly business before, during, and after the assembly.

Wi-Fi is available in most areas of the America's Center (AC) to provide access to PC-Biz in the plenary hall, assembly committees, and most office areas via the Internet. Since all pieces of business will be handled online through PC-Biz, commissioners and advisory delegates are encouraged to go to Room 116 on Friday or Saturday before the assembly begins, to make sure that their device is correctly connected to the Internet and there are no issues with PC-Biz.

In assembly committees: commissioners and advisory delegates work from laptops or tablets. Others may follow along on their own laptops or tablets, or on the large screen that will display the same information. The actions of the committee are entered into PC-Biz, immediately after which the decisions are available to everyone.

In plenary: Those with assigned seating work from laptops or tablets at their assigned seats. Others in the plenary hall may follow along on their own laptops or tablets or on the large screens that will display the same information. As the assembly takes action on the committee recommendations, the information in PC-Biz is updated, and available to all.

Technical personnel will be available for commissioners, advisory delegates, and other participants who need assistance with the Internet or PC-Biz.

Because of the high demand on Wi-Fi bandwidth, all participants are asked to turn the wireless function off on their cell phones in the plenary hall so that the devices accessing assembly business have first priority. Cellular service for texting or other phone functions is still available.

Plenary Meetings

Plenary meetings are the gatherings during the week that include the entire body of commissioners, advisory delegates, corresponding members, mid council staff, and visitors from the local area and throughout the church. It is the plenary meetings where final votes are taken on most recommendation coming to the General Assembly. The assembly meets in plenary sessions Wednesday through Saturday to consider the reports of the assembly committees and act on the recommendations contained in the reports.

The Manual of the General Assembly outlines plenary procedures and policies that include such items as:

- establishing a quorum (Standing Rule D.2.)
- debating and voting (Standing Rule F.5.)
- referring business (Standing Rule C.3.)
- creating commissions or special committees (Standing Rule K)
- nominations from the floor (Standing Rule F.6.c.)
- distributing study documents (Standing Rule F.9.)
- forming social policy, and others. (Standing Rule F.10.)

Following are additional policies related to plenary meetings:

Electing the Moderator and Vice-Moderator (or Co-Moderators)

Early in the meeting the assembly will elect two commissioners to preside over the 223rd General Assembly (2018) and to serve as ambassadors of this assembly to all parts of the denomination for a two-year term.

Three teams of commissioners have announced their candidacy. Ruling Elder Chantal Atnip (Presbytery of Carlisle) is standing for Moderator, along with Teaching Elder Ken Hockenberry (Presbytery of Chicago) for Vice Moderator. Teaching Elder Eliana Maxim (Presbytery of Seattle) and Teaching Elder Bertram Johnson (Presbytery of New York City) are standing together to be Co-Moderators. Ruling Elder Vilmarie Cintrón-Olivieri (Presbytery of Tropical Florida) and Teaching Elder Cindy Kohlmann (Presbytery of Boston) are standing together to be Co-Moderators.

You are invited to meet the candidates on Friday, June 15, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., and on Saturday, June 16, from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the second floor atrium of the convention center.

On Saturday evening the assembly will hear an address from each team. Commissioners will have a chance to ask questions of each team before proceeding to the vote. More information about the election procedures and about the duties of the Moderator can be found in Standing Rule H.1. and in the Organization for Mission, Section IV.A.

Electing Members of Councils and Committees

The members of the Committee of the Office of the General Assembly, other boards, councils, commissions, and committees of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) are elected by the General Assembly. The membership of each entity is organized in classes and the length of each term varies.

To ensure careful nominations of members to these entities, the General Assembly Nominating Committee (GANC) proposes a slate of nominees for election. The slate is included in the reports to the General Assembly on PC-Biz. A supplemental report will be available at the beginning of the assembly.

The GANC is composed of sixteen persons, one residing in each of our synods. The Co-Moderators of the preceding General Assembly, Denise Anderson and Jan Edmiston, nominate persons to fill the open seats on the GANC. Thus, in addition to nominations being brought forward by the GANC, commissioners will have before them nominations made by Moderators Denise Anderson and Jan Edmiston to fill vacancies on the GANC.

Commissioners may place other names in nomination. To do this, the commissioner making the nomination shall, no later than forty-eight hours after the convening of the General Assembly, provide the General Assembly Nominating Committee with pertinent information about the person whose name is being presented as well as the name of the particular person whose election is being challenged. See Standing Rule F.6.(c), 2-3 in the *Manual of the General Assembly*. Nomination by Commissioner Forms are available from the Assembly Information Center in the Plaza Lobby.

The assembly will vote on these nominations on Friday, June 22.

Assembly Committees

The Stated Clerk has recommended a structure of thirteen assembly committees, each of which has responsibility for particular areas of the church's work. The committee names and descriptions are on page 44. The assembly votes on this recommendation at its first meeting on Saturday, June 16.

Most items of business are referred to an assembly committee. The Assembly Committee on Business Referrals brings the recommendation of the referral of business for the assembly's action on Saturday afternoon.

This assembly will vote on numerous responses to referrals, most of which are final responses that previous assemblies directed to one of its entities. The Stated Clerk has recommended that these be referred to plenary so that they may be handled expeditiously in an omnibus motion.

Assembly committees meet Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, to discuss reports, recommendations, and other business, and to develop a report of its recommendations to the assembly.

Policies and Procedures Related to Assembly Committee Meetings

Standing Rule E. in the Manual of the General Assembly outlines committee procedures and policies that include such items as:

- Open Meetings
- Use of Parliamentary Procedure
- Resources
- Privilege of the Floor
- New Business
- Organizational Meeting
- Public Hearings
- Constitutional Advice

Assembly Committee Leadership and Membership

Each commissioner and advisory delegate is assigned to an assembly committee in accordance with the random selection process described in Standing Rule C.2.

Each assembly committee has a moderator and vice-moderator, who are commissioners to this assembly. They are selected for these leadership positions by Co-Moderators Denise Anderson and Jan Edmiston of the 222nd General Assembly (2016), in consultation with the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly and the General Assembly Committee on Representation. The Stated Clerk has appointed experienced volunteers to serve as the committee assistant and parliamentarian in each committee. A resource coordinator and transcriptionist/recorder also assist each committee. These persons may be General Assembly staff or members of assembly councils or committees. A list of committee moderators and vice moderators appears at the end of this section.

Committee resource persons are identified by yellow ribbons. They are appointed by their agency, by a General Assembly committee, or by the Stated Clerk. They are available to provide background or other pertinent information on business before the assembly committee.

Protests

A **protest** expresses disagreement with an action or failure to act on the part of the General Assembly and shall be referred to the Assembly Committee on Bills and Overtures, which shall decide whether or not the protest is decorous and respectful. The committee shall also decide whether the protest shall appear in the *Minutes*. The committee may prepare an answer to be printed with any protest. (See *Book of Order*, G-3.0105b. and Standing Rule F.1.e.)

Commissioners who voted in opposition to the outcome of a vote may file protests. Such protests must be filed prior to the adjournment of the assembly on June 23.

Forms for registering a protest are available from the parliamentary assistants seated at microphones in the plenary hall. During plenary meetings, return the completed form to the parliamentary assistant who will deliver it to the platform manager for referral to the Assembly Committee on Bills and Overtures. When the assembly is not meeting in plenary, forms are available from the Assembly Information Center in the Plaza Lobby.

Dissents

A **dissent** is a declaration expressing disagreement with the action or decision of a governing body. (See *Book of Order*, G-3.0105a.) Only a commissioner who voted in opposition to the outcome of a vote shall be allowed to dissent. The names of those dissenting shall be recorded in the *Minutes*.

A session of the General Assembly is broken up into periods of shorter duration known as **meetings** (i.e. an afternoon meeting from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.). A commissioner who wishes to file a dissent must do so before the recess at the end of a meeting during which the action or decision dissented from is taken. This is necessary in order to prepare the *Minutes* of the meeting to reflect the dissent.

Forms for registering a dissent are available from the parliamentary assistants seated at microphones in the plenary hall. During plenary meetings, return the completed form to the parliamentary assistant, who will deliver it to the platform manager.

Responsibilities and Business Referred to Assembly Committees

Standing Rule C.1.a.

Number and Designation of Assembly Committees

The Stated Clerk shall propose the number and designation of assembly committees to the General Assembly. The Stated Clerk shall present the proposed committee structure to the General Assembly for consideration and ratification at the first assembly meeting at which business is transacted. In making these proposals, the Stated Clerk shall consult with the appropriate General Assembly entity or entities, and may consult with other persons.

01 Business Referral

02 Bills and Overtures

03 General Assembly Procedures

Consider matters related to: meetings of the assembly and standing rule amendments, except those items assigned to the Way Forward Committee; per capita budget; operation of the Office of the General Assembly; statistics; publishing of reports; General Assembly Nominating Committee process; special committees; commissioners and advisory delegates credentials/leaves of absence; General Assembly child protection policy; reports of the Self-Review of ACC, GACOR, and Advisory Committee on Litigation.

04 The Way Forward

Consider matters related to: reports of the Way Forward Commission, All Agency Review Committee, and 2020 Vision Team, and overtures and business related to national structure and funding.

05 Mid Councils

Consider matters related to: the ongoing strengthening and nurturing of the mid councils of the PC(USA), with particular emphasis on collaborating with the synods of the PC(USA) to support clarity as to their ecclesial and missional identity, purpose, structure, and strategies. Review of synod minutes. Hear any reports of synod conversations and collaboration. Review for comment provisional work of Revision of Rules of Discipline.

06 Church Polity and Ordered Ministry

Consider matters related to: amendments to Foundations of Presbyterian Polity (Chapters 1 and 3), Form of Government Chapters I–IV, VI with Advisory Committee on the Constitution advice; requests for interpretation; amendments to the Rules of Discipline with Advisory Committee on the Constitution advice; recruiting, enlistment of persons to service of church; Advisory Committee on Litigation; Advisory Committee on the Constitution.

07 Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations

Consider matters related to: Amendments to Chapter V of the Form of Government with Advisory Committee on the Constitution advice; requests for interpretation; matters dealing with relationships with, and attitudes toward, other religious movements or bodies; conversations with other Presbyterian denominations; nominations for ecumenical advisory delegates; nominations for delegations to corresponding churches; reports of corresponding bodies.

08 Environmental Issues

Consider matters related to: the church's response to issues and matters related to carbon fuels, food sovereignty, and the environment.

09 Peacemaking, Immigration, and International Issues

Consider matters related to: Peacemaking, international military affairs, and the arms race, excluding matters concerning the Middle East; international matters; human rights; international economic justice, and the church's response to U.S. immigration policies and related issues.

10 Mission Coordination

Consider matters related to: Mission programs authorized by General Assembly; PC(USA) vision and mission goals; Organization for Mission and Presbyterian Mission Agency Manual of Operations; mission budget; audits; churchwide compensation; initiatives on church growth, and the 1001 Worshiping Communities program.

11 Social Justice Issues

Consider matters related to: Concerns of church in national affairs; matters relating to righteousness and justice of persons/organizations; global evangelism and education. Advocacy Committee for Women's Concerns. Report of Self-Review of ACSWP.

12 Middle East Issues

Consider matters related to the Middle East.

13 BOP, PILP, PPC, and Foundation

Consider matters related to: Report of Board of Pensions; business related to the church's pension, annuity, and medical plans; other forms of such programs, including government or private retirement programs; business related to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Foundation and Presbyterian Publishing Corporation.

14 Theological and Church Growth Issues and Institutions

Consider matters related to: Amendments to the Directory for Worship and Chapter II of the Foundations of Presbyterian Polity and Book of Confessions with Advisory Committee on the Constitution advice; authority and interpretation of Scripture; recruiting, enlistment of persons to service of church; Christian educators; theological institutions; celebration of Lord's Supper requests. Report of Self-Study of COTE.

**Locations of Assembly Committees
in the Convention Center**

02	Bills and Overtures	Room 132
03	General Assembly Procedures	Room 263
04	The Way Forward	Room 260
05	Mid Councils	Room 275
06	Church Polity and Ordered Ministry	Room 276
07	Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations	Room 274
08	Environmental Issues	Room 220
09	Peacemaking, Immigration, and International Issues	Room 231
10	Mission Coordination	Room 224
11	Social Justice Issues	Room 221
12	Middle East Issues	Room 222
13	BOP, PILP, PPC, and Foundation	Room 241
14	Theological and Church Growth Issues and Institutions	Room 223

Moderators and Vice Moderators of Assembly Committees

02	Bills and Overtures	Moderator Vice-Moderator	REV TEC	Cheni Khonje Ryan Landino	West Jersey Great Rivers
03	General Assembly Procedures	Moderator Vice Moderator	REC TEC	Y. Dianna Wright Madeline Alvarez Soto	Salem Noroeste
04	The Way Forward	Moderator Vice Moderator	REV TEC	Cynthia Jarvis Veronica Goines	Philadelphia The Redwoods
05	Mid Councils	Moderator Vice Moderator	REC TEC	Moon Lee Karen Bear Ride	Eastern Korean San Gabriel
06	Church Polity & Ordered Ministry	Moderator Vice Moderator	TEC REC	Ruth McCollum Huff Melinda Hunt	Denver Grace
07	Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations	Moderator Vice Moderator	TEC REC	Scott Prouty Susan Ethernon	Minnesota Valleys National Capital
08	Environmental Issues	Moderator Vice Moderator	TEC TEC	Michael Kirby Wilma Quiñonez Cubero	Chicago San Juan
09	Peacemaking, Immigration & International Issues	Moderator Vice Moderator	REC TEC	Luci Duckson-Bramble Amir Tawadrous	Long Island Western New York
10	Mission Coordination	Moderator Vice Moderator	REC TEC	Walter Rockenstein II Sunny Kang	Twin Cities Area The Pacific

(Additional committees continued on next page)

Moderators and Vice Moderators of Assembly Committees

11	Social Justice Issues	Moderator Vice Moderator	TEC TEC	Bill Wildhack Julie Hodges	Tampa Bay Riverside
12	Middle East Issues	Moderator Vice Moderator	REC REC	Charon Barcone Steve Shively	Detroit Northwest Coast
13.	BOP, PILP, PPC, & Foundation	Moderator Vice Moderator	REC TEC	Vince Patton Kathryn Barlow Westmoreland	Mid-Kentucky Santa Fe
14.	Theological & Church Growth Issues and Institutions	Moderator Vice Moderator	TEC TEC	Anne Apple Miriam Foltz	Mid-South Giddings-Lovejoy

Schedule of Events

Ticketed Functions - Some of the events and tours in this schedule require a ticket for admission - as indicated by the "Ticketed" notation. They can be purchased on-site at Registration and Ticket Sales, located in room 123 in the convention center.

Transportation - Transportation for the Sunday, June 17, church services and all mission tours throughout the week will depart from the America's Center 7th Street Plaza Entrance. The majority of privately sponsored events are being held at the America's Center or nearby hotels. Off-site event locations include detailed instructions for either walking or taking public transportation.

Locations: (see maps on pages 199-203)

- AC - America's Center, location of assembly business meetings, the exhibit hall, and many other activities.
- Marriott Grand

Abbreviations used:

- PMA - Presbyterian Mission Agency
- OGA - Office of the General Assembly
- AC - America's Center

Mission Tours are sponsored and planned by the Committee on Local Arrangements of Giddings Lovejoy Presbytery.

Note - Event descriptions are written by the event sponsors. The Office of the General Assembly (OGA) is not responsible for opinion or errors in fact.

Ongoing Events

Prayer Room - Room 127

Sponsored and staffed by the Committee on Local Arrangements.

A sacred space for inner stillness and listening to God, this quiet room is a place to come away and rest a while. We offer you guidance on various ways to pray through scripture and poetry, art, nature, music and movement; including opportunities to embody and reflect on worship themes. Or you may choose to simply sit quietly in the presence of God. At the confluence of our rivers and church you are invited to pray with fabric swatches gathered from local church communities; writing messages of hope, holding them in prayer, dipping them into the font, and hanging them on prayer trees to be moved into our closing worship space at the end of the week.

The Prayer Room will host opportunities to participate in Yoga and Reiki Monday through Friday.

Yoga - Room 127

Our morning yoga practice is an invitation to gently awaken your body, mind, and spirit, to the possibilities and presence in God’s new day, and a quiet meditative entry into each new morning. Your soul and spirit will be refreshed and enlivened and your body rejuvenated and restored. Come and embody this powerful practice of prayer and mindfulness. Yoga mat is optional. Led by Susan Hayes, teaching elder and certified yoga instructor who leads spiritually based meditation and yoga in Ferguson and Florissant Missouri. Release forms (available in the Prayer Room) must be completed and signed prior to participation.

Reiki - Room 127

Reiki is the prayerful practice of removing disturbances from the human energy field to facilitate the body’s natural healing processes. Julie Gvillo, founder and creative executive director of A Place of Grace, and a ruling elder and certified Reiki master practitioner and teacher, is offering mini-retreats on a Reiki chair to aid in stress relief, mental clarity, and openness. Make your appointment for a 20- to 30-minute Reiki mini-retreat by seeing a Prayer Room host. Client release forms (available in the Prayer Room) must be completed and signed prior to participation.

Prayer Room Schedule

	Hours	Yoga	Reiki
Sat., Jun. 16	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. 12:30 - 7:30 p.m.		
Sun., Jun. 17	1:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.		
Mon., Jun. 18	8:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.	8:00 - 8:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m. - Noon 3:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Tues., Jun. 19	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 a.m.	8:00 - 8:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m. - Noon 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Wed., Jun. 20	8:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.	8:00-8:30 a.m.	8:30 - 9:30 a.m. 11:00 - Noon 3:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Thur., Jun. 21	8:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.	8:00 - 8:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m. - 11:00 am 3:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Fr., Jun. 22	8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	8:00 - 8:30 a.m.	8:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Labyrinth - Room 200

Journey to the far corner of the building, allowing your walk to be a prayer path to the labyrinth. This Chartres-like labyrinth was recently created by members of a local Presbyterian church. Hidden in the woven canvas, under the painted walls, are messages of scripture and prayer written by members as it was created. We hope you will take the time to visit this light-filled room with walkable art beckoning you to a time of meditation and prayer with God. Please wear socks. Shoe covers are available.

Hours are:

Saturday, June 16	8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.; 12:30-7:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 17	1:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Monday, June 18	8:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 19	8:00 a.m.-5:00 a.m.
Wednesday, June 20	8:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
Thursday, June 21	8:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
Friday, June 22	8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Stated Clerk’s and Executives Gathering Spot - Room 280

This informal area located in the convention center is sponsored by the OGA’s Mid Council Ministries to facilitate conversation between stated clerks and executives of presbyteries and synods. It is open from Saturday morning, June 16, through Friday, June 22.

Face-to-Face

Connect. Engage. Discern.

Come to Face-to-Face, sponsored by the OGA’s **Church Leadership Connection (CLC)** ([www.PC\(USA\).org/clc](http://www.PC(USA).org/clc)), to connect with search committees, mid council staff, and church professionals. Engage in conversation beyond the Personal Information Form (PIF) and the Ministry Information Form (MIF). Discern God’s call to new chapters of vocation and ministry. Participate in workshops, call consultations, or pop-up information sessions and listen for the movement of the Holy Spirit. CLC staff will be present to assist you. Hours are:

Friday, June 15	8:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Hours of Operation Mid Council Listening Session
Saturday, June 16	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 2:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Hours of Operation Mid Council Listening Session Decoding the MIF & PIF Chaplaincy Pop-Up Structuring Compensation
Sunday, June 17	1:00 p.m.	Hours of Operation

	1:30 p.m.	Chaplaincy Pop-Up
	4:00 p.m.	Discerning Beginnings & Endings
Monday, June 18	8:30 a.m.	Hours of Operation
	9:30 a.m.	Structuring Compensation
Tuesday, June 19	8:30 a.m.	Hours of Operation

For more information, visit the CLC website ([www.PC\(USA\).org/clc](http://www.PC(USA).org/clc)) or call (888) 728-7228 x8550.

Thursday, June 14

12:00 AM-9:00 PM	UKirk Summit <i>Office of Collegiate Ministry, PMA</i> The UKirk Summit is a 48-hour, pre-GA gathering for collegiate chaplains, college ministers, campus pastors, or anyone whose work regularly intersects with the lives of college-aged students. Through relational spaces, we'll get to know each other; through guided conversation, we'll participate in collaborative learning; and through contemplative worship, we'll pray together in one voice. At this year's Summit, we'll delve into the heart of advocacy, most fully realized through a shift in our understanding of relationally. Borrowing from Martin Buber's famous book, <i>I and Thou</i> , we'll examine how we can be advocates for others in mission, tragedy, and worship.	Toddhall Retreat Center (Columbia, Illinois)
\$0 Registration Required		
4:30 PM-5:15 PM	Observers with Impact: Orientation to the Process Observer Application <i>Equity and Representation, OGA</i> Are you an observer at the 223rd GA (2018)? Consider lending your insights to the process observation process and use the web application during committee time. We need everyone – because each person sees and hears differently. If you have a smart phone or tablet and are here for the committee time, please consider joining an orientation session to learn more. Offered 6 times between Thursday and Sunday, for observers' convenience.	AC, 266
7:00 PM-9:00 PM	Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD) Orientation <i>OGA</i> Led by the YAAD advisors, to orient these advisory delegates to the work of the assembly and their role and responsibilities.	Holiday Inn

Friday, June 15

8:00 AM-9:00 PM	UKirk Summit continues	Toddhall Retreat Center
9:00 AM-5:00 PM	Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD) Orientation continues	Holiday Inn
9:00 AM-3:00 PM Ticketed	Mission Tour: Intro to the Gateway City – Architecture, the Arch, BBQ, & Riverboat Ride Capture the essence of St. Louis in this introduction to the Gateway City. You will see Eads Bridge, America's first steel-truss bridge, spanning the Mississippi River from Missouri to Illinois. As you pass through downtown, you will see an extensive array of unique architectural designs, many on the National Register of Historic Places. Marvel at the 630-foot Gateway Arch, designed by architect Eero Saarinen as a tribute to the westward expansion of the U.S. A tram ride to the top of the Arch is sure to be the highlight of your morning! A perfect backdrop for pictures of your visit, be sure to bring your cameras. A savory BBQ buffet lunch at Pappy's Smokehouse is included. Your tour wraps up with an afternoon Mississippi riverboat ride. Boarding begins at 8:45 AM.	Bus Departs from 7th St. Plaza
10:00 AM-7:00 PM	Assembly Registration Opens	AC, 123
10:00 AM-7:00 PM	Laptop/Tablet Compatability Review In preparation for using PC-Biz during the assembly, commissioners and advisory delegates are encouraged to bring their laptop or other device to this room before the assembly begins. Student assistants will be available to help make sure that each device is correctly connecting to the Internet and accessing PC-Biz.	AC, 116
2:00 PM-7:30 PM	Exhibit Hall Open to Public	AC, Hall 3
3:00 PM-4:00 PM	Resource Person Orientation	AC, 126
4:00 PM-4:45 PM	Observers with Impact: Orientation to the Process Observer Application (Repeated) <i>OGA, Equity and Representation</i> <i>See Thursday, June 14, 4:30 pm</i>	AC, 266

5:00 PM-8:00 PM Ticketed	Welcome Reception: Come – Meet Us in St. Louis! <i>Committee on Local Arrangements</i> We welcome all and invite you to come for a “Taste of St. Louis,” a sampling of our town’s best! Enjoy food and drink that were introduced at the 1904 World’s Fair, goodies original and unique to St. Louis, and our town’s secret and yummy gems! Relax, catch up with friends, and enjoy music provided by local churches. This event is co-sponsored by Presbyterian Manors of Mid-America.	AC Second Floor Atrium
5:00 PM-8:00 PM	Meet the candidates for Moderator/ Co-Moderator	AC Second Floor Atrium
6:00 PM-8:00 PM Ticketed	Earth Care Congregation Meet and Greet <i>PMA’s Compassion, Peace and Justice/Presbyterian Hunger Program</i> Join the Presbyterian Hunger Program for conversation, cookies and coffee while learning more about the Earth Care Congregation Certification program. The Earth Care team of the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy will also be available to answer any questions that you may have about the certification process or steps your congregation could take to become more environmentally friendly.	Marriott Grand Landmark 3
6:00 PM-8:00 PM	Welcome to General Assembly sponsored by The Fellowship Community <i>The Fellowship Community</i>	Marriott Grand Landmark 1
6:30 PM-7:30 PM	Theological Student Advisory Delegate (TSAD) Orientation <i>OGA</i> An orientation meeting for these advisory delegates.	AC 267
6:30 PM-7:30 PM	Missionary Advisory Delegate (MAD) Orientation <i>PMA’s World Mission</i> An orientation meeting for these advisory delegates.	AC 266
6:30 PM-7:30 PM	Leader Briefing II <i>OGA</i> By invitation, for the leadership teams of assembly committees.	AC 274
7:00 PM-9:30 PM	REAC Commissioner’s Briefing and Ice Cream Social <i>The Racial Equity Advocacy Committee (REAC) for what was formerly The Advocacy Committee for Racial Ethnic Concerns (ACREC)</i> All are welcome to join us for some free ice cream sundaes and discussions about our resolutions being brought to this assembly.	Marriott Grand Landmark 4
7:00 PM-9:00 PM	Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD) Orientation continues	Holiday Inn

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8:00 PM-9:30 PM Ticketed	Commissioner/Delegate Convocation: A Joint Celebration of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians and More Light Presbyterians <i>Covenant Network of Presbyterians/More Light Presbyterians</i> Come connect with your fellow participants in the assembly and share in dessert and refreshments in a relaxed environment. Meet leaders of both More Light and the Covenant Network, who will share their hopes for how this assembly will extend God's love to all God's children. Plus, the candidates for Moderator of the General Assembly traditionally attend this event.	Marriott Grand Crystal
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Saturday, June 16

7:00 AM-9:00 AM Ticketed	Practical, Viable Strategies for Peace in the Middle East <i>Presbyterians for Middle East Peace</i> Presbyterians for Middle East Peace attempts to create a middle ground in the PC(USA) that holds both the Israeli and Palestinian governments accountable for their actions. We build our work on the PC(USA)'s long-standing commitment to a two state solution in which both Israelis and Palestinians can thrive side-by-side as strong, sovereign nations, a commitment reaffirmed at the 2016 GA. The breakfast will feature Palestinian and Israeli speakers committed to these principles. Please check www.pfmep.org for details about the speakers.	Marriott Grand Landmark 5-7
7:00 AM-9:00 AM Ticketed	Women's Orientation Breakfast <i>Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries, PMA and Advocacy Committee for Women's Concerns</i> This is a critical and opportune moment in our nation's and church's history to join our voices for justice. Connect with women who are working to take us to a time of accountability and equality. Gain wisdom and insights while interacting with the Co-Moderators and discover how the voices of women will be heard at G.A. All attendees will leave with a copy of the "red book," a one-stop guide to women's issues at this assembly.	Marriott Grand Landmark 1-4
7:00 AM RSVP to GA@presbypeace fellowship.org	Progressive Presbyterians Issues Briefing <i>Sponsored by the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship, Presbyterian Voices for Justice, the Israel/Palestine Mission Network, Presbyterians for Earth Care, Fossil Free PC(USA) and More Light Presbyterians.</i> Join us for breakfast and briefings on all of the issues for progressive commissioners, advisory delegates, and observers. The church is about 1/2 mile from the Convention Center. Transportation will be available for those requesting it.	Centenary United Methodist Church 55 Plaza Square

7:30 AM-11:00 AM	Laptop/Tablet Compatability Review In preparation for using PC-Biz during the assembly, commissioners and advisory delegates are encouraged to bring their laptop or other device to this room before the assembly begins. Student assistants will be available to help make sure that each device is correctly connecting to the Internet and accessing PC-Biz.	AC, 116
7:30 AM-9:00 AM	Youngish Mid Council Leaders Breakfast Mid council leaders age 40ish and younger are invited to gather for a time of conversation and commiseration. Join us to learn more about our different roles and discuss how we can support one another in this important ministry! Breakfast provided by the Presbyterian Foundation. Please contact Andy James (cajames@nhpresbytery.org) for RSVPs/questions.	AC 280
7:30 AM-8:45 AM	Synod of South Atlantic Breakfast For commissioners, presbytery leaders, and friends of the Synod of South Atlantic. By invitation or reservations through the synod office lisalovelady@synodofsouthatlantic.org or call 904-356-6070.	Marriott Grand Statler
8:00 AM-12:00 PM	UKirk Summit continues	Toddhall Retreat Center
8:00 AM-8:45 AM	Rules of Discipline Proposed Revisions <i>Rules of Discipline Task Force</i>	AC 276
8:00 AM-9:00 AM	Overture Advocate Training <i>OGA</i>	AC 274
8:30 AM-10:45 AM	Exhibit Hall Open to Public	AC, Hall 3
8:30 AM-11:00 AM	Meet the candidates for Moderator/Co-Moderator	AC Second Floor Atrium
8:45 AM	Resource Person Orientation	AC, 126
9:00 AM-10:30 AM	Pre-Assembly Gathering <i>Office of the General Assembly</i> The Reverend Doctor Liz Theoharris, co-founder of the New Poor Peoples Campaign, will set the stage for understanding the issues of systemic racism and the institutional roles of keeping people in poverty.	AC Ferrera Theatre

11:00 AM-12:30 PM	223rd General Assembly Convenes with Worship Opening Worship for the assembly continues to lift up the bold calling of the Gospel, focusing on the voice of preachers the Reverend Jan Edmiston and the Reverend Denise Anderson, Co-Moderators of the 222nd General Assembly (2016). The offering for this service of worship will be used in coordination with local leaders, including the St. Louis Action Council, the Bail Project, and Arch City Defenders toward ending the system of cash bail and bench warrants that is used to keep people incarcerated in modern debtor's prisons.	AC Hall 5
12:30 PM-1:30 PM Ticketed	Presbyterian Outlook Luncheon <i>The Presbyterian Outlook</i> The <i>Presbyterian Outlook</i> will mark 200 years of ministry in 2019 and the commemorations have already begun. Join us as we celebrate our past and envision our future. Come meet and hear from those standing for Moderator and Co-Moderator, enjoy reconnecting with old friends and make some new ones.	Marriott Grand Majestic A–C
12:30 PM-1:30 PM Ticketed	Group Lunch for Commissioners and Advisory Delegates No charge for commissioners and advisory delegates. Other participants may purchase tickets.	AC Hall 3
12:30 PM-5:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Open to Public	AC, Hall 3
1:00 PM-1:45 PM	Observers with Impact: Orientation to the Process Observer Application (repeated) <i>See Thursday, June 14, 4:30 pm</i>	AC, 266
2:00 PM-5:00 PM	General Assembly Plenary – Business Meeting 1	AC, Hall 5
5:00 PM-6:30 PM	Commissioners and Advisory Delegate Dinner and Orientation to the Agencies of the General and Assembly This serves as a time for commissioners and advisory delegates to visit with representatives of the 6 agencies in the exhibit hall during dinner.	AC Hall 3
5:00 PM-6:00 PM	Overture Advocates and Commissioner Resolutions representatives meet with committee leadership <i>OGA</i>	AC 274
6:00 PM-6:45 PM	Observers with Impact: Orientation to the Process Observer Application (Repeated) <i>See Thursday, June 14, 4:30 pm</i>	AC, 266
7:00 PM	General Assembly Plenary Business Meeting 2. Election of the Moderator or Co-Moderators.	AC Hall 5

9:00 PM-12:00 AM	Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries Moderator's Reception <i>Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries, PMA</i> Come and greet the newly elected Moderator/ Co-Moderators. The reception starts immediately after the close of the evening's session. This is the newly elected Moderator's or Co Moderators' initial introduction to members of the national caucuses and councils, women's ministries, and the diversity and gifts that people of color and women leaders bring to the PC(USA).	Marriott Grand Washington
9:00 PM-11:00 PM	Fellowship Community Daily Debriefing <i>The Fellowship Community</i>	Marriott Grand Portland

Sunday, June 17

7:30-9:30 AM Ticketed Available only to mid council leaders	Presbyterian Foundation Breakfast for Mid Council Leaders <i>Presbyterian Foundation</i> Presbytery and synod leaders are invited to breakfast and to hear Fernando Ortega, a singer-songwriter. His approach to music includes elements of folk, classical, Celtic, Latin American, world, and rustic hymnody. He is noted for infusing new life into traditional hymns and songs, such as "Give Me Jesus" and "Be Thou My Vision."	Marriott Grand Landmark 1-4
7:30 AM-9:15 AM Ticketed	Women of Faith Awards Breakfast <i>Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries, PMA</i> We will proclaim our desire to live as God's intercultural community and recognize three clergywomen who are "woke" and who challenge systemic racism and oppression. The recipients of this year's Women of Faith Award work for transformative change and seek to end racism and injustice.	Marriott Grand Majestic D

Various Times	WORSHIP IN AREA CONGREGATIONS Dozens of congregations in the St. Louis area are welcoming assembly participants and hosting their guests for lunch. Please sign up in advance (through the registration process) to worship with one of these congregations. Lunch is provided by the congregation, unless otherwise noted. Facilities are accessible unless otherwise noted. Transportation departs from the 7th Street Plaza Entrance of the America's Center at the time shown (please plan to board up to 15 minutes prior) and returns in time for the 2:30 p.m. business meeting.	
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Departure Times

9:00 AM	Affton Presbyterian and Calvary Presbyterian, Mehlville, MO Churches Worship begins at 10:00 am transportation departs at 9:00 am. http://afftonpc.org/ http://calvarypresbyterianchurch.org/	Bus Departs from 7th St. Plaza
9:00 AM	Cote Brilliante Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, MO Worship begins at 10:00 am, transportation departs at 9:00 am. http://cbpcstl.org/	Bus Departs from 7th St. Plaza
9:30 AM	Faith and Des Peres Presbyterian Church, Frontenac, MO Worship begins at 10:30 am, transportation departs at 9:30 am. http://www.faithdesperes.org/	Bus Departs from 7th St. Plaza
8:45 AM	First Presbyterian Church, Alton, IL Worship begins at 10:00 am, transportation departs at 8:45 am. http://www.fpcalton.com/	Bus Departs from 7th St. Plaza
9:15 AM	First Presbyterian Church, Ferguson, MO Worship begins at 10:15 am, transportation departs at 9:15 am. http://www.faithinferguson.org/	Bus Departs from 7th St. Plaza
9:00 AM	First Presbyterian Church, Kirkwood, MO Worship begins at 10:00 am, transportation departs at 9:00 am. http://www.kirkwoodpres.org/	Bus Departs from 7th St. Plaza
9:30 AM	First Presbyterian Church of St. Louis, University City, MO Worship begins at 10:30 am, transportation departs at 9:30 am. http://www.firstpresbyterianstl.com/	Bus Departs from 7th St. Plaza
9:30 AM	First United Presbyterian Church, Belleville, IL Worship begins at 10:30 am, transportation departs at 9:30 am. http://www.firstunitedpres.org/	Bus Departs from 7th St. Plaza
9:15 AM	Florissant Presbyterian Church, Florissant, MO Worship begins at 10:15 am, transportation departs at 9:15 am. http://flopresby.org/	Bus Departs from 7th St. Plaza
9:00 AM	Glendale Presbyterian Church, Glendale, MO Worship begins at 10:00 am, transportation departs at 9:00 am. http://www.glendalePC(USA).org/	Bus Departs from 7th St. Plaza
9:00 AM	Grace Presbyterian Church, Crystal City, MO Worship begins at 10:15 am, transportation departs at 9:00 am. http://gracechurch-PC(USA).org/	Bus Departs from 7th St. Plaza
9:30 AM	John Calvin Presbyterian Church, Bridgeton, MO Worship begins at 10:30 am, transportation departs at 9:30 am. http://www.jcpchurch.org/	Bus Departs from 7th St. Plaza

8:30 AM	John Knox Presbyterian Church, Florissant, MO Worship begins at 9:30 am, transportation departs at 8:30 am. https://www.johnknoxchurch.com/	Bus Departs from 7th St. Plaza
9:00 AM	Ladue Chapel Presbyterian Church, Ladue, MO Worship begins at 10:00 am, transportation departs at 9:00 am. https://laduechapel.org/	Bus Departs from 7th St.
9:15 AM	LoveJoy United Presbyterian Church, Wood River, IL Worship begins at 10:15 am, transportation departs at 9:15 am. http://www.lovejoyupc.org/	Bus Departs from 7th St.
9:00 AM	New Hope Presbyterian Church, St. Charles, MO Worship begins at 10:15 am, transportation departs at 9:00 am. http://www.nhpres.org	Bus Departs from 7th St.
9:30 AM	New Horizons and Pendo Kenyan Congregations, Overland, MO Worship begins at 10:30 am, transportation departs at 9:30 am. http://www.newhorizons-PC(USA).org/	Bus Departs from 7th St.
9:30 AM	Oak Hill Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, MO Worship begins at 10:30 am, transportation departs at 9:30 am. http://www.oakhillPC(USA).org/	Bus Departs from 7th St.
8:45 AM	Pacific Presbyterian and First Presbyterian, Union, MO Churches Worship begins at 10:00 am, transportation departs 8:45 am. http://www.pacificpresbyterianchurch.org/ http://www.unionfirstpresby.org/	Bus Departs from 7th St.
9:45 AM	Rock Presbyterian Church, Imperial, MO Worship begins at 10:45 am, transportation departs at 9:45 am. https://www.rockpcmo.com/	Bus Departs from 7th St.
9:00 AM	Second Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, MO Worship begins at 10:00 am, transportation departs at 9:00 am. http://www.secondchurch.net/	Bus Departs from 7th St.
9:00 AM	Southminster Presbyterian, Crestwood, MO Worship begins at 10:00 am, transportation departs at 9:00 am. http://www.southminsterstlouis.org/	Bus Departs from 7th St.
9:00 AM	Third Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, MO Worship begins at 10:00 am, transportation departs at 9:00 am. https://thirdchurchstl.com/	Bus Departs from 7th St.
9:00 AM	Trinity Presbyterian Church, University City, MO Worship begins at 10:00 am, transportation departs t 9:00 am. https://www.trinityucity.org/	Bus Departs from 7th St.
8:30 AM	Webster Groves Presbyterian Church, Webster Groves, MO Worship begins at 9:30 am, transportation departs at 8:30 am. http://www.wgpc.org/	Bus Departs from 7th St.

9:00 AM	Westminster Presbyterian Church, St. Louis MO Worship begins at 10:00 am, transportation departs at 9:00 am. http://westminsterstl.org/	Bus Departs from 7th St.
10:30 AM-Worship 11:30 AM-Lunch Invite Only	Korean Lunch Sponsored by Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries and the National Caucus of Korean Presbyterian Churches (NCKPC) This is an opportunity for members of the National Caucus of Korean Presbyterian Churches (NCKPC) and others to gather together for lunch before the General Assembly begins. By invitation only. Contact Hyojin Kang for more information. Hyojin.Kang@PC(USA).org or 502-569-5687	Seoul Garden Korean Restaurant 10678 St Charles Rock Rd, St Ann, MO 63074 (314) 429-4255
1:30 PM-2:15 PM	Observers with Impact: Orientation to the Process Observer Application (Repeated) <i>See Thursday, June 14, 4:30 pm</i>	AC, 266
1:30 PM-5:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Open to Public	AC Hall 3
1:30 PM	New Business Deadline	AC Hall 4
2:30 PM-5:00 PM	General Assembly Plenary – Business Meeting 3. Report of Special Committees and Commissions.	AC Hall 5
5:00 PM-5:45 PM	Observers with Impact: Orientation to the Process Observer Application (Repeated) <i>See Thursday, June 14, 4:30 pm</i>	AC, 266
5:00 PM-6:00 PM	Commissioner Resolution and Overture Advocate Training <i>OGA</i>	AC 126
5:30 PM-7:00 PM Ticketed	Group Dinner and Board of Pensions Celebration <i>Sponsored by the OGA and the Board of Pensions</i> Join the Board of Pensions for dinner to celebrate the release of Gradye Parson's book, <i>Our Connectional Church: The Hopeful Future of the PC(USA)</i> .	Marriott Grand Majestic
7:30 PM	Assembly Committee Meetings I The first hour of this session is open only to committee members and leaders.	AC Various locations
9:00 PM-11:00 PM	Fellowship Community Daily Debriefing <i>The Fellowship Community</i>	Marriott Grand Portland

Monday, June 18

7:00 AM-8:15 AM
Ticketed

Ministry at the Intersection of Race, Faith and White Supremacy

Auburn Seminary

Come hear the challenges and opportunities for faith – rooted leadership on the front lines with the young leaders of Ferguson fighting for police accountability in the death of Michael Brown and other unarmed Black people. Speakers will include the Reverend Traci Blackmon of the United Church of Christ and Christ the King United Church of Christ in Florissant, MO, and the Reverend Dr. Katharine Rhodes Henderson of Auburn Seminary.

Marriott
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7:30 AM-8:30 AM
Ticketed

Presbyterian Publishing Breakfast

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8:30 AM

Bible Study

Led by Deborah Krause, academic dean and professor of New Testament at Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis.

AC
Ferrara
Theatre

9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Exhibit Hall Open to Public

AC
Hall 3

9:00 AM-3:00 PM
Ticketed

Mission Tour: Underground Railroad & Elijah P. Lovejoy Tour and 1st Presbyterian Church Recital

The small river town of Alton, Illinois, played a vital role in the slaves' flight to freedom through the Underground Railroad. Landmarks important to their escape are featured on this informational tour. Learn about the Reverend Elijah P. Lovejoy, one of the ministers after which the Presbytery of Giddings–Lovejoy was named. High atop a river bluff in Alton is the 110-foot memorial to Rev. Lovejoy, murdered in 1837 by a pro-slavery mob for publishing his abolitionist newspaper, making him a national martyr. He also served as pastor of College Avenue Presbyterian Church. You will see the Trumbull House, home of Illinois Senator Lyman Trumbull, author of the U.S. Constitution's 13th Amendment to abolish slavery, Enos Apartments, and the Old Rock House, both important stations for the Underground Railroad. A delicious lunch is included in your tour, hosted by Alton's First Presbyterian Church, after which you will be treated to a short recital on their magnificent pipe organ. Boarding begins at 8:45 AM.

Bus Departs
from 7th St.
Plaza

9:30 AM

Assembly Committee Meetings II

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Various
locations

11:30 AM-1:00 PM Ticketed	"P is for Palestine" – Israel Palestine Mission Network Luncheon <i>Israel Palestine Mission Network</i> Dr. Golbarg Bashi, author of <i>P is for Palestine: A Palestine Alphabet Book</i> , published to critical acclaim in November 2017, received her doctoral degree from Columbia University, NYC, in 2010. For more than a decade, she has designed and taught interdisciplinary courses on various aspects of medieval and modern history of the Near East, Islamic Art, Critical Methodologies in Middle Eastern Studies, Comparative Human Rights, Gender in the Muslim World, and Representations of Race, Gender and Ethnicity in "Western" Media and Popular Culture. After a full-time academic career, Dr. Bashi is now focused on diversifying children's media and empowering children from underrepresented and marginalized countries.	Marriott Grand Statler
12:00 PM-1:15 PM Ticketed	The Covenant Network of Presbyterians Luncheon: A 20th Anniversary Celebration and Vision for the Future <i>Covenant Network of Presbyterians</i> For 20 years, the Covenant Network of Presbyterians has been working for justice and inclusion of all God's people in the life and leadership of the church. And that work is far from over! Come join a special speaker and the leaders of our ongoing work on behalf of LGBTQ people for a lunch that both celebrates and re-commits to that work in every congregation and presbytery and at this General Assembly. More information available soon at www.covnetpres.org .	Marriott Grand Landmark 1-4
12:00 PM-1:15 PM Ticketed	Presbyterian Peace Network for Korea Lunch – Promoting Peace in the Korean Peninsula <i>Presbyterian Peace Network for Korea</i> Prof. Nan Kim, historian and activist for peace in Korea, will update us on current developments concerning peace or war in Korea. She will share some historical background to the ongoing tensions over Korea and will outline the role Christians in Korea and the U.S. are playing in promoting peace in Korea today.	Marriott Grand Landmark 5-7
12:00 PM-1:30 PM Ticketed	World Mission Lunch – Stories of Transformation from Around the World <i>Presbyterian World Mission, PMA</i> Hear stories from local, national and international church leaders on mission partnerships that have transformed their lives and ministries. Plated meal.	Marriott Grand Crystal Marriott

1:00 PM-4:00 PM Ticketed	Mission Tour: Native American and Lewis & Clark Show-and-Tell at History Museum Library A special collection of archived items and documents from the Missouri Historical Society will be on display exclusively for your Show-and-Tell experience. Included will be Native American artifacts from the region. Learn the history of tribes pre-dominant in Missouri during the time of the Corps of Discovery and events leading to their demise. See documents from the Louisiana Purchase and artifacts, journals, and documents from the Lewis and Clark Expedition. You will also hear about the beautiful Missouri History Museum and Research Center building, venue for this event. To complete your regional history experience, your research librarian will point out the remarkable assets of the building that is home to the Library and Research Center, originally constructed in 1927 as the fourth permanent home of the United Hebrew Congregation. Boarding begins at 12:45 PM.	Bus Departs from 7th St. Plaza
1:30 PM	Assembly Committee Meetings III	AC Various locations
5:00 PM-7:00 PM Ticketed	For the Healing of the Nation – A Tapas Meal and Prayer Vigil <i>Compassion, Peace and Justice, PMA</i> Join us as we share a meal and hold vigil with local leaders for peace, justice, reconciliation, and healing in St. Louis and across our nation. In story, song, and prayer, we'll bear witness to our shared commitments and be nourished for our ongoing work. Additionally, dessert will be provided as we celebrate the sweetness of communities engaged in justice and recognize the important work of Presbyterians engaged in the networks of Presbyterian Health, Education, and Welfare (PHEWA).	Marriott Grand Washington
5:30 PM-8:00 PM Ticketed	National Black Presbyterian Caucus Dinner Where Do We Go From Here? Seeking Racial Justice and Equity Join the National Black Presbyterian Caucus president, the Reverend Dr. Thomas Priest, as he challenges the whole church to work toward an answer to this daunting question during our customary dinner.	Marriott Grand Landmark 1–3
5:30 PM-7:00 PM Ticketed Invite Only	Mid Council Dinner sponsored by the Presbyterian Mission Agency The program will connect mid council leaders with each other and with the mission of our church. We will provide sources of support and resources for mid councils to engage in ministries and to build relationships in our connectional system.	Marriott Grand Landmark 6&7

7:30 PM	Assembly Committee Meetings IV	AC
8:00 PM-10:00 PM Ticketed	Columbia Theological Seminary Reception for Friends and Alumni 635 Washington Ave, St. Louis, MO 63101 https://www.robustwinebar.com/downtown/	Robust Downtown at the MX
8:00 PM-10:00 PM Ticketed	Keep Austin Weird Winsome! – Austin Seminary Reception <i>Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary</i> Join us for a fun time of fellowship, drinks, and hors d'oeuvres with alumni and friends.	Marriott Grand Statler
8:30 PM-10:00 PM	Yale Divinity School Alumni Reception We hope you'll join Dean Goettler and YDS alums from around the country. RSVP to Emily Reid at emily.reid@yale.edu or 203-432-5359.	Lucas Park Grill 1234 Washington Avenue

Tuesday, June 19

6:45 AM-8:15 AM	Breakfast with the Moderator – Cuban Presbyterian Reformed Church <i>Cuba Partners Network</i> Join us for an intimate breakfast conversation with the Rev Dr. Ary Fernández, Moderator of the Presbyterian-Reformed Church in Cuba. Space is limited; RSVP patmetcalf@att.net .	Marriott Grand Lindell
7:00 AM-8:30 AM Ticketed	Voices of Sophia Breakfast with the Reverend Traci Blackmon <i>Presbyterian Voices For Justice</i> Rev. Blackmon represents Justice & Witness Ministries of The United Church of Christ and pastors in Florissant, MO. Rev. Blackmon's leadership in Ferguson gained her international recognition and audiences from White House to Vatican. Hear Rev. Blackmon proclaim the need for a Moral Revival in this nation.	Marriott Grand Landmark 6&7
7:30 AM-9:00 AM Ticketed	McCormick Theological Seminary Breakfast <i>McCormick Theological Seminary</i> Join us for good food and hear all about "What's new at McCormick."	Marriott Grand Landmark 1&2
8:30 AM	Bible Study Led by Raj Nadella, assistant professor of New Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia.	AC Ferrara Theatre
9:00 AM-5:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Open to Public	AC Hall 3

9:00 AM-3:00 PM Ticketed	Mission Tour: Introduction to the Gateway – Architecture, the Arch, BBQ, & Riverboat Ride Capture the essence of St. Louis in this introduction to the Gateway City. Your tour begins at Eads Bridge, spanning the Mississippi River from Missouri to Illinois. As you pass through downtown, you will see an extensive array of unique architectural designs, many on the National Register of Historic Places. The final architectural marvel on this tour is the Gateway Arch, designed by architect Eero Saarinen, as a tribute to the westward expansion of the U.S. A perfect backdrop for pictures of your visit, be sure to bring your cameras. A tram ride to the top of the 630-foot Arch is sure to be the highlight of your morning! A savory BBQ buffet lunch at Pappy's Smokehouse is included. Your tour wraps up with an afternoon Mississippi riverboat ride. Boarding begins at 8:45 AM.	Bus Departs from 7th St. Plaza
9:00 AM-2:00 PM Ticketed	Mission Tour: Grants Farm Adventure Tour Take the family on an adventure at Grants Farm! The expansive farm was once the home of Ulysses S. Grant, 18th president of the United States, and later, August H. Busch Jr., of Anheuser-Busch. A tram will take you on a tour of the grounds, including the 160-acre Deer Park, a refuge for antelope, buffalo, and dozens of other large and small animals and birds. Enjoy refreshments or lunch on your own in the historic Bauernhof, which also houses the Busch family's world-renowned carriage collection. Kids will love the petting zoo! Don't forget to stop by to see the Clydesdales in the stallion barn before you leave. Wear comfortable shoes and bring your camera! Rain or shine. Boarding begins at 8:45 AM.	Bus Departs from 7th St. Plaza
9:30 AM	Assembly Committee Meetings V	AC Various locations
10:00 AM-2:00 PM	College and Seminary Fair Come and learn what is happening at your Presbyterian colleges, universities and seminaries. Get information on degree programs, continuing education, and new initiatives at each of the schools.	Hall 3
2:00 PM-1:15 PM Ticketed	Presbyterian Historical Society Luncheon <i>Presbyterian Historical Society, OGA</i> Join us for lunch and a talk by Crystal R. Sanders, a noted historian at Pennsylvania State University. Drawing from her book, <i>A Chance for Change: Head Start and Mississippi's Black Freedom Struggle</i> , Dr. Sanders will discuss civil rights, Head Start, and the Presbyterian Church in 1960s Mississippi.	Marriott Grand Landmark 5&6

12:00 PM-1:30 PM Ticketed	More Light Lunch: Ministry with LGBTQ Youth <i>More Light Presbyterians, Inc.</i> When we baptize children, we promise to nurture them in the faith and support them as they grow. What does support look like for LGBTQ youth? How can we create church spaces where LGBTQ youth know they are welcome? Join us to learn practical ways congregations can support LGBTQ youth!	Marriott Grand Landmark 1&2
12:00-1:30 PM Ticketed	Presbyterians for Earth Care Luncheon and Awards Join PEC for our luncheon and our annual eco-justice awards. Come hear the Reverend Jimmie Hawkins, director, PC(USA) Office of Public Witness, discuss "Poor People's Campaign: Race, Poverty and the Environment."	Marriott Grand Washington
12:00 PM-1:30 PM Ticketed	The Church Life Cycle: From Starting New Worshipping Communities to Revitalizing Older Congregations <i>1001 New Worshipping Communities and Church Vitality, PMA</i> Participants will learn how to support expressions of church in all stages of life. Hear about the latest resources, and meet the staff who will join you on the journey of faithfulness.	Marriott Grand Landmark 4
12:00 PM-1:30 PM Ticketed	Immigration Rally – Public Witness of Solidarity for Migrant Neighbors <i>Office of Immigration Issues, OGA and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, PMA</i> The history of Presbyterians advocating on behalf of immigrants is as long as the history of the United States. As we are witnessing the massive detention and deportation of family, friends, church members, neighbors, and community leaders, we are called to cry out the injustice of our immigration system. Join us in a public rally, along with local immigrant and migrant rights leaders in St. Louis, to denounce the criminalization of neighbors. We will celebrate the gifts of immigrants and will call out unjust enforcement of a broken immigration system. A box lunch is available with a ticket. We will provide signs and bring your clerical collar if you are clergy.	AC Baer Park Depart from Plaza Entrance
1:30 PM	Assembly Committee Meetings VI	AC Various locations
1:30 PM-3:00 PM Ticketed	Worship without Worry Insurance Board is partnering with the ALICE Training Institute, the #1 Active Shooter Civilian Response Training for all Organizations to bring FREE information for churches and church leaders on how to better prepare your congregation in the event of an active shooter, and how to increase your likelihood of survival. Please RSVP through GA registration.	Marriott Grand Majestic A–C

1:30 PM-2:30 PM	World Mission coffee hour Stop by for coffee, tea and conversation. Sponsored by Presbyterian World Mission. Free.	AC Second Floor Atrium
3:00-5:00 PM (Gather at 2:30 PM)	Public Witness to Present the Saturday Offering to free persons unjustly imprisoned <i>Office of the General Assembly</i> Public Witness to Present the Saturday Offering to free persons unjustly imprisoned. The Stated Clerk invites those who are interested and able to join him in a silent march from the convention center to the St. Louis City Justice Center. There, in partnership with The Bail Project (bailproject.org), will be a public presentation of the assembly's offering to free individuals currently awaiting trial in a system that keeps them incarcerated until they can meet bail. Gather in the assembly plenary hall at 2:30 p.m.	AC Gather in Plenary Hall (Hall 5)
4:00 PM-6:00 PM	Synod of Southern California and Hawaii Reception <i>Synod of Southern California and Hawaii</i>	Marriott Grand Hawthorne/
4:00 PM-5:00 PM	Niger Mission Network Reception <i>Niger Mission Network</i> Meet President Kadade, Evangelical Church in Niger (EERN)/GA Ecumenical Delegate. Despite Niger's impoverished population and being 98% Muslim, Kadade became a Christian. The EERN's Literacy and Evangelism efforts, Bible Schools/Hostels, Nursing Schools, Health Clinics, Clean Water and Sanitation, and Youth Development highlight the church's witness to God's presence in Niger.	Marriott Grand Portland
5:30 PM-8:00 PM Ticketed	National Middle Eastern Dinner/Award Celebration <i>National Middle Eastern Presbyterian Caucus</i> NMEPC Dinner and Award celebration will feature one of the most nationally and internationally honorably known leaders of Middle Eastern Presbyterians, the Reverend Dr. Andrea Zaki, the head of the Protestant Churches in Egypt and the CEO of the Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services (CEOSS); the largest and most recognized socioeconomic development organization in all Africa and the Middle East. Dr. Zaki's address will be focusing on the State of the Church in the Middle East with particular focus on Egypt's most recent two revolutions and the pioneering contributions of the Presbyterian Church, CEOSS, and Egyptian Christians during this most unsettling sociopolitical time in contemporary Egypt. Seats are limited, please, reserve your ticket as soon as you can!	Marriott Grand Landmark 3

6:00 PM-8:00 PM
Ticketed

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Service Project with Churches on the Streets
Hispanic/Latino/a National Presbyterian Caucus, Mujeres Presbiterianas and Hombres Presbiterianos
Join the Hispanic/Latin@ National Presbyterian Caucus, Mujeres Presbiterianas and Hombres Presbiterianos, in collaboration with Churches on the Street (<http://www.churchesonthestreets.com/>), in a special outreach to people experiencing homelessness. You will have the opportunity to help sort and organize clothing and donations, hand out the clothing, give out hygiene and first-aid items, and most importantly, engage in conversations with our friends on the streets to encourage them and pray with them. For more information please contact Tony Aja at tonyaja@aol.com, Ruth Román-Meza at ruthromanmeza@yahoo.com, and Jorge Abdala at jwabdala@gmail.com.

Churches on the Streets
1333 N. 6th St. across the street from the Edward Jones Dome

6:00 PM-8:00 PM
Ticketed

The National Asian Presbyterian Council Dinner
NAPC (National Asian Presbyterian Council)
An opportunity for Asians and non-Asians alike to share and learn about the unique experiences and concerns of Asian faith communities today, and to celebrate the ministries of Asian congregations in the PC(USA). Our speaker, Dr. Hsin-hsin Huang, will present a talk titled "the Psychological and Spiritual Journey of Immigration."

Marriott Grand Lindell

6:00 PM-9:00 PM
Ticketed

N.A.C.C. Native American Consulting Committee Dinner
Native American Consulting Committee
Come and join us with your presence for a wonderful meal and Spirit-filled evening. N.A.C.C is a PC(USA) committee that represents the Native American congregations of the PC(USA) We will share the current happenings and concerns of Native American ministries. All are welcome! This is a great dinner to reconnect with seasoned relatives or use this time to learn and appreciate new relatives. Honor us with your presence as we celebrate the gifts of Native Americans within the PC(USA).

Marriott Grand Landmark 2

6:00 PM-7:30 PM
RSVP Required

Grace Presbytery Members Dinner
For all commissioners and members of Grace Presbytery – a time to relax and connect. Please RSVP to the presbytery office gloria@gracepresbytery.org or call 214-393-5610, preferably by Friday, June 16.

Marriott Grand Benton

6:00 PM-8:00 PM
Invite only

Stated Clerk's Ecumenical Dinner

AC 230

7:00 PM-8:30 PM

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Meet and Greet
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
Alums and friends are invited to join us for fun, fellowship, drinks and refreshments.

Marriott Grand Landmark 5

7:00-9:00 PM Ticketed	Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary Reception Come enjoy drinks and light refreshments with alums and friends.	Marriott Grand Westmore-and/Kingsbury
7:30 PM-9:30 PM Ticketed	Princeton Theological Seminary Reception for Alumni, Prospective Students, and Friends <i>Princeton Theological Seminary</i>	Marriott Grand Landmark 6–7
9:00 PM-1:00 AM Ticketed NC for YAADs	Witherspoon Dance – Presbyterian Voices for Justice <i>Presbyterian Voices For Justice</i> A GA tradition! Enjoy the night & lights at the Witherspoon Dance! Come ready to relax and dance the night away with an eclectic justice mixtape of classic jams provided by a pastor–DJ! Help us celebrate justice ministries & individual honorees! Free snacks & cash bar! No charge for YAADs.	Marriott Grand Crystal

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, June 20

7:00 AM-8:30 AM Ticketed	Ecumenical and Interfaith Relationships in a Season of Civil and Political Divisions and Hostilities – Breakfast <i>OGA, Ecumenical Relations</i> What does it mean to be in relationship with both Christians and people of other faith traditions when opposing viewpoints are held on issues in society? How do faith communities contribute or hinder the possibility of a society marked by justice and righteousness? What does it mean to seek the “Beloved Community” in the midst of civil society divisions and hostilities?	AC 263
7:00 AM-8:45 AM Ticketed	The Peace Breakfast <i>Presbyterian Peace Fellowship</i> The Peace Breakfast will honor 2018 Peaceseecker Awardees, the Reverend Dr. William Barber and the Reverend Dr. Liz Theoharis, for their urgent and prophetic work as moderators of the new Poor People’s Campaign: A Call for Moral Revival and 2017 Peaceseecker, the Reverend Abby Mohaupt, for her prophetic and pastoral leadership for climate justice. Peaceseechers will speak about their call to people across the country to challenge the evils of systemic racism, poverty, the war economy, and ecological devastation. Commissioners will receive a \$5 rebate at the breakfast.	AC 220

8:00 AM-9:00 AM Ticketed	From Consumers of Church to Leaders of Church – Church and College Partnerships That Work <i>Maryville College</i> Please join Maryville College president, Dr. Tom Bogart, for breakfast and conversation focusing on partnerships and resources that inspire and support college students for a life of faithful leadership. Our special guest will be Ms. Laura Bryan, coordinator of the PC (USA) office of Financial Aid for Service, which offers more than \$1million annually to college students, seminarians, candidates seeking calls and pastors with educational debt.	AC 221
8:30 AM-10:00 AM Ticketed	Mission Tour: Discover Downtown St. Louis By Foot Put on your walking shoes to take a stroll through downtown St. Louis, where old meets new. Learn the background of the Old Courthouse, a National Landmark. Enjoy the newly renovated Kiener Plaza and lush plant life and sculptures of Citygarden. A walk along the Mighty Mississippi will take you through the new Gateway Arch National Park. You'll head back to America's Center by way of historic Laclede's Landing.	Tour Departs from 7th St. Plaza
9:30 AM	General Assembly Plenary – Business Meeting 4. Starting with the Ecumenical Worship Service. Najla Kassab, president of the World Communion of Reformed Churches, will preach.	AC Hall 5
10:00 AM-3:00 PM Ticketed	Mission Tour: Angels, Miracles & Stained Glass Beautiful churches of many denominations were built as settlers made St. Louis their home. You will visit angels and biblical stories in stained glass windows, including the magnificent Tiffany windows at Second Presbyterian Church. At the Shrine of St. Joseph, you will see where a registered miracle took place, and you will be awed by the world-famous mosaics in the Cathedral Basilica. Lunch on your own will be authentic Lebanese food served cafeteria style at St. Raymond's Maronite Cathedral. Boarding begins at 9:45 AM.	Bus Departs from 7th St. Plaza
11:00 AM-7:30 PM	Exhibit Hall Open to Public	AC Hall 3
11:30 AM-1:30 PM Ticketed	Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Luncheon <i>"Theology in Context: Putting Theory into Practice with Urban and Global Partners"</i> Pittsburgh Theological Seminary is forming culturally proficient leaders, with a solid biblical-theological foundation, for our changing world through our contextual and innovative global/local seminary partnerships. Hunter Farrell, World Mission Initiative director, discusses our renewal of theological education as we shape well-trained minds and passionate hearts for Jesus' mission.	AC 231

11:30 AM-1:30 PM Ticketed	Princeton Theological Seminary Alumni Luncheon <i>Princeton Theological Seminary</i> Join alumni and friends of Princeton Seminary. President M. Craig Barnes will bring greetings and an update from the seminary. Current students will talk about their experiences at the Seminary.	AC 220
11:30 AM-1:00 PM Ticketed	San Francisco Theological Seminary Alumni/ae and Friends Luncheon San Francisco Theological Seminary What does alumni engagement mean in the context of the 21st century seminary? Come enjoy a delicious lunch with your fellow SFTS alumni/ae and hear how SFTS is leading the way through innovation in ministry.	AC 230
12:00 PM-2:00 PM Ticketed	Louisville Presbyterian Seminary Luncheon <i>Louisville Seminary</i> Join us for lunch with alums and friends.	AC 232
12:00 PM-1:30 PM Ticketed	Austin Seminary Luncheon <i>Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary</i> Alumni and friends are invited to reconnect with one another and hear from President Theodore J. Wardlaw about the latest campus happenings and other exciting news.	AC 221
12:00 PM-1:00 PM Ticketed	Columbia Seminary Lunch <i>Columbia Theological Seminary</i> Alumni, students, and friends of Columbia, please join us for lunch and an opportunity to connect with colleagues, to meet new faculty and staff, and to hear about exciting new endeavors at CTS.	AC 223
12:00 PM-1:30 PM Ticketed	Fuller Seminary Alumni luncheon <i>Fuller Theological Seminary</i>	AC 242
12:00 PM-1:30 PM Ticketed	Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary Luncheon Come fellowship with JCSTS alumni and friends and receive an update from President Paul Roberts about the seminary's exciting new programs.	AC 240
12:00 PM-1:15 PM Ticketed	Ruling Elder Luncheon: Ruling Elders as Spiritual Leaders OGA Mid Council Ministries This luncheon for ruling elders will celebrate the office and build leader connections. The Reverend Dr. Joan Gray, Moderator of the 217th General Assembly (2006) and author and coauthor of several books including <i>Spiritual Leadership for Church Officers and Presbyterian Polity for Church Leaders</i> , will be the guest speaker. Joan also serves as the current writer for the online articles, Regarding Ruling Elders: A Monthly Series for Spiritual Leaders.	AC 222

12:00 PM-2:00 PM Ticketed	Union Presbyterian Seminary Alumni Luncheon <i>Union Presbyterian Seminary</i> You're invited to join us for delicious food and energizing fellowship. Union is proud to present the Reverend Dr. Katie Geneva Cannon, Annie Scale Rogers Professor of Christian Ethics, as the keynote speaker. Come catch up with longtime friends, meet new colleagues, and hear from one of the world's most renown theologians. You won't want to miss it!	AC 220
12:00 PM-1:30 PM Ticketed	Union Seminary–Auburn Seminary Luncheon <i>Union Theological Seminary/Auburn Theological Seminary</i> Join alumni/ae and friends of Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York and Auburn Theological Seminary, where creative initiatives supporting the 21st century church, academy and society are thriving! Meet and hear from Dr. Serene Jones, president of Union Theological Seminary, and Dr. Katharine Rhodes Henderson, Auburn Theological Seminary's president, about the present and future of both institutions, their unique and collaborative relationship, and their programming to prepare Presbyterian students to become future leaders in the PC(USA).	AC 241
2:00 PM	General Assembly Plenary – Business Meeting 5	AC Hall 5
5:30 PM-6:30 PM	Award Winning Documentary Resources <i>Presbyterian Disaster Service, PMA</i> Is your congregation interested in hosting screenings and conversations around timely and relevant issues in your city and community? Please join Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and Compassion Peace & Justice as we screen trailers for documentaries on immigration detention, refugee resettlement, public violence, Flint, and more. The documentary resources, study guides, trailers, and posters will be available for download. Story Productions is a ministry committed to Story as a means to give voice to narratives that have not been heard and enable community engagement on relevant and timely issues. Award-winning documentaries focused on issues such as immigration, gun violence, and refugees have been broadcast on ABC & NBC, screened at film festivals and universities, and used as resources for community organizing and engagement across the country.	AC 260
5:30 PM Ticketed	Group Dinner for Commissioners and Advisory Delegate No charge for commissioners and advisory delegates. Other participants may purchase tickets.	AC Hall 3
7:00 PM	General Assembly Plenary – Business Meeting 6	AC Hall 5

Thursday, June 21

7:00 AM-8:15 AM Ticketed	Theological Education Awards Breakfast <i>Committee on Theological Education, Theological Education Fund, and Presbyterian Foundation</i> Recognize and hear from the 2018 Excellence in Theological Education Awardees: The Reverend Drs. Katie Geneva Cannon and Douglas Oldenburg. Cannon is the first African American woman ordained as a minister in the Presbyterian church and is a professor at Union Presbyterian Seminary. Oldenburg is a former Moderator of the GA and retired president of Columbia Seminary.	Marriott Grand Statler
8:30 AM	General Assembly Plenary – Business Meeting 7	AC Hall 5
9:30 AM-2:30 PM Ticketed	Mission Tour: St. Louis Black History Tour Black history plays an important role in the growth of St. Louis. This tour will take you to the Old Courthouse, where the Dred Scott decision was rendered. Music from an authentic player piano will entertain you as you visit the home of musician Scott Joplin. Learn about important places like John Berry Meacham's Floating Freedom School and The Ville, a popular neighborhood for African American businesses in the early 1900s. Enjoy lunch on your own at the well-known Sweetie Pie's Upper Crust Restaurant. Boarding begins at 9:15 AM.	Bus Departs from 7th St. Plaza
11:15 AM	Service of Daily Worship Floretta Barbee-Watkins will preach.	AC Hall 5
12:00-1:15 PM Ticketed	Presbyterian Writers Guild Luncheon – America and Its Guns, Jim Atwood Speaker The Guild is giving Jim Atwood the Distinguished Writer Award." His books tell his story: a lifetime of enjoying hunting; shock as members of his congregation were killed by gun violence; 40 years of working for a solution, uniting gun owners, and gun safety."	AC 223
12:00-1:30 PM Ticketed	Faith and Science Luncheon <i>Presbyterian Association on Science, Technology and the Christian Faith</i> This luncheon will feature a presentation by teaching elder, Ellie Stock, on science, technology, and the church in the age of "Truthiness." In addition, awards for "Science as a Christian Vocation" and "Excellence in Science and Christian Faith Ministry."	AC 221
12:00-1:00 PM Ticketed	C. Fred Jenkins Award luncheon <i>Association of Stated Clerks</i> Awarded in memory of C. Fred Jenkins to an individual or group that has given wise, prudent, and vigilant support to the Constitution and polity of the PC(USA).	AC 222

12:00-1:15 PM Invite Only	CREDO Alumni Lunch <i>The Board of Pensions</i> Reconnect with colleagues who share the common experience of CREDO, hear about new developments in the program, and learn about an opportunity to continue in the spirit of CREDO. If you've ever attended a CREDO conference, take the opportunity to renew relationships and nourish body, heart, and soul by attending the CREDO Alumni Lunch, provided courtesy of the Board of Pensions. Contact Credo staff for more information.	AC 220
12:30 PM-1:30 PM	Global Café Coffee Hour Stop by for a quick pick-me-up. Stay if you have time for participant-shaped conversations on local and global mission. Sponsored by World Mission. Free.	AC 126
1:30 PM	General Assembly Plenary – Business Meeting 8	AC Hall 5
5:00-7:00 PM Ticketed	UDTS Alumni and Friends: Inspiration and Conversation <i>University of Dubuque Theological Seminary</i> Dr. Christopher James, professor of Evangelism and Missional Christianity, shares visions of the church springing up in distinctive contexts.	Robust Downtown at the MX 635 Washington Ave.
5:30-7:00 PM Ticketed	Association of Mid Council Leaders (AMCL) Dinner This is a time to connect and renew/refresh relationships with colleagues in ministry. It is a space for networking and support with those presbytery/synod staff positions (executive presbyters, associates, stated clerks, or other titles), as we work together and with PC(USA) agencies to strengthen churches and our witness to Christ.	AC 220
5:30-6:30 PM	Award Winning Documentary Resources <i>Presbyterian Disaster Service, PMA</i> (Repeated from Wednesday at 5:30 PM)	AC 260
7:30 PM Ticketed—\$15	Hands and Feet Celebration featuring Kirk Whalum <i>Sponsored by Northern Trust Securities</i> The Hands and Feet Initiative has been bringing teams of Presbyterians from all over the country to St. Louis over the last year to engage in ministry with the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy and making sure that the General Assembly has reach beyond just one week in June. We will celebrate the accomplishments of the last year and help prepare for the new stage of Hands and Feet for the next General Assembly, hosted by the Presbytery of Baltimore.	AC Ferrara Theatre

Friday, June 22

8:30 AM	General Assembly Plenary – Business Meeting 9	AC Hall 5
11:15 AM	Service of Daily Worship Don Meeks will preach.	AC Hall 5
12:00 PM Ticketed	Group Lunch for Commissioners and Advisory Delegates No charge for commissioners and advisory delegates. Other participants may purchase tickets.	AC Second Floor Atrium
1:30 PM	General Assembly Plenary – Business Meeting 10	AC Hall 5
5:30 PM Ticketed	Group Dinner for Commissioners and Advisory Delegates No charge for commissioners and advisory delegates. Other participants may purchase tickets.	AC Second Floor Atrium
7:00 PM	General Assembly Plenary – Business Meeting 11	AC Hall 5

Saturday, June 23

9:00 AM	General Assembly Plenary – Business Meeting 12 Closing Worship begins at the close of business. Ekram Kachu will preach.	AC Hall 5
1:00-4:00 PM Ticketed	Mission Tour: Cahokia Mounds UNESCO World Heritage Site Tour Within the 2,200-acre tract lie the archaeological remnants of the central section of the ancient settlement, which once consisted of nearly 120 mounds of various descriptions and used for a variety of functions. Your tour will take you through the Interpretative Center, then outdoors, where you can walk among the archeological finds and maybe even hike Monks Mound, the largest Pre-Columbian earthwork in the Americas and the largest pyramid north of Mesoamerica. Wear comfortable shoes for lots of walking. Rain or shine. Boarding begins at 12:45 AM.	Bus Departs from 7th St. Plaza

Introduction to Worship

Welcome to worship at the General Assembly! Those of us who have crafted these services offer them with the hope that they will give expression to your sense of awe and joy as Presbyterians from near and far come together to join their hearts and voices in praise of the triune God.

Beyond any inspiration the services might offer us in our personal faith journeys, we believe that worship shapes the ministry of the church as it engages the Gospel's call to prophetic witness. That trajectory was quickly established by the Stated Clerk as he set the theme for this General Assembly, and reinforced by the realities we have experienced in our local context. We wrestled with the term "kingdom" and wondered how worship might illuminate and interpret the invitation the theme places before the church. Looking around at the churches in the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy – the vast majority congregations of European heritage – we could easily imagine how much our corporate life here would change if we could genuinely welcome and support as kin persons of different life circumstances, skin color, language, or cultural heritage ... how our life in this region would more closely reflect the rule of Christ if we could recognize and address the injustices and disparities that undermine the welfare of our communities.

So the journey begins at the confluence of the rivers, as God's Presbyterian people assemble. As worship follows the path laid out for us by God's Word, through the texts chosen by the preachers of the week, we hope you will experience how God is working among us, calling us forward to a fuller experience of the kingdom, while we are challenged, in the words of Mary Louise Bringle's hymn, to "draw the welcome circle wider."

The time, talents, and energies of many people are represented in these services, and we are grateful for that abundance. The Worship Committee offers special thanks to David Gambrell of the Office of Theology and Worship, who met with us early in our process, introduced us to resources being readied for publication, and facilitated dialogue as we articulated principles to guide our work. These included a commitment to employ expansive language of God and inclusive language about people. We looked for ways to reflect the diversity of the PC(USA), even as we encountered the limitations of our own experience. Challenged to use the gifts we found within our presbytery, we chose to complement those with the rich resources available to the church in *Glory to God* and the revised *Book of Common Worship*. Our hope has been to model faithful and vibrant worship: worship that reflects both tradition and creativity, worship that creates space where each finds a sense of home – even as we are challenged to cross the river into the new future to which God calls us.

Communion is being served by intinction. As you approach the server, please take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, eat, and return to your seat. The communion bread being served to the congregation is gluten-free.

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Opening Worship

Saturday, June 16, 2018

GATHERING

**When this symbol precedes an element of the service,
please rise in body or spirit.*

GATHERING MUSIC

"Grand Chœur Dialogué" Eugène Gigout
arranged for brass quintet and organ by John Kuzma

"Four Dances" from *Les fêtes vénitiennes* André Campra
transcribed and edited by Scott Sorenson
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Entrée de la Suite de la Folie
La Bohémienne
Air de la Suite de l'Amour
Air pour la Suite de la Carnaval

"Now Thank We All Our God" Johann Pachelbel
arranged for brass quintet and organ by Gary Olson

"God of Grace" Paul Manz
arranged for brass quintet, timpani, and organ by
Jonathan Crutchfield

"Overture to the Water Music, Suite 2" George Frideric Handel
arranged for brass quintet, timpani,
and organ by Michael Burkhardt

OPENING OF THE 223RD Denise Anderson, Jan Edmiston
GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2018)

GATHERING WORDS

Zoe Martin, Lauren Brown,
Tommy Epling, Mya Robinson

Voice 1 In the earliest days
Voice 2 When all was chaos
Voice 3 As God created something new
Voice 4 God GATHERED the waters
Voice 1 All else was separated, then formed.
Put forth or called ...
Voice 2 But the waters were gathered.
Voice 3 Gathered together in one place.
Interlude as the font is filled.
Voice 4 In our days
Voice 1 In all our chaos
Voice 2 God has gathered us here

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Voice 3 Gathered us like the waters.
 Voice 4 Be strong.
 Voice 1 Have courage.
 Voice 2 Rejoice in the Lord.
 Voice 3 Come to the water.
 Voice 4 Be gathered in.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THANKSGIVING

Stephanie Foltz

Creator God, Living Christ, Spirit of Courage,
 you wonderful unknown,
 you fabulous hope,
 you faithful friend,
 we are here to adore you.

**We are here to love and serve you,
 to sing your story,
 to shout your justice,
 to proclaim your truth,
 to welcome your challenge,
 and swim in your hope.**

We have crossed rivers and mountains,
 traditions and expectations,
 positions and stations,
 generations and languages,
 to gather here in your presence.

We beg you – be near us.

Fill this space –
 our long days and wee hours,
 our committees and conversations,
 our business and our action –
 fill all of this, with all of you.

**Come, wrestle within us, pour through us, and shake
 us loose.
 By the waters in which you claimed us, make us strong.
 With the force of your current, make us bold.**

As you wash through,
 change our minds and turn our agendas.
 Nudge our hearts and move our feet.
 Hold us faithful and float us toward hope.
 And with a torrent only you could send,
 Drench us with love.

**Start something new.
 Call us more closely to you.
 Again. And always. Amen.**

*Please rise in body or spirit.

***HYMN**

"The Church's One Foundation"

AURELIA
Arr. Dan Forrest

(Instrumental) 21 Congregation, unison, with choir *f*

1. The church's one foundation is Je-sus Christ, her Lord; she
is His new crea-tion by wa-ter and the Word. From heav'n He came and sought her to
be His ho-ly bride; with His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

(Instrumental) 3 (Stanza 2: Choir) 21 (Stanza 3: Choir) 16 (Instrumental) 9

Congregation, unison, with choir *ff*

4. Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One, and mys-tic sweet com-
munion with those whose rest is won: O hap-py ones and ho-ly! Lord, give us grace that
we like them, the meek and low-ly, on high may dwell with Thee.

(Choir) 6

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***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Sudie Niesen Thompson,
Chad Herring

We are gathered,
and as we stand on the banks of the wide Mississippi,
we remember other times, other rivers
people of faith have crossed.

The Hebrew people crossed the Jordan into the promised land –
freed to build new lives in a land flowing with milk and honey.
But at what cost to those already living there?

And how many rivers were crossed as people of faith
laid claim to lands already inhabited?
How often did their dreams and ambition carry terrible cost
for native peoples?
for lands rich in resources?

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

Children of God, shaped by both faith and history,
let us confess our sin so that we stand ready to follow God's
call,
praying together ...

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Sudie Niesen Thompson,
Chad Herring

**God of promise,
forgive your people
when your dreams of *shalom* for all
are co-opted by yearnings for earthly kingdoms.**

When your call to be a blessing to all peoples
is corrupted by grasping after wealth
that privileges some, and disadvantages others.

**Forgive your people
when hunger for power
brings curse rather than blessing.**

When our claim to land displaces others,
stripping away all sense of security
and denying their hope of home.

**Give us the courage to name the sins which continue to
distort our lives,
the attitudes that some are better than others,
the complicity in systems that are unjust,
the complacency with institutions that diminish the
common good.**

As we cross into the future you set before us, re-form us.
Give us strength
to discard structures that do not serve your purpose;
and open us to new ways of being.

**Give us courage to let go of lifeless relics;
and help us take hold of your living word.
Give us grace to relinquish tired habits;
and free us to new ways of serving.**

Make us bold to live into your vision
of a community that welcomes all as kin.

**May our life together bless all creation with your *shalom* –
a life in which every person experiences
dignity,
well-being,
wholeness,
peace,
justice.**

**Forgive us.
Renew us,**

**Transform us, we pray –
that we may truly become the blessing you have called
us to be.**

AMEN.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Sudie Niesen Thompson,
Chad Herring

As we gather on the banks of the wide Mississippi,
we remember how God brought our ancestors through Jor-
dan's waters,
delivering them to a new and abundant life.

*We, too, have passed through the waters – waters through which the
Spirit has claimed us, cleansed us, re-created us.*

God calls us into a new future, and promises to be with us as
we journey.
Beloved of God, believe the good news of the gospel.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Chad Herring

As invited, please exchange signs of Christ's peace and reconciliation.

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

***SONG** "Halleluya! Our God Is Good" *George Mensah Essilfie*

Hal - le, hal - le, Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu -

ya! our God is good. Hal - le, hal - le,

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - ya! our God is good.

All the time; Our God is good. All the time our God is

All the time. Our God is good, All the time.

good. Our God is good. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le, hal - le,

hal - le - lu - ya! our God is good. All the time; Our God is

All the time.

good. All the time our God is good. Our God is good. Hal - le, hal -

Our God is good, All the time.

le, hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - ya! our God is good.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Annie Donnell

EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 3:12–14

Annie Donnell

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

ANTHEM

“Shall We Gather at the River?”

Music & Text,
Robert Lowry (1864)
Arr. Anna Laura Page

Assembly Choir

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day.
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
gather with the saints at the river, that flows by the throne of God.

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.
Soon we'll reach the shining river; soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever, flowing by the throne of God?
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God;
it flows by the throne of God.

Voice 1 After the death of Moses
 Voice 2 After
 Voice 3 After
 Voice 4 After the death of Moses
 Voice 1 Servant of the Lord
 Voice 2 Moses, servant of the Lord
 Voice 3 The Lord spoke
 Voice 4 The Lord spoke to Joshua.
 Voice 1 The Lord spoke to Joshua, son of Nun,
 Voice 3 (He was Moses' assistant)
 Voice 1 God said:
 Voice 2 My servant Moses is dead. It's time now, get up.
 Go on. Go ahead. Cross the Jordan.
 Voice 3 *Get up*
 Voice 4 *Go ahead*
 Voice 1 *Go on*
 Voice 2 You and all this people
 Voices 1,3,4 *All this people*
 Voice 2 Cross the Jordan
 Voice 3 *Get in the water*
 Voice 4 *Go through the water*
 Voice 1 *Go ahead now*
 Voice 2 Get up, go ahead, you and this people, and cross
 the Jordan, and go on into the land that I am
 giving to you. To you all.
 Voices 1,3,4 *Go on ...*
 Voice 2 Every place you step, you stand, you encounter,
 every spot where you place your foot, I have
 given it all to you. Just as I promised before.
 Just as I promised Moses. Every place. From
 the wilderness ...
 Voice 3 *Even the wilderness?*
 Voice 2 And from Lebanon, as far as the great river
 Voice 4 *Back to the water*
 Voice 2 The River Euphrates, and all of it. The land of
 the Hittites, to the great sea toward the setting of
 the sun, IT SHALL ALL BE YOUR TERRITORY
 Voice 3 *Your space*
 Voice 4 *It's right there*
 Voice 1 *There's so much*
 Voice 3 *Look at it all*
 Voice 4 *Everywhere*
 Voice 2 No one will be able to stand up against you, all
 your life, for as I was with Moses, so I will be
 with you.
 Voice 1 *God will be with us*
 Voice 3 *With you*
 Voice 4 *With us*
 Voice 1 *God will be*

Voice 2 I will not fail you or forsake you
 Voice 3 *I will never leave you.*
 Voice 4 *I will never abandon you.*
 Voice 1 *I will not quit on you*
 Voice 4 *I will not leave you alone*
 Voice 2 I will not fail you or forsake you.
 (pause)
 Be strong.
 Voice 1 *Be strong.*
 Voice 2 *Be strong and courageous.*
 Voice 3 *Be courageous.*
 Voice 4 *Be strong and courageous.*
 Voice 2 Be strong and courageous, for you will take these
 people there. You will give them this land. The
 land I've promised. You will go ...
 Voice 3 *Be strong*
 Voice 4 *Be very strong*
 Voice 1 *Be courageous*
 Voice 2 Be strong and very courageous, being careful to
 follow the law Moses shared with you.
 Voice 1 Moses commanded us.
 Voice 2 Don't turn from it now.
 Voice 3 Not to the right or to the left.
 Voice 4 Do not turn away from it now.
 Voice 2 Do not turn from the law, but stay with it.
 And you will have success
 Voice 3 Wisdom
 Voice 4 Abundance
 Voice 1 Understanding
 Voice 2 Keep this book of law on your lips
 Voice 4 *Your word on my lips*
 Voice 2 Meditate on it day and night, so that you may be
 careful to follow it.
 Voice 3 To act on it.
 Voice 4 Wherever we go
 Voice 1 Whatever becomes of us
 Voice 3 Hold onto this word
 Voice 4 *God's law on my lips*
 Voice 1 With care
 Voice 3 With courage
 Voice 4 By day and by night
 Voice 2 Then you shall be successful. Then you will be
 prosperous.
 Voice 1 *Go on*
 Voice 3 *Push forward*
 Voice 4 *Get up*
 Voice 1 *Push through*
 Voice 2 So I say it again. And let me be clear: Be strong
 Be courageous. Do not tremble. Do not be
 terrified. Do not be discouraged.
 Voice 3 *Go on*

Voice 4 *Be strong*
 Voice 1 *Go ahead*
 Voice 3 *Be courageous*
 Voice 4 *Push through*
 Voice 1 *I am with you*
 Voice 3 *Be strong*
 Voice 4 *Wherever you go*
 Voice 1 *Be courageous*
 Voice 3 *I will not abandon you*
 Voice 4 *Be very courageous*
 Voice 1 *Do not be discouraged*
 Voice 3 *Be strong*
 Voice 4 *I am with you*
 Voice 1 *God is with us*
 Voice 3 *Go on*
 Voice 4 *Get up*
 Voice 1 *Be strong*
 Voice 3 *Go ahead*
 Voice 2 For the Lord your God is with you wherever
 you go.
 All (pause)
 This is the word of our Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Denise T. Anderson
 Jan Edmiston

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Mark Thomas

We believe in our Sovereign God who rules in Jesus
 Christ and stirs hope in us all.
 With an urgency born of this hope,
 we, the church, apply ourselves to present tasks
 and strive for a better world.
 We do not identify limited progress with the reign of
 God on earth, nor despair in the face of disappointment
 and defeat.
 In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial
 achievement to the final triumph of God.
 "Now to God, who by the power at work within us is
 able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think,
 to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all
 generations, forever and ever. Amen."

Confession of 1967 (adapted)

MUSICAL RESPONSE "Wade in the Water" African American Spiritual

Jennifer Kelley, soloist
 Selena Cloyd, choreographer, and dancers from
 local congregations

*Please rise in body or spirit.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Michelle Smith, Ed Zumwinkel

LORD'S PRAYER

Ecumenical Version

(You are invited to pray in the language closest to you heart.)

Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name,
your kindom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kindom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

EUCCHARIST

INVITATION TO OFFERING

J. Herbert Nelson, II

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

J. Herbert Nelson, II

ANTHEM

Concertato on "Holy God,
We Praise Thy Name"

Arr. John Ferguson

Te Deum laudámus: te Dóminum confitémur.
Holy God we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you.
Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.

Hark! The glad celestial hymn. Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and Seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising;
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

Lo! The apostolic train, join your sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain, and the white robed martyrs
follow:
And from morn to set of sun,
through the Church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name you;
Though in essence only One, Undivided God we claim you;
And, adoring bend the knee, while we own the mystery.
Te Deum te Dóminum. Through the Church the song goes on. ...
Music from *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, c. 1774; Text ascribed
to Ignaz Franz (d. 1790)

*COMMUNION PREPARATORY HYMN

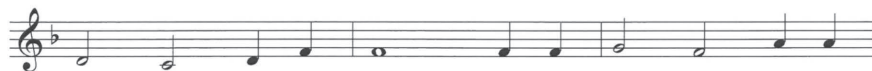
"Draw the Welcome Circle Wider"

BEACH SPRING

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1. From the hedge - rows and the high - ways, sum - mon
2. Doors up - end - ed serve as ta - bles where the
3. All are re - fu - gees to - geth - er; all are
4. Stream - ing through the arch - ing gate - way, in a



each un - like - ly guest. Bid the hun - gry eat their
guests pre - pare to dine. Jus - tice is their right - eous
wan - d'ers, wel - comed home, greet - ed by God's o - pen
bright, ce - les - tial throng, saints from a - ges gone be -



fill and all the wea - ry find their rest.
fare, while mer - cy is their rich - est wine.
arms, with each u - nique, but none a - lone.
fore us lead the joy - ous ban - quet song:



Draw the wel - come cir - cle wi - der, Ga - ther friends and stran - gers in.



Formed of ho - ly breath and star - dust, born of God, we all are kin.

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MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844

BEACH SPRING

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INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Denise Anderson,
Jan Edmiston

Family of God,
Kin of the Creator,

Come to the Table of Life.

Welcomed and washed
forgiven and freed

Come to the Table of Life.

Courage and compassion beckon.

Hunger and hope embrace.

All are invited
to this meal of delight and deliverance.

All are invited.

to this meal of justice and joy.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

GREAT THANKSGIVING Denise Anderson, Jan Edmiston
The Spirit of God be with you all.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Give thanks to our God.

All our thanks, all our praise!

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!
Before all that is, you were God.
Outside of all we know, you are God.
After all is finished, you will be God.
Archangels sound the trumpets,
angels teach us their song,
saints pull us into your presence.
And this is our song:

"Santo/Holy"

Zaragoza

arr. for SATB by Shawn Portell

2 *Minister/Cantor* *All*

San - to, San - to, — San - to, San - to, San -

Minister/Cantor *All*

to, — San - to, es el Se-ñor, Dios del u - ni - ver - so; es el Se-ñor, Dios del

Minister/Cantor *All*

u - ni - ver - so. Heav-en and earth — are full of your glo - ry. — Heav-en and earth are

Minister/Cantor *All*

full of your glo - ry. Ho - sa - na en el cie - lo. — Ho - sa - na en el

Minister/Cantor *All mp*

cie - lo. Blest is he who comes, blest is he who comes,

Minister/Cantor *mf All*

comes in the name of the Lord; comes in the name of the Lord. —

Minister/Cantor *f All*

Ho - sa - na en el cie - lo. — Ho - sa - na en el cie - lo, —

Minister/Cantor *All* 3

en el cie - lo; en el cie - lo.

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!

You beyond the galaxies,
 you under the oceans,
 you inside the leaves,
 you pouring down rain,
 you opening the flowers,
 you feeding the insects,
 you giving us your image,
 you carrying us through the waters,
 you holding us in the night,
 your smile on Sarah and Abraham,
 your hand with Moses and Miriam,

*Please rise in body or spirit.

your words through Deborah and Isaiah,
 you lived as Jesus among us,
 healing, teaching, dying, rising,
 inviting us all to your feast.

Holy God, we remember your Son ...

"Memorial Acclamation" *Zaragoza*
 Arr. for SATB by Shawn Portell

Minister/Cantor

Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death,

All mp *Minister/Cantor*

dy - ing you de - stroyed our death; ris - ing you re -

All mf

stored our life, ris - ing you re - stored our life.

Minister/Cantor *All f*

En glo - ria ven, Se - ñor Je - sús, En glo - ria ven, Se -

Minister/Cantor *All mp* *rit.*

ñor Je - sús, Ven, Se - ñor Je - sús. Ven, Se - ñor Je - sús.

His life with the humble,
 his death among the wretched,
 his resurrection for us all;
 your wisdom, our guide,
 your justice, our strength,
 your grace, our path to rebirth.

And so we cry Mercy:
Mercy!

And so we cry Glory:
Glory!

And so we cry, Blessing:
Blessing!

Holy God, we beg for your Spirit.

Enliven this bread,
awaken this body,
pour us out for each other.
Transfigure our minds,
ignite your church,
nourish the life of the earth.
Make us, while many, united,
make us, though broken, whole,
make us, despite death, alive.

And so we cry, Come, Holy Spirit:
Come, Holy Spirit!

And so the church shouts, Come, Holy Spirit:
Come, Holy Spirit!

And so the earth pleads, Come, Holy Spirit:
Come, Holy Spirit!

You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three,
our Life, our Mercy, our Might,
our Table, our Food, our Server,
our Rainbow, our Ark, our Dove,
our Sovereign, our Water, our Wine,
our Light, our Treasure, our Tree,
our Way, our Truth, our Life.

You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!

Praise now,
praise tomorrow,
praise forever.

And so we cry:

"Amen" *Zaragoza*
Arr. for SATB by Shawn Portell

5 2 *Minister/Cantor*

For - ev - er, a - men. _____

All *Minister/Cantor*

For - ev - er, a - men. _____ To - dos can - ta - mos A - mén.

All

To - dos can - ta - mos A - mén. _____

WORDS OF INSTITUTION Denise Anderson, Jan Edmiston

We give you thanks that on the night of his arrest
Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying:
this cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this in remembrance of me.

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

[Communion is being served by intinction. As you approach the server, please take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, eat, and return to your seat. The communion bread being served to the congregation is gluten-free.]

COMMUNION MUSIC "Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table" COPELAND Arr. Ferguson

*Choir: Look who gathers at Christ's table! Hear the stories that they bring.
Some are weeping, some are laughing, some have songs they want to sing.
Others ask why they're invited, burdened by the wrong they've done.
Christ insists they all are welcome. There is room for everyone.*

*Choir: Clouds of light surround the table; ancient followers appear.
Saints confessing how they wrestled with their guilt, their doubt, their fear.
Peter tells of his denying Christ was ever in his sight;
Paul relates his fruitless efforts to obliterate the light.*

*Choir: Their sad stories are repeated in a thousand different ways,
but they share one thing in common: they all end in thanks and praise
for the host who has invited north and south and east and west
to converge around this table, where all life is fed and blest.*

All:



*Please rise in body or spirit.



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ANTHEM “Day of Arising” RAABE
 Assembly Choir Music by David Cherwein
 Text by Susan Cherwein

Day of arising, Christ on the roadway,
 unknown companion walks with his own.
 When they invite him, as fades the first day,
 and bread is broken, Christ is made known.

When we are walking, doubtful and dreading,
 blinded by sadness, slowness of heart.
 Yet Christ walks with us, ever awaiting
 our invitation: Stay, do not part.

Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken
 this is Christ’s promise, this is Christ’s sign:
 When the church gathers, when bread is broken,
 there Christ is with us in bread and wine.

Christ, our companion, hope for the journey,
 bread of compassion, open our eyes.
 Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning
 that all creation with you may rise.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY Reflections on A. Young Kim
 “Arirang”

"Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen"

SURGE ECCLESIA

Arr. Cherwein



All: 1. Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,
 Choir: 2. Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low
 Choir: 3. Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture
 All: 4. Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;



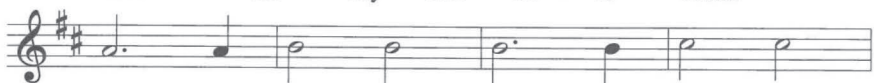
from this meal of love and grace;
 af - ter Christ, though wound - ed, whole;
 God - has called us to re - ceive;
 cour - age be our dai - ly breath;



may we through such love en - vi - sion
 bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed
 pres - ent, by God's lov - ing nur - ture,
 mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion



whose we are, and whose, our praise.
 to re - lease and to con - sole.
 Spir - it - ed then let us live.
 from this day and un - to death.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



God, the won - der of our days.
 Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
 Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
 Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

J. Herbert Nelson, II

Abundant God,

We have gathered at the river.

We have feasted on the Word of Life.

We are ready

ready for work

ready for wonder

ready to be strong, to have courage, to rejoice in
the Lord.

Touch us and send us, O God.

And use us to change the world. Amen

SENDING

*BLESSING

Denise Anderson, Jan Edmiston

We are drenched

and fed

and changed.

Moses is dead.

But God's promise is alive – for Joshua and for us.

"Do not be frightened or dismayed," God says,

"for I am with you wherever you go."

*CHARGE

Zoe Martin, Lauren Brown,
Tommy Epling, Mya Robinson

Come!

We will wade in the water.

Come!

We will press forward.

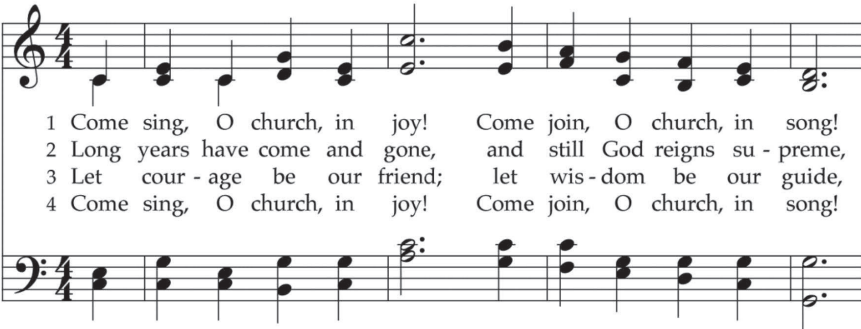
Come!

**We will be strong and courageous
in the kingdom of God.**

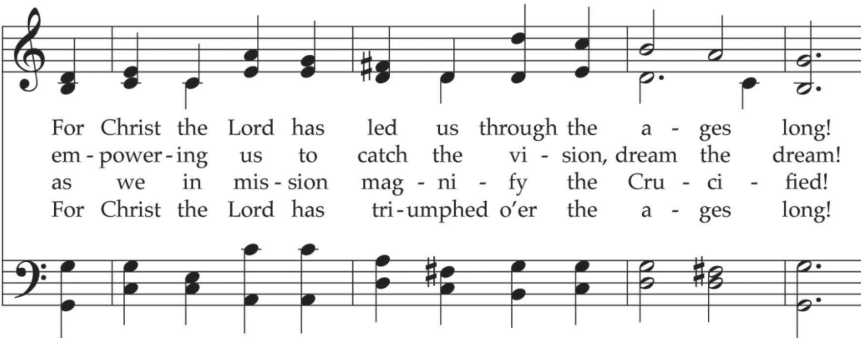
This we pray

in the justice and joy of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*HYMN "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!" DARWALL'S 148TH
Arr. Andrew Peters



1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
 2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
 3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
 4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!



For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
 em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
 as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
 For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!



In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

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*Please rise in body or spirit.

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* In Central Moluccas, "e-lo" means "amen", true, right or yes.

Come, disciples of Christ, called from all corners of the world,
called from North and South, from East and West

Mae O, basudarae (refrain)

Come, disciples of Christ, called to leave belongings behind and
travel light
Called to go to the uncomfortable places!

Mae O, basudarae (refrain)

Come, disciples of Christ,
Called to bring healing to the world and its people,
Called to proclaim the Rein of God!

Mae O, basudarae (refrain)

Worship

***OPENING HYMN**

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet

south or north, but one great fel - low -
 mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
 race may be. All chil - dren of the
 south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Samuel Esono Nkogo Nkoho

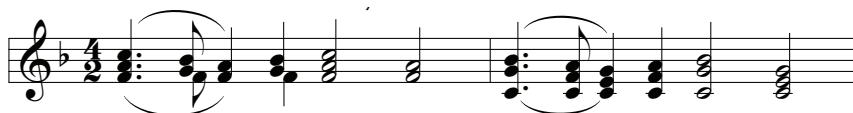
Believing in God's justice and trusting God's mercy, let us confess our brokenness before God.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Hyo-Jung Kim and
 Samuel Esono Nkogo Nkoho*

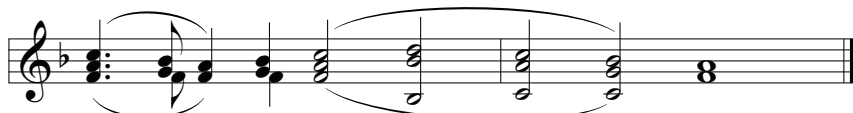
SUNG RESPONSE

Kyrie eleison



1 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
 2 Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
 3 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

1 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
 2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.
 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.



Lord, have mer - cy.
 Christ, have mer - cy.
 Lord, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
 Chris - te e - lei - son.
 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Loving and Almighty God, we pray that the church may discover its unity in Christ, a true fellowship of the cloud of witnesses and of those who not love and serve our Lord Jesus Christ. In repentance and sorrow, we confess before you that we are still divided and our brokenness is often perceived as a counter-witness to the world.

Sung Response

Kyrie eleison



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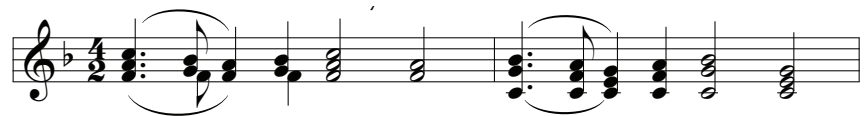
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*Please rise in body or spirit.

We are still imprisoned by our own prejudices and pride. Help us heal and reconcile our historical divisions; help us rediscover our unity in the confession of the same apostolic faith so that our souls may be enflamed with the desire of unity and of partaking from the same Eucharistic table and cup.

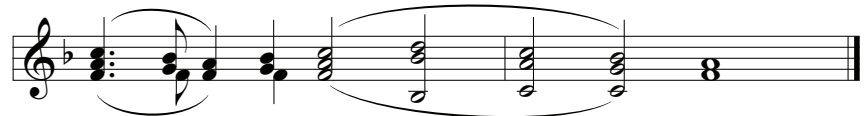
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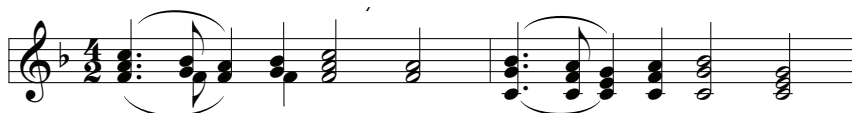
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Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace, reconciliation, and healing. Come into the brokenness of our lives and of our lands with your healing love. Help us to be willing to bow before you in true repentance and to bow to one another in real forgiveness.

Sung Response

Kyrie eleison



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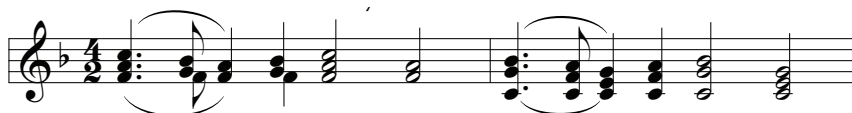
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By the fire of the Grace of Your Holy Spirit melt our hard hearts
 and consume the pride and the prejudice which separate us. Fill
 us, O Lord, with your perfect love, which casts out fear and binds
 us together in that unity which you share with the Father and the
 Holy Spirit.

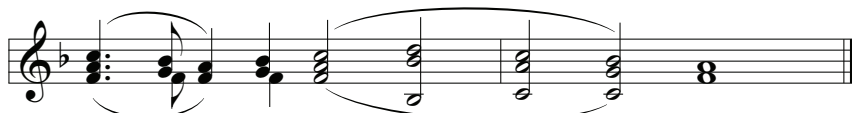
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*Please rise in body or spirit.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hyo-Jung Kim

Christ is our peace: those who are divided, Christ has made one.
Christ has broken down the barriers of separation by his death
and has built us up into one body in Christ. Let us live as forgiven
and reconciled people!

*ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

"Da n'ase"



Praise God, all you na - tions. Peo - ple of God, sing praise!
Da n'a - se! Da n'a - se! Da On - ya - me a - se!



Praise God, all you na - tions. Peo - ple of God, sing praise:
Da n'a - se! Da n'a - se! Da On - ya - me a - se!



God's love is great and en - dures for - ev - er.
Ef - ia - se o - ye n'a n'a - do - e do - e so.



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PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us share the peace of God with one another

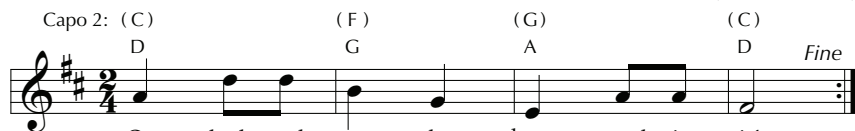
PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Isaiah Noé Sánchez Mejía

Eternal God, in the reading of Scripture, may your Word be heard;
in the mediation of our hearts, may your Word be known; and in
the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. **AMEN.**

*PSALTER

“!Miran qué bueno!”
(Psalm 133)



O look and won - der: how good it is!
¡Mi - ren qué bue - no, qué bue - no es!



1 How good it is when broth - ers dwell in peace with one an - oth - er;
2 How good it is when sis - ters dwell in peace with one an - oth - er,
3 How good it is when all earth's peo - ple dwell in peace to - geth - er:

1 Mi - ren qué bue - no es cuan - do los her - ma - nos es - tán jun - tos,
2 Mi - ren qué bue - no es cuan - do las her - ma - nas es - tán jun - tas,
3 Mi - ren qué bue - no es cuan - do nos reu - ni - mos to - dos jun - tos,

to Refrain / al Estribillo



it is like pre - cious oil when run - ning fresh on Aar - on's beard.
fresh like the morn - ing dew that falls on Zi - on's ho - ly hill.
that is where God will pour the bless - ing, life for - ev - er - more.
es co - mo a - cei - te bue - no de - rra - ma - do so - bre Aa - rón.
se pa - re - ce al ro - cí - o so - bre los mon - tes de Sión.
por - que el Se - ñor ahí man - da vi - da e - ter - na y ben - di - ción.

A Reading from Isaiah 11: 1-10
Hebrew Scriptures

Nicola Kontzi-Méresse

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom
Thanks be to God

A Reading from 2 Corinthians 5: 11-6:2
the Epistles

Hendrik Shanazarian

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom
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INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER

J. Herbert Nelson, II

SERMON

“Towards a Kingdom
of Reconciliation”

Najla Kassab

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

"Come! Live in the Light!"



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
great day when all will be one! God will reign,



to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and



free - dom of the cit - y of God.
vio - lence will be no more.
broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain



We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

***AFFIRMATION
OF FAITH**

The Nicene Creed

George D. Crenshaw

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

*Carmen Elena Martinez Diaz
and John Yor*

RESPONSE

"As-salaamu lakum"

Am G F Am G F C

Peace of God be with you. Peace of God be with you. Sa -
As - sa - laa - mu la - kum. As - sa - laa - mu la - kum. Sa -

Dm F Am G F Am

laam, sa - laam. Peace of God be with you.
laam, sa - laam. As - sa - laa - mu la - kum.

ARABIC

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Both being Semitic languages, Arabic and Hebrew have many similar words, as can be heard here in *Salaam*, which sounds much like *Shalom*. This setting uses the same words and music in all but one phrase, making this brief song easy to learn in either English or Arabic.

O God, you are the giver of life. We pray for the church in the whole world. Sanctify its life, renew its worship, give power to its witnessing, and restore its unity. Give strength to those who are searching together for that kind of obedience which creates unity. Heal the divisions separating your children from one another, so that they all make fast, with bonds of peace the unity which the Spirit gives.

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We thank you God of the universe, that you call all people to worship you and to serve your purpose in this world. We praise you for the gift of faith we have received in Jesus Christ. We praise you also for diverse faith among the peoples of the earth. For you have bestowed your grace that Christians, Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, Practitioners of traditional religions and others may celebrate your goodness, act upon your truth, and demonstrate your righteousness. In wonder and awe we praise you great God.

"As-salaamu lakum"

O God, you love justice and you establish peace on earth. We bring before you the disunity of today's world; the absurd violence and the many wars, which are breaking the courage of the peoples of the world; militarism and the armaments race, which are threatening life on the planet; human greed and injustice, which breed hatred and strife. Send you Spirit and renew the face of the earth; teach us to be compassionate toward the whole human family. Strengthen the will of all those who fight for justice and peace; lead all nations into the path of peace and give us the peace which the world cannot give.

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CALL FOR OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

José Luis Casal

OFFERTORY

“Draw the Welcome
Circle Wider”

Trio

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Committee on Local Arrangements for the 223rd General Assembly (2018).



1. From the hedge - rows and the high - ways, sum - mon
2. Doors up - end - ed serve as ta - bles where the
3. All are re - fu - gees to - geth - er; all are
4. Stream - ing through the arch - ing gate - way, in a



each un - like - ly guest. Bid the hun - gry eat their
guests pre - pare to dine. Jus - tice is their right - eous
wan - d'ers, wel - comed home, greet - ed by God's o - pen
bright, ce - les - tial throng, saints from a - ges gone be -



fill and all the wea - ry find their rest.
fare, while mer - cy is their rich - est wine.
arms, with each u - nique, but none a - lone.
fore us lead the joy - ous ban - quet song:



Draw the wel - come cir - cle wi - der, Ga - ther friends and stran - gers in.



Formed of ho - ly breath and star - dust, born of God, we all are kin.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

HOLY COMMUNION

J Herbert Nelson, II, and Farouk Hammo

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

J Herbert Nelson, II

Sisters and brothers, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!
They will come from the east and the west and from the north and
the south and sit at table in the kingdom of God.

This is the Lord's Table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to
share the feast he has prepared.

*Please rise in body or spirit.

GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to God,**

Leader: Let us give thanks to God most high.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise,**

Leader: All praise to you, God our Creator, for by your Word and Spirit you made the heavens and the earth, filled them with life and declared everything good.

All praise to you, God our Redeemer, for sending prophets, apostles, teachers, and martyrs, inspired by your Spirit to speak the word of life, and when the time was right, for becoming fully human in Jesus Christ. All praise to you, God our Helper; as wisdom, you inspire us to speak the truth; as power, you strengthen us to do justice. With your sons and daughters of faith, in all times and places, and with all the heavenly host, we praise you with joy.

All: "Sanctus" by Rufino Zaragoza (Spanish/English)

2 *Minister/Cantor* *All*

San - to, San - to, San - to, San - to, San -

Minister/Cantor *All*

to, San - to, es el Se-ñor, Dios del u - ni - ver - so; es el Se-ñor, Dios del

Minister/Cantor *All*

u - ni - ver - so. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Heav-en and earth are

Minister/Cantor *All*

full of your glo - ry. Ho - sa - na en el cie - lo. Ho - sa - na en el

Minister/Cantor *All mp*

cie - lo. Blest is he who comes, blest is he who comes,

Minister/Cantor *mf All*

comes in the name of the Lord; comes in the name of the Lord.

Minister/Cantor *f All*

Ho - sa - na en el cie - lo. Ho - sa - na en el cie - lo,

Minister/Cantor *All* 3

en el cie - lo; en el cie - lo.

Leader:

Loving God, in gratitude we remember that on the night before the crucifixion, Jesus took bread and after giving thanks to you broke it and gave it to the disciples, saying: "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way after supper Jesus took the cup and after giving thanks, gave it to them and said: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." In gratitude for what Christ has done for us, we proclaim our hope.

All:

"Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen"

Musical score for the hymn "Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen". The score is written in G major (one sharp) and 8/8 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: "Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come a - gain." The chords indicated above the notes are: G, G7, Am, G, G, A9, G, D7, G, G7, Am, E Am, Ddim, Am, A9, C, C/G, G.

Leader:

Holy God, send your Holy Spirit upon us and these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ. Through this meal unite us with the risen Christ so that we may give ourselves for the life of the world. Through us bring good news to the poor, release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, and freedom to the oppressed. Give us the power to work for justice that all the world may be filled with peace and joy. This sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving we offer you, eternal God, through Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

All:

Amen.

Leader:

With the confidence of the children of God, let us pray the Lord's Prayer in the language of our hearts

The Lord's Prayer

BREAKING THE BREAD AND POURING THE CUP

J Herbert Nelson, II

Leader: The bread we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

All: We who are many are one body for we all share in the one bread.

Leader: The cup of blessing for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

All: We who are many are one body for we all share in the one cup.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

[Communion is being served by intinction. As you approach the server, please take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, eat, and return to your seat. The communion bread being served to the congregation is gluten-free.]

"One Bread, One Body" (chorus only)

Refrain

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of
all, one cup of bless-ing which we bless.
And we, though man-y, through-out the
earth, we are one bod-y in this one Lord.

"Come to the Table of Grace"

Capo 3: (D) (A) (Bm) (D7/A) (G)

F C Dm F7/C B \flat

1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the

(A) (D) (A) (D) (Em)

C F C F Gm

ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's

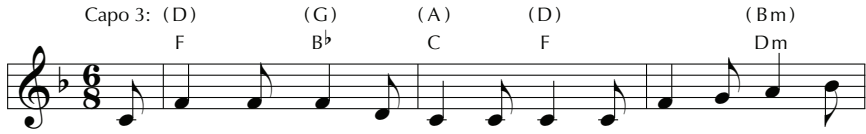
(D/A) (G) (D/A) (A7) (D) (G) (D)

F/A B \flat F/C C7 F B \flat F

not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

- 2 Come to the table of peace...
- 3 Come to the table of love...
- 4 Come to the table of hope...
- 5 Come to the table of joy...

"I Come with Joy"



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com-mu - nion bread, in Christ's com-mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one; at the ta - ble he
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a



shout of joy: bread is bro - ken; the wine is poured;
 sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
 world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:



Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain;
 God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!



earth can breathe a - gain; pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Maracas and other rhythm instruments may be used. ||: ♩ . ♩ . ♩ :||

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All: God of glory, you nourish us with bread from heaven. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us your light may shine into all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

*The Moderator of the
 223rd General Assembly (2018)*

Let us go from this place in the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace.

May God bless us with strength to seek justice. May God bless us with wisdom to care for the earth. May God bless us with courage to live together in unity. May the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all. **Amen.**

*Please rise in body or spirit.

*CLOSING HYMN

"Amen siakudumisa"

Leader All

Sing prais - es! A-men, we praise your name, O God! Sing prais - es!
Ma - si - thi! A-men si - a - ku - du - mi - sa! Ma - si - thi!

A-men, we praise your name, O God! Sing prais - es! A-men, a-men.
A-men si - a - ku - du - mi - sa! Ma - si - thi! A-men, ba - wo.

A-men, a-men. A-men, we praise your name, O God! Sing prais - es!
A-men, ba - wo. A-men si - a - ku - du - mi - sa! Ma - si - thi!

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A Word About This Service

The Ecumenical Service of Worship is held during the General Assembly usually at a mid-point in the General Assembly. It is a reminder to us that the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is part of a Christian family much broader than ourselves and we seek to worship and serve God in a global context. Therefore, the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly invites our ecumenical partners to join us in leading worship. While we recognize that the invitation to share in the Lord's Supper is extended to all baptized Christians, we are mindful that our current brokenness does not yet allow all to come to the Lord's Table together. This service of worship is both a witness to the unity we share in Jesus the Christ and a prayer for the full visible unity of the church. We continue to pray and work for the realization of Christ prayer "... that they may all be one so that the world might believe. ..."

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 11: 1-10 (NRSV)

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. 2 The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. 3 His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; 4 but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. 5 Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

6 The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. 7 The cow and the bear shall graze, heir young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. 9 They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. 10 On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

*Please rise in body or spirit.

2 Corinthians 5: 11-6:2 (NRSV)

11 Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. 12We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. 13For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. 14For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. 15And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. 16 From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. 17So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! 18All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; 19that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. 20So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him,* we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. 2For he says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.' See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!

Isaías 11: 1-10 (TLA)

»Si de un tronco viejo sale un retoño, también de la familia de David saldrá un nuevo rey. El espíritu de Dios estará sobre él y le dará sabiduría, inteligencia y prudencia. Será un rey poderoso, y conocerá y obedecerá a Dios. »No juzgará por las apariencias, ni se guiará por los rumores, pues su alegría será obedecer a Dios. Defenderá a los pobres y hará justicia a los indefensos. Castigará a los violentos, y hará morir a los malvados. Su palabra se convertirá en ley. Siempre hará triunfar la justicia y la verdad.

»Cuando llegue ese día, el lobo y el cordero se llevarán bien, el tigre y el cabrito descansarán juntos, el ternero y el león crecerán uno junto al otro y se dejarán guiar por un niño pequeño. La vaca y la osa serán amigas, sus crías descansarán juntas, y el león y el buey comerán pasto juntos. El niño jugará con la serpiente y meterá la mano en su nido. En la Jerusalén de aquel día no

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habrá nadie que haga daño, porque todos conocerán a Dios, y ese conocimiento llenará todo el país, así como el agua llena el mar. »Cuando llegue ese día, subirá al trono un descendiente de David, y juntará a todas las naciones. Su país alcanzará la fama y el poder.

2 Corintios 5: 11-6:2 (TLA)

11 Nosotros sabemos que hay que obedecer y adorar a Dios. Por eso tratamos de convencer a los demás para que crean en él. Dios nos conoce muy bien, y espero que también ustedes nos conozcan.

12 No estamos tratando de impresionarlos al hablar bien de nosotros mismos. Lo que queremos es darles una razón para que se sientan orgullosos de nosotros. Así sabrán cómo responder a los que se creen importantes, y que en realidad no lo son.

13 Si acaso estamos locos, lo estamos por querer servir a Dios. Y si no lo estamos, es para el bien de ustedes. **14** El amor de Cristo domina nuestras vidas. Sabemos que él murió por todos y que, por lo tanto, todos hemos muerto. **15** Así que, si Cristo murió por nosotros, ya no debemos vivir más para nosotros mismos, sino para Cristo, que murió y resucitó para darnos vida.

16 A partir de ahora, ya no vamos a valorar a los demás desde el punto de vista humano. Y aunque antes valorábamos a Cristo de esa manera, ya no seguiremos valorándolo así. **17-19** Ahora que estamos unidos a Cristo, somos una nueva creación. Dios ya no tiene en cuenta nuestra antigua manera de vivir, sino que nos ha hecho comenzar una vida nueva. Y todo esto viene de Dios. Antes éramos sus enemigos, pero ahora, por medio de Cristo, hemos llegado a ser sus amigos, y nos ha encargado que anunciemos a todo el mundo esta buena noticia: Por medio de Cristo, Dios perdona los pecados y hace las paces con todos. **20** Cristo nos envió para que hablemos de parte suya, y Dios mismo les ruega a ustedes que escuchen nuestro mensaje. Por eso, de parte de Cristo les pedimos: hagan las paces con Dios.

21 Cristo nunca pecó. Pero Dios lo trató como si hubiera pecado, para declararnos inocentes por medio de Cristo. Nosotros trabajamos para Dios. Por eso les rogamos que no menosprecien el amor que Dios les ha demostrado. **2** Dios dice en la Biblia: «Cuando llegó el momento de mostrarles mi bondad, fui bondadoso con ustedes; cuando necesitaron salvación, yo les di libertad.»

¡Escuchen! Ese momento oportuno ha llegado. ¡Hoy es el día en que Dios puede salvarlos!

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이사야 11:1-11 (개역개정)

이새의 줄기에서 한 싹이 나며 그 뿌리에서 한 가지가 나서 결실할 것이요 2 그의 위에 여호와와 영 곧 지혜와 총명의 영이요 모략과 재능의 영이요 지식과 여호와를 경외하는 영이 강림하시리니 3 그가 여호와를 경외함으로 즐거움을 삼을 것이며 그의 눈에 보이는 대로 심판하지 아니하며 그의 귀에 들리는 대로 판단하지 아니하며 4 공의로 가난한 자를 심판하며 정직으로 세상의 겸손한 자를 판단할 것이며 그의 입의 막대기로 세상을 치며 그의 입술의 기운으로 악인을 죽일 것이며 5 공의로 그의 허리띠를 삼으며 성실로 그의 몸의 띠를 삼으리라 6 그 때에 이리가 어린 양과 함께 살며 표범이 어린 염소와 함께 누우며 송아지와 어린 사자와 살진 짐승이 함께 있어 어린 아이에게 끌리며 7 암소와 곰이 함께 먹으며 그것들의 새끼가 함께 엎드리며 사자가 소처럼 풀을 먹을 것이며 8 젖 먹는 아이가 독사의 구멍에서 장난하며 젖 뎠던 어린 아이가 독사의 굴에 손을 넣을 것이라 9 내 거룩한 산 모든 곳에서 해 됨도 없고 상함도 없을 것이니 이는 물이 바다를 덮음 같이 여호와를 아는 지식이 세상에 충만할 것임이니라 10 그 날에 이새의 뿌리에서 한 싹이 나서 만민의 기치로 설 것이요 열방이 그에게로 돌아오리니 그가 거한 곳이 영화로우리라 11 그 날에 주께서 다시 그의 손을 펴사 그의 남은 백성을 앗수르와 애굽과 바드로스와 구스와 엘람과 시날과 하맛과 바다 섬들에서 돌아오게 하실 것이다.

고린도후서 5:11-6:2 (개역개정)

우리는 주의 두려우심을 알므로 사람들을 권면하거니와 우리가 하나님 앞에 알리어졌으니 또 너희의 양심에도 알리어지기를 바라노라 12 우리가 다시 너희에게 자천하는 것이 아니요 오직 우리로 말미암아 사랑할 기회를 너희에게 주어 마음으로 하지 않고 외모로 사랑하는 자들에게 대답하게 하려 하는 것이라 13 우리가 만일 미쳤어도 하나님을 위한 것이요 정신이 온전하여도 너희를 위한 것이니 14 그리스도의 사랑이 우리를 강권하시는도다 우리가 생각하건대 한 사람이 모든 사람을 대신하여 죽었은즉 모든 사람이 죽은 것이라 15 그가 모든 사람을 대신하여 죽으심은 살아 있는 자들로 하여금 다시는 그들 자신을 위하여 살지 않고 오직 그들을 대신하여 죽었다가 다시 살아나신 이를 위하여 살게 하려 함이라 16 그러므로 우리가 이제부터는 어떤 사람도 육신을 따라 알지 아니하노라 비록 우리가 그리스도도 육신을 따라 알았으나 이제부터는 그같이 알지 아니하노라 17 그런즉 누구든지 그리스도 안에 있으면 새로운 피조물이라 이전 것은 지나갔으니 보라 새 것이 되었도다 18 모든 것이 하나님께로서 났으며 그가 그리스도도 말미암아 우리를 자기와 화목하게 하시고 또 우리에게 화목하게

하는 직분을 주셨으니 19곧 하나님께서 그리스도 안에 계시사 세상을 자기와 화목하게 하시며 그들의 죄를 그들에게 돌리지 아니하시고 화목하게 하는 말씀을 우리에게 부탁하셨느니라 20 그러므로 우리가 그리스도를 대신하여 사신이 되어 하나님이 우리를 통하여 너희를 권면하시는 것 같이 그리스도를 대신하여 간청하노니 너희는 하나님과 화목하라 21하나님이 죄를 알지도 못하신 이를 우리를 대신하여 죄로 삼으신 것은 우리로 하여금 그 안에서 하나님의 의가 되게 하려 하심이라 1우리가 하나님과 함께 일하는 자로서 너희를 권하노니 하나님의 은혜를 헛되이 받지 말라 2이르시되 내가 은혜 베풀 때에 너에게 듣고 구원의 날에 너를 도왔다 하셨으니 보라 지금은 은혜 받을 만한 때요 보라 지금은 구원의 날이로다.

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A WORD ABOUT TODAY'S OFFERING

Deirmimas Presbyterian Dispensary.

This is a ministry in Deir-mimas church, in a village in South Lebanon, affiliated with the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon. The ministry provides to refugees from Iraq and Syria free primary and urgent medical care besides essential pharmaceutical needs. It also strives to help the surrounding community of the church who are vulnerable and are still recovering from the Lebanese war, in an area where medical services are scarce. It is a project that works towards reconciliation among people who were affected by different wars in the Middle East. It is a sign of hope that shows love and cares for dignity of all people.

Daily Worship

Thursday, June 21, 2018
Mid-Week Worship Service

PRELUDE

"Take My Hand"

Arr. Mark Hayes

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Marianne Perez

The signs of God's kindom surprise and startle us.

**Against all odds, seeds grow, yeast rises, and love
abounds.**

Lift up your eyes on high, and see all that God has created.

**Because God is great in strength, mighty in power, not
one thing is missing.**

For those who wait for the Lord shall be renewed, and will run
and not be weary.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Take Me to the Water" African American
Sing all 4 stanzas Spiritual



1 Take me to the wa - ter. Take me to the wa -
2 I love Je - sus. I love Je -
3 He's my Sav - ior. He's my Sav -
4 Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah. Glo - ry hal - le - lu -



ter. Take me to the wa - ter to be bap - tized.
sus. I love Je - sus, yes, I do.
ior. He's my Sav - ior, yes, he is.
jah. Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah to be bap - tized.

Worship

*Please rise in body or spirit.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Meg Overstreet

Like seeds sown in God's soil,
we strive to grow in ways that feed and shelter.
Like yeast worked into flour,
we yearn for love to ferment and grace to rise.
**But we quickly weed out
the new or strange taking root in carefully
planted gardens,
and we are too impatient
to let the leaven yield the bread you intend.**
Forgive us, Lord:
When our imaginations fail to see the seeds of the
kindom you sow in our midst,
when we fail to appreciate the unexpected ways you
are working among us.
Renew our vision.
Strengthen our faith.
For we long to be part of the surprising miracles
you call into being ...

A brief moment is offered for silent prayer.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Meg Overstreet

Hear the Good News!
In baptism God's vision of the kindom is opened to us.
In baptism the Spirit strengthens us for the long work of faith.
**The seeds of faith are watered;
the yeast of faith is activated,
and the ever-widening kindom of God
grows within us.**
Friends, I declare to you by the grace of God in Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me” OF PRAISE

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
B \flat F B \flat F B \flat F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B \flat E \flat B \flat Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Seung H. Kim

SCRIPTURE

Luke 13:18–21

Parable of “The Mustard Seed” & Parable of “The Leaven”
from the book, *Young Children and Worship*
by Sonja M. Stewart & Jerome W. Berryman

SERMON

The Radical Difference

Floretta Barbee-Watkins

ANTHEM

“Faithful Over
a Few Things”

Glenn Burleigh

Cote Brillante Presbyterian Church Community Men’s Chorus

EUCCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Joshua Noah
& children of Grace Presbyterian & First Hillsboro

Children: Who is welcome at this table?

Congregation: **Friends and strangers,
the hungry and the weary,
refugees and wanderers,
saints and sinners,
all are welcome here.**

Presider: And why is everyone welcome at this table?

Children: Because Jesus welcomes everyone!

Presider: Yes! Jesus draws the welcome circle wider, so that everyone may come to the table –
So that everyone can come and meet Jesus. Therefore, let us give thanks and praise.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Floretta Barbee-Watkins,
Joshua Noah

Children: Why do we give thanks and praise before this table?

Congregation: **We give thanks for God's work of creation and salvation.**

Presider: It is our greatest joy, Creator God,
to give you thanks in every time and place.
You made the heavens and the earth
and all that is in them –
sun, moon, and stars,
mountains, rivers, and trees,
animals and people.
You even made us in your own image
to love and serve you,
and you show us your mercy every day.
Therefore with all people and all creation,
we shout your praise:

Congregation: **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider: All glory and blessing are yours, Saving God,
for in your mercy you gave your only Son,
Jesus Christ.
Born a child like us,
he grew up to be your servant.
Jesus taught your truth.
He welcomed, healed, forgave, and loved people.
In the end, he suffered and died
to save us from our sin.
And God raised him up,
to give us a new life.
We praise you that before he died,
our Savior gave us this holy meal
to eat together until he comes again.

Children: *Why do we eat bread at this table?*

Presider: On the night before he died, Jesus took bread.
After giving thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his
disciples,
saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

Children: *Why do we drink from the cup at this table?*

Presider: The same night, Jesus took the cup, saying:
This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,
shed for you and for many for the forgiveness
of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

Children: *What do we remember at this table?*

Congregation: **We remember his death.
We proclaim his resurrection.
We await his coming in glory.**

Children: *What do we ask at this table?*

Presider: Merciful God,
pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine,
that in eating and drinking together
we may be made one with Christ
and with one another.
At this table we ask for unity in Christ our Lord,
and we ask for strength to serve the world in his
name
until the day you make all things new.

Congregation: **Through Christ,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty
God,
with the Holy Spirit in the holy church,
now and forever. Amen.**
Book of Common Worship (WJKP, 2018), 130–132

COMMUNION OF GOD’S PEOPLE
[Communion is being served by intinction. As you approach the server, please take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, eat, and return to your seat. The communion bread being served to the congregation is gluten-free.]

Embodied—Video by A Sanctified Art

COMMUNION MUSIC “Jesus Paid It All” Arr. Robert Sterling
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“I’m Building Me a Home” Uzee Brown Jr.
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“There Is a Balm in Gilead” Arr. Mark Hayes African American
Spiritual
Shawn Portell, piano

SENDING

* **BLESSING** Floretta Barbee-Watkins

* **CHARGE**

George Philips

Siblings in Christ,
God has given us a glimpse of the kingdom!
**It grows like a mustard seed,
providing shelter and hope.**
**It rises like yeast,
leavening the world with mercy and grace.**
Go now with faith,
and be witnesses to God's abundance and peace.

* **PASSING THE PEACE**

George Philips

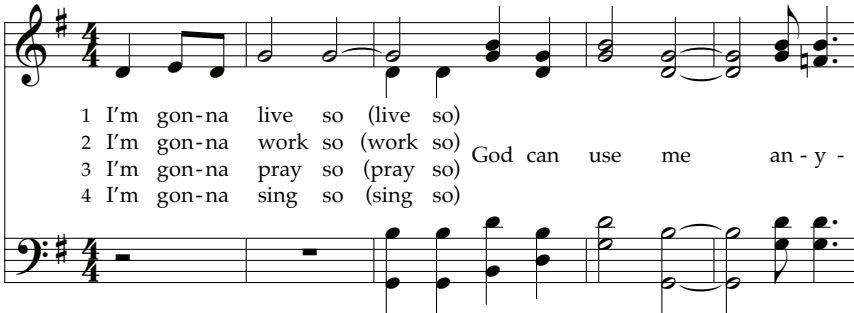
The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.
Please exchange signs of God's peace as you depart the service.

God's people disperse as they sing the closing hymn.


* HYMN

"I'm Gonna Live So
God Can Use Me"
(all stanzas)

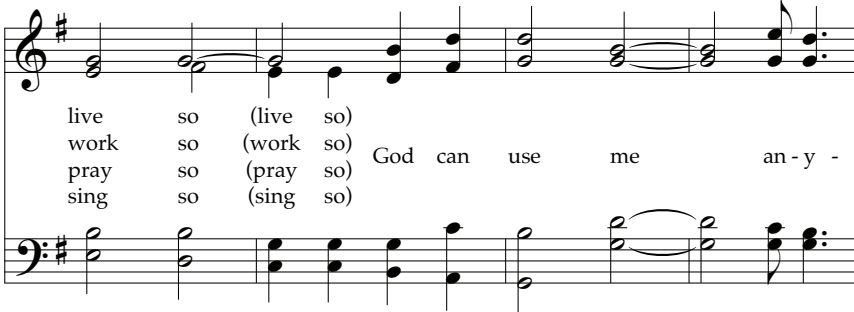
African American
Spiritual



1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
2 I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)



where, Lord, an - y - time!
(an - y - time!)
I'm gon-na
I'm gon-na
I'm gon-na
I'm gon-na



live so (live so)
work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
pray so (pray so)
sing so (sing so)



where, Lord, an - y - time!
(my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

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Daily Worship

Friday, June 22, 2018
Mid-Week Worship Service

INTROIT (Everyone sings.)



All are re - fu - gees to - geth - er; all are
wan - d'ers, wel - comed home, greet - ed by God's o - pen
arms, with each u - nique, but none a - lone.
Draw the wel - come cir - cle wi - der, Ga - ther friends and stran - gers in.
Formed of ho - ly breath and star - dust, born of God, we all are kin.

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GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

David Oates

God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter is with us,
yesterday, today and forever!

**In our pilgrimage toward unity, Christ our peace walks
with us!**

Open our eyes, open our hearts to your presence,
for in baptism you have made us one.

Make us instruments of peace, and bearers of hope! Let us
worship God.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Holy God We Praise Your Name"

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
 3 All a - pos - tles join the strain as your sa - cred
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it:

bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim;
 bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name they hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 three we name you, while in es - sence on - ly one;

all in heaven a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heavens with
 and the bless - ed mar - tyrs fol - low, and from morn to
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you, and a - dor - ing,

vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
 set of sun, through the church the song goes on.
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

CALL TO CONFESSION Karl Hauser

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Karl Hauser

Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us a consuming fire of
judgment.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change,
open up a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more in your
likeness and image,
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

Book of Common Worship (WJKP, 2018), 58.

A brief moment is offered for silent prayer.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Karl Hauser

Beloved, "in life and death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God.
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."

Know that we are forgiven, and be at peace.

Amen.

**RESPONSE
OF PRAISE**

**"Come Now,
O Prince of Peace"**

**Leslie Mallory,
Cantor**

*The cantor will sing stanza 3;
the congregation will join in singing stanza 4.*

1 Come now, O Prince of Peace; make us one bod - y.
2 Come now, O God of love; make us one bod - y.
3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
4 Come, hope of u - ni - ty; make us one bod - y.

Come, O Lord Je - sus; rec-on-cile all peo - ple.

KOREAN

- 1 오소서 오소서 평화의 임금
우리가 한몸 이루게 하소서
- 2 오소서 오소서 사랑의 임금
우리가 한몸 이루게 하소서
- 3 오소서 오소서 자유의 임금
우리가 한몸 이루게 하소서
- 4 오소서 오소서 통일의 임금
우리가 한몸 이루게 하소서

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Thirza Sayers

SCRIPTURE

John 17:20–23, Luke 9:23–25

Cay Noble

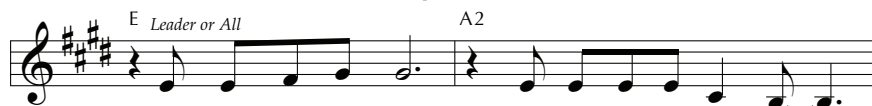
SERMON

*A Modest Attempt at
Cultivating Unity in the Church*

Don Meeks

* HYMN OF RESPONSE "For Everyone Born"

stanzas 1,2, & 5



1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 for just and un - just, a new way to live,
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

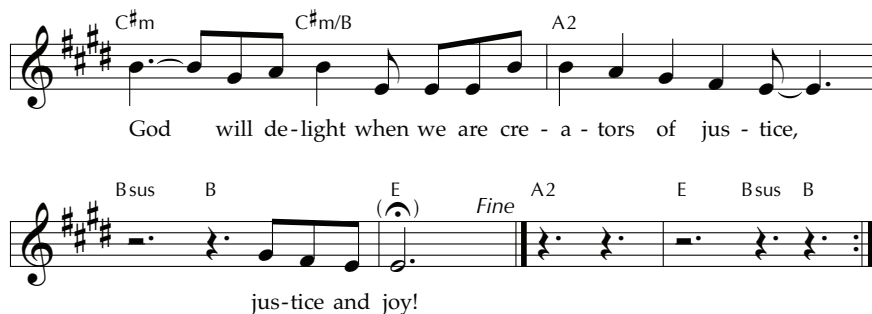
Refrain



and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and



joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,



EUCHARIST AND REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Nancy Gillard, Don Meeks, Chris James

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread,
and when he had given thanks, he broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
This is my body, given for you.
Eat this bread, and remember me.

In the same way, Jesus took the cup, saying:
This is the new covenant, sealed in my blood.
Drink this cup, and remember me.

After he rose from the dead, Jesus said:
All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
Go, therefore, and make disciples of all people,
baptizing them in the name of the triune God,
and teaching them my commandments.
And remember: I am with you always.

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, O God,
for your saving love poured out in human history—
the blessing of your Word and Spirit at creation,
the deliverance of your people through the sea,
the way your justice rolls down like water,
the river of life that flows from your throne.

*Please rise in body or spirit.

We give you thanks and praise, O God,
for Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord—
**how he poured out his life in love for the world
through the baptism of his death and resurrection;
how he feeds and fills us with his body and blood
through the bread and cup we share in his name.**

Now pour out your Holy Spirit, O God,
to transform us for your service—
**through the gospel of salvation,
through the font of new creation,
through the feast of our redemption,
until your realm of glory comes.**

We give you thanks and praise, O God,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
in the unity of your Holy Spirit,
now and forever. **Amen.**
Book of Common Worship (WJKP, 2018), 438–39

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

At the font, lifting or pouring water:
Jesus said: Let anyone who is thirsty come to me;
out of the believer's heart living waters shall flow.
(John 7:37–38)

At the table, breaking the bread:
Jesus said: I am the bread of life;
whoever comes to me will never be hungry. (John 6:35)

At the table, lifting or pouring the cup:
Jesus said: I am the vine, you are the branches;
whoever believes in me will never thirst.
(John 15:5; 6:35)

THE PEACE

May the Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

[Communion is being served by intinction. As you approach the server, please take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, eat, and return to your seat. The communion bread being served to the congregation is gluten-free.]

*As you make your way forward, share the Peace of Christ
with one another.*

*Approach the font and touch the waters of baptism,
then continue forward to one of the communion stations.*

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

COMMUNION MUSIC (Everyone sings.)
"Eat this Bread" (sing Option A)

G C Am D Bm

Opt. A "Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to me and
Opt. B Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to Christ and

nev - er be hun - gry. Eat this bread;
nev - er be hun - gry. Eat this bread;

drink this cup; trust in me and you will not thirst."
drink this cup; trust in Christ and you will not thirst.

Em Dsus D G D

Em Bm C Dsus D G

*Please rise in body or spirit.

"One Bread, One Body"

Refrain

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of
all, one cup of bless - ing which we bless.
And we, though man-y, through-out the
earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.
1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and
free, wom - an or man, no more.
works, one in the Lord of all.
grown, gath-ered to one, for all.

SENDING

* BLESSING

Don Meeks

* CHARGE

Rebecca Barnes

Go now in the power of the Spirit,
eager to show our love for one another;
ready to experience, practice and pursue community with
one another;
making manifest the unity of God's people
by bearing one another's burdens,
thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need one
another.

Amen.

*Please rise in body or spirit.

* HYMN OF FAITH

"We Are One in the Spirit"



1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:



And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

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Closing Worship

**Saturday, June 23, 2018
Mid-Week Worship Service**

INTROIT “Ngumo na Ugooci” Pendo Presbyterian Choir
(a traditional Kenyan hymn translated as “Praise Be to God”)

GATHERING

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** Gretchen Farrell
God, you call us to be persistent in prayer, and not to stop
seeking justice.
**We are learning not to worry, but instead to turn to you in
prayer.**
We want to be those who are found having faith in your
justice,
and who trust in your coming kingdom.
**We are learning not to worry, but instead to turn to you in
prayer.**
Rejoice in the Lord! Let your gentleness be known. The Lord
is near.

* HYMN "Come! Live in the Light!"

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
great day when all will be one! God will reign,

to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and

free - dom of the cit - y of God.
vio - lence will be no more.
broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain
We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to
love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -
oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

* CALL TO CONFESSION

Renita Mercado-Heinzl

Jesus calls us to pray always, and never to lose heart.
In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God.

*Please rise in body or spirit.

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Renita Mercado-Heinzl

God of grace,
the gospel rings true in our ears,
and its word resonates with our experience:
There are indeed judges who do not fear you,
and cities that do not show respect for other people.
There are widows whose cries we have shunned,
and children we have not protected.
There are laws that convict before trials are held,
and in spite of our solemn assemblies,
even the church has too often ignored the urgent pleas of
those at risk.
Forgive our complicity and our failure to act.
Forgive our greed, our hate, and abuse of creation.
Strip us of our privilege and our false righteousness.
Call us back to your love,
your body,
your justice,
your kingdom.
Awaken us so we would be persistent in prayer,
alert to your call,
eagerly anticipating the mighty streams
of your ever-flowing justice...

A brief moment is offered for silent prayer.

*** ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Renita Mercado-Heinzl

Adapted from Amos 5:21–24

Hear the promise of God:
“I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain
offerings,
I will not accept them...
but let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”
Siblings in Christ, remember that the Lord is near.
The journey is long, but we are forgiven!
Know that our sins are forgiven in Christ’s name. **Amen.**

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"Gloria a Dios"

*The hymn will be sung in a call and response pattern;
a cantor will sing each line, and the congregation will repeat it.*



- 1 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high - est!
- 2 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to Christ Je - sus!
- 3 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to the Spir - it!
- 1 ¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria en los cie - los!
- 2 ¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria Je - su - cris - to!
- 3 ¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria al Es - pí - ri - tu!



- To God be glo-ry for - ev - er! Al-le-lu-ia, A - men!
¡A Dios la glo-ria por siem - pre! ¡A-le-lu-ya, A - mén!



- Al-le-lu-ia, A - men! Al-le-lu-ia, A - men!
¡A-le-lu-ya, A - mén! ¡A-le-lu-ya, A - mén!

May be sung in call and response pattern.

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Deb Tracy

SCRIPTURE

Luke 18:1-8

Hannah Dreitcer, narrator
John Shear, Deb Tracy
And #Hashtag Chorus

A dramatic reading of the gospel lesson from *The Message*

HYMN OF RESPONSE "For the Troubles and the Sufferings"

The cantor will sing each section first in Portuguese;
the congregation will repeat each section in English.



1 For the trou - bles and the suf - ferings of the world,
2 Lend an ear to the ris - ing cry for help
1 *Pe - las do - res des - te mun - do, ó Se - nhor,*
2 *Teus ou - vi - dos se in - cli - nem ao cla - mor*



God, we call up - on your mer - cy: the
from op - pressed and hope - less peo - ple: Come!
im - plo - ra - mos pi - e - da - de. A
des - sa gen - te o - pri - mi - da. A -



whole cre - a - tion's la - bor - ing in pain!
Has - ten your sal - va - tion, heal - ing love!
um só tem - po ge - me a cri - a - ção.
pres - sa - te com tu - a sal - va - ção.



We pray for peace, the bless - ed peace that
We pray for power, the power that will sus -
A tu - a pax, ben - di - ta e ir - ma -
O teu po - der sus - ten - te o tes - te -



comes from mak - ing jus - tice, to cov - er and em -
tain your peo - ple's wit - ness: un - til your King - dom
na - da co'a jus - ti - ça a - bra - ce o mun - do in -
mu - nho do teu po - vo. Teu Rei - no ve - nha

1 Em Em A9 2 Em7 A7 D

brace us. Have mer - cy, Lord! come, Ky - ri - e - le - i - son!
 tei - ro. Tem com - pai - xão! nos! Ky - ri - e - le - i - son!

SCRIPTURE Philipians 4:4-6 Clyde Crumpton

SERMON *The Persistent Prayer* Ekram Kachu

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** excerpt from the
 Confession of Belhar, adapted
 Larry Erwin

We believe that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes

to bring about justice and true peace among people;
that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity,
is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor
and the wronged.

We believe that God calls the church to follow him in this;
for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;

God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;
God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger,
helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;

We believe that for God pure and undefiled religion is
 to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering;

We believe that God wishes to teach the church to do
what is good and to seek the right;

We believe that the church must therefore stand by people
in any form of suffering and need,
which implies, among other things,
**that the church must witness against
and strive against any form of injustice,
so that justice may roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**

We believe that the church as the possession of God must
stand where the Lord stands,
**namely against injustice and with the wronged;
that in following Christ the church must witness against
all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their
own interests
and thus control and harm others.**

Jesus is Lord. This we proclaim; this we believe.

EUCCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Isaac Wanyoike

On the day of the Lord,
God will make for all people
a feast of rich foods and well-aged wines.
The Lord will destroy the shroud that is cast over us;
God will swallow up death forever
and wipe away every tear.

On that day, the people of God will say:
This is the Lord, for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in God's saving love.

HYMN OF INVITATION (Everyone sings.)



Doors up - end - ed serve as ta - bles where the
guests pre - pare to dine. Jus - tice is their right - eous
fare, while mer - cy is their rich - est wine.
Draw the wel - come cir - cle wi - der, Ga - ther friends and stran - gers in.
Formed of ho - ly breath and star - dust, born of God, we all are kin.

Text for this hymn was commissioned by the Steering Committee of the Committee on Local Arrangements for the 223rd General Assembly (2018).

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Jim Chi, Kolby Carnes,
Isaac Wanyoike

Holy God,
you made the world to hum in harmony;
you listened and you called it good.

In time we broke off from singing the song
and went our own way,
but you called us back
and when the time was right
you came in flesh and blood
to live as one of us.

In Christ, dividing walls are broken down—
no Jew or Greek,
male or female,
slave or free.

You are there on every spectrum,
in every color,
at every table.

By your Spirit, make us one.

By your Spirit, make us whole.

By your Spirit, make this bread and wine
your body and blood,
that we may know communion with you
and with each other.

Take our hearts, our lives, our hands;
mold us, change us, and send us out,
that we may be your body in the world you so love,
for the sake of Jesus Christ,
who calls us to join our voices together
in a beautiful symphony of languages, as we pray...

Book of Common Worship (WJKP, 2018), 126–127.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Ekram Kachu

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

[Communion is being served by intinction. As you approach the server, please take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, eat, and return to your seat. The communion bread being served to the congregation is gluten-free.]

*As you partake of the sacrament today, you are invited to
accept a token created to offer
you encouragement as you depart the assembly and
continue your faith journey.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

Pendo Presbyterian Choir

"Nearer, My God, to Thee" Lowell Mason (19th century)

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!" Phoebe Palmer Knapp
(1873)

"Precious, Precious Blood of Jesus" Frances Havergal (1874)

All of the communion hymns will be sung in Kikuyu,
the traditional language of the Pendo congregation.

SENDING

* BLESSING

Ekram Kachu

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love
of God,
and of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
and the blessing of God, creator, redeemer, and sustainer,
remain with you always.

Alleluia!

* CHARGE

Lorenzo Clayton

Go into the world confident that God has been in this place;
Strive first for the kingdom of God,
and the righteousness of God,
and all these things will be given to you as well.

Amen!

* SONG OF SENDING "We are Marching #853 in *Glory to God*
in the Light of God"

We are march - ing* in the light of God, we are
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku-kha-nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya -

1. march-ing in the light of God, hamb' e - ku-kha-nyen' kwen-khos'.
2. march-ing in the light of, the God, khos'
hamb' e - ku-kha-nyen' kwen, kha -

We are march-ing,
Si - ya - ham - ba,
light of God. We are march-ing, march-ing, we are
nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya -

Oo
march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing in the light of God.
ham - ba, ham-ba, si - ya - hamb' e - ku-kha-nyen' kwen - khos'.

*Alternate text: dancing, singing, praying

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Water Music, Suite 2
arranged for brass quintet, timpani, and organ
by Michael Burkhardt
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Reflections on "Arirang," A Young Kim

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"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!" DARWALL'S 148th, *Arr.*
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Ecumenical Worship Service, Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Moluccas folk song motif.

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Kyrie eleison

Text: Trad. Liturgical text; Music: Russian Orthodox chant

"Da n'ase"

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"Come! Live in the Light!"

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"As-salaamu lakum"

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"Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen"

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"One Bread, One Body"

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"Come to the Table of Grace"

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Mid-Week Worship Service, Thursday, June 21, 2018

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"I'm Gonna' Live So God Can Use Me"

Whalum, Wendell (Estate of)

Moorehouse College (for the Wendell P. Whalum Scholarship Fund)
830 Westview Dr., SW
Atlanta, GA 30314

Mid-Week Worship Service, Friday, June 22, 2018

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"Holy God We Praise Your Name"

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"We Are One in the Spirit"

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Mid-Week Worship Service Saturday, June 23, 2018

"Come! Live in the Light"

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"Gloria a Dios"

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"Nearer, My God, to Thee"

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"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

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"Precious, Precious Blood of Jesus"

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"We Are Marching in the Light of God"

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General Assembly Exhibit Hall

Exhibit Hall Advisory Team

In accordance with the *Standing Rules* of the General Assembly (I.2.a), the Stated Clerk oversees the Exhibit Hall and has invited the other PC(USA) agencies to appoint staff representatives to an exhibit team, which will allocate exhibit space among eligible exhibitors, establish and assist in implementing exhibit hall guidelines and policies, and make recommendations related to the operation of the Exhibit Hall.

The Exhibit Hall Advisory Team for the 223rd General Assembly is:

- Valerie Izumi of the Office of the General Assembly
- Dana Dages and Jessica Maudlin of the Presbyterian Mission Agency
- Debbie Bernard and Jane Daveler of the Board of Pensions
- Serrita Bell of the Presbyterian Foundation
- Michael Hilliard of the Presbyterian Publishing Corporation
- Clare Lewis of the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Corporation
- Andrew Yeager-Buckley, Office of the General Assembly, Exhibit Hall Manager

Exhibit Hall Guidelines and Policies

The purpose of the General Assembly Exhibit Hall, as approved by the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly, is to display a wide range of resources and services that support the purpose of the General Assembly and advance its goals. The following are eligible to participate:

- Agencies, including ministries that are directly controlled by those agencies, which report directly to the General Assembly.
- Organizations and projects which relate to one of the General Assembly agencies and whose staff and funding are provided for by one of the General Assembly agencies, as well as groups that have current covenants in place with one of the General Assembly agencies.
- The host presbytery/presbyteries of that session of the General Assembly, and the host presbytery/presbyteries of the next General Assembly.
- Not-for-profit organizations consisting of members of the PC(USA) which have officers and a board accountable for their activities whose membership is not confined to a single synod, and which are organized to conduct special tasks of witness, service or nurture.

- National or international conciliar bodies to which the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) relates in ministry and mission.
- Companies, businesses or organizations not related to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) whose products or services would be of interest to attendees at the General Assembly. The following companies or businesses will not be allowed exhibit space:
 - those promoting alcoholic beverages or tobacco products; organizations appealing to church groups for money making schemes;
 - organizations or groups not related to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) that offer the same or similar services and mission programs as those provided by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.);
 - organizations or groups not related to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) whose purpose is to challenge or denigrate Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) policies, programs, or personnel.
 - organizations that sell Fair Trade items must go through the Presbyterian Hunger Program's Global Marketplace vetting process and will not be accepted as individual vendors.

Much of the hall is dedicated to displays of the agencies that report to the General Assembly: the Office of the General Assembly (OGA); the various ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA); Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Foundation (FDN); the Board of Pensions (BOP); Presbyterian Publishing Corporation (PPC); and Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP).

General Information

Within these displays you will find the six General Assembly agencies, their programs, and some organizations that relate to those agencies. You will also find other organizations and vendors of general interest to Presbyterians.

There are sales areas, including the PC(USA) Store, which carries a variety of books and resources for pastors, elders, deacons, educators, worship leaders, musicians, and other congregational leaders. You will also want to visit the Global Marketplace, sponsored by the Enough for Everyone Program of the Presbyterian Hunger Program, which offers crafts and other items from around the globe as well as educational materials.

The Exhibit Hall will be closed to the general public beginning at 5:00 pm on Saturday, June 16th. Only commissioners and advisory delegates, along with designated GA agency elected members and staff, will have access to the hall as part of their orientation to the work of the agencies.

Hands on Mission Projects

Please express your appreciation for the generous hospitality provided by our host by donating to the Gift Project. The Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy is offering a multi-part Gift Project. Participants are asked to bring new men's or women's crew socks, and will also have an opportunity to participate in several *hands-on* mission projects in a special area in the assembly exhibit hall (Hall 3). These projects include:

- Prepare “go-bags” for our unhoused neighbors in St. Louis. These will include the crew socks donated by GA attendees and other items, and will be distributed by various organizations, including Churches on the Streets and St. Louis Winter Outreach (working also in summer).
- Prepare summer activity packs for children served by Churches on the Street summer youth outreach
- Help get a head start on winter 2018 by making Prayer Scarves that will be distributed throughout the St. Louis area. Cut and tie fleece scarves and pray for the women, men, and children who are impacted by adverse weather conditions.
- Working with the Office of Public Witness and local social justice advocates, write letters to government officials on issues of concern.
- Working with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, prepare care packages needed by communities throughout our nation that have suffered from natural and human made disasters.

Financial donations will also be accepted to provide supplies for these projects.

Check out these projects, visit with facilitators, participate, and see how you can model a similar project in your own context.

Global Marketplace (Booths 600-619)

Fair Trade is a model of trade that helps people live with increased dignity.

PHP believes in the power of this dignity, and that is why we offer Presbyterians this space. The Global Marketplace increases awareness of the impact of our participation in the global economy and offers concrete alternatives for more just participation.

Global Marketplace partners are excellent sources of responsibly made products. Your purchases benefit not only the people who use and enjoy the items, but the people around the world who make them and desire to live in dignity rather than poverty. God's promise of *enough for everyone* means there must be a way we can each live to our full and true potential.

Stop by today and visit our partners:

Café Justo	www.justcoffee.org
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Mayan Hands	https://www.mayanhands.org/
Mira Fair Trade	https://shopmira.com/
Pal CraftAid	www.palcraftaid.org
Partners for Just Trade	www.partnersforjusttrade.org
Plowsharing Crafts	https://plowsharing.org/
Presbyterian Hunger Program	www.pcusa.org/hunger
Rahab's Rope	https://www.rahabsrope.com/
The Silk Road Fair Trade Market	www.silkroadmkt.com
Sleepy Hollow Herb Farm	http://sleepyhollowherbfarm.com/
Women of the Cloud Forest	www.womenofthecloudforest.com

Exhibit Hall Hours

Friday, June 15 2:00 pm - 7:30 pm
 Saturday, June 16 8:30 am - 10:45 am and
 12:30 pm - 5:00 pm
 Sunday, June 17 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm
 Monday, June 18 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
 Tuesday, June 19 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
 Wednesday, June 20 11:00 am - 7:30 pm

Friday, June 15

2:00 PM	#Mask Parade Farm Say Cheese! Come join our #MaskParadeFarm and snap a selfie as Penelope Pig or one of her friends. Learn more about fun ways your church can promote Presbyterian Mission.	Special Offerings	422/424
10:00 AM	Local Author - Book Promotion Doc Shear has written a book titled, THE VERSE AFTER THE VERSE. The book looks at 12 familiar verses in scripture and unpacks those texts, along with looking at the verse immediately after to see what connection there is. He is a local pastor of a church in the Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery. Both his preaching and writing style incorporate many stories. This makes for an enjoyable read.	Rev. Dr. John Shear	556

Saturday, June 16

8:30 AM	#Mask Parade Farm Say Cheese! Come join our #MaskParadeFarm and snap a selfie as Penelope Pig or one of her friends. Learn more about fun ways your church can promote Presbyterian Mission.	Special Offerings	422/424
8:30 AM	Laser Coaching Stop by the Presbyterian Coach Network booth and experience being coached. Today you can sign up for a free “Laser Coaching” session from a credentialed coach later in the week. Laser coaching sessions last only about 10 minutes. Your coach will help drill down on something you want to move toward or change in your life. Sessions available daily but you must sign up at the booth first.	Presbyterian Coach Network	313

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12:45 PM	<p>“Palestine is Our Home” Author Reflection and Book Signing Visit our booth to hear “Palestine Is Our Home” author, editor, and Palestinian Presbyterian, Nahida Halaby Gordon, reflect on compiling these first hand testimonies. Weaving together chapters on the liberation art of Palestine with the origins of the traditional Palestinian costume, Gordon brings a deeply personal take in “Palestine is Our Home,” available for purchase in the assembly bookstore.</p>	Israel/Palestine Mission Network of the PC(USA)	203/302
2:30 PM	<p>Booth Talk: How Presbyterians Can Faithfully Respond to Climate Change PPF Peaceseeker awardee rev. abby mohaupt will talk about her work for climate justice within the PC(USA), including working for fossil fuel divestment & the PCUSA Walk for a Fossil Free World (in which dozens of Presbyterians walked from Louisville, KY to be here at GA). This work seeks to respond with bold and faithful action in the face of the urgency of climate change. At Booth 119.</p>	Presbyterian Peace Fellowship / Fossil Free PCUSA	119/121
3:00 PM	<p>Mary Jane Veloso: One Life, Many Advocates Mary Jane Veloso is an overseas Filipino worker (OFW) imprisoned in Indonesia since 2010. She has been accused of drug trafficking, because she carried a bag with heroin prepared by her job recruiters, on her way to a job that didn’t even exist. In the weeks leading up to her impending execution in April 2013, many advocates in the Philippines and around the world rallied around her and her family. The Indonesian government granted her temporary reprieve from execution. Now her testimony is in danger of not being included in the trial against her job recruiters, in the Philippines. Her case continues to receive local and global attention.</p>	Presbyterian World Mission	2

Exhibit Hall Activities

4:00 PM	Booth Talk: Walking the Talk for Climate Justice – A Conversation with people who walked to “From June 1-16, the PCUSA Walk for a Fossil Free World was out in action walking to General Assembly & calling upon the GA to join the movement to divest from fossil fuels in response to the urgency of climate change. Daily, the Walk held teach-ins & worship that centered the stories & experiences of people most directly affected by climate change. Come talk with Walkers & Supporters. Booth 119.”	Presbyterian Peace Fellowship / Fossil Free PCUSA	119/121
4:15 PM	Out of the Pews, Into the Streets What good is a light hidden under a bushel? It is the core of who we are as Presbyterians to promote social righteousness. The church knows it must speak “faithfully, truthfully, persuasively, humbly, boldly and urgently.” Join More Light staff and partners for a conversation about opportunities for action the current legislative landscape offers congregations and faith-led advocates.	More Light Presbyterians	209/308
Sunday, June 17			
1:30 PM	#MaskParadeFarm Say Cheese! Come join our #MaskParadeFarm and snap a selfie as Penelope Pig or one of her friends. Learn more about fun ways your church can promote Presbyterian Mission.	Special Offerings	422/424

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1:30 PM	TALK: "Just Travel" Guided by the practices set out by the Alternative Tourism Network, we will delve into what it is like to consider justice in the very planning of pilgrimages to the Holy Land. Going on a trip soon with your church? Interested in planning a trip to the Holy land that achieves a balance between the revenues of the Palestinian and Israeli tourism sectors by using Palestinian infrastructure (hotels, restaurants, transportation, guides, etc.)? Come to our booth to learn more about the practice of just travel.	Israel Palestine Mission Network of the Presbyterian Church (USA)	203/302
2:00 PM	Christian Formation—Moving from Peer-Oriented, Morality-Centered Christian Education to Intergenerational Christian Identity Formation Join the Office of Christian Formation as we share why and how we are breaking down the age-and-stage silos of programmatic ministry and focusing on intergenerational life-long Christian Formation as the primary means of communal discipleship. It's exciting... you don't want to miss it. ;)	Office of Christian Formation	2
3:00 PM	Meet the new national coordinator of 1001: Nikki Collins Change within mid-council entities is difficult much less a place to foster innovation. Come and listen to what experienced mid-council leaders have do to nurture change within their presbyteries.	1001 New Worshipping Communities	2

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3:00 PM	Co-Editor Talk on “Why Palestine Matters, The Struggle To End Colonialism” IPMN’s new book, Why Palestine Matters, The Struggle To End Colonialism, contextualizes the liberation of Palestinian people within other global justice struggles. Theologian Walter Brueggemann describes it as calling us “to a new awareness that carries with it a mandate to policies and actions that bespeak compassion and embody restorative justice.” Commissioners: visit our booth for a free copy!	Israel/Palestine Mission Network of the PC(USA)	203/302
3:00 PM	Booth Talk: Peace in Colombia – Are we there yet?? Through the Colombia Accompaniment Program, Presbyterians have walked alongside Colombian Presbyterians for over 12 years as they work for peace. Yet now that the Peace Accords have been signed, these partnerships are as important as ever. Come learn about how you can support Colombian Presbyterians working for peace, including an upcoming delegation later this year. Booth 119.	Presbyterian Peace Fellowship	119/121
Monday, June 18			
9:00 AM	#MaskParadeFarm Say Cheese! Come join our #MaskParadeFarm and snap a selfie as Penelope Pig or one of her friends. Learn more about fun ways your church can promote Presbyterian Mission.	Special Offerings	422/424
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4:00 PM	TALK: "Starting with my congregation: how do I get my church to be HP-Free?" HP is commonly known for its brand of computers, printers, and ink cartridges, but due to the role HP companies play in the illegal occupation of Palestine and violations of Palestinian human rights, the PC(USA) divested from HP enterprises at the 221st General Assembly (2014). Join Rochelle Watson, national organizer for Friends of Sabeel North America (FOSNA), at this talk-in about how to engage your individual congregation in this issue.	Israel Palestine Mission Network of the Presbyterian Church (USA)	203/302
12:30 PM	Book Signing by Gradye Parsons Join the Board of Pensions in celebrating the release of former Stated Clerk, Gradye Parsons' new book, "The Connectional Church", and get your copy signed by the author himself!	The Board of Pensions	4

Exhibit Hall Activities

2:00 PM	Let Your Light Shine! Why is visible welcome important? In a moment when the question of “who is welcome” is the subject of court cases, legislation, & administrative action, we are called to be more clear & explicit in our welcome as people of faith. Join More Light staff & board for a quick conversation about steps your congregation or campus group can take to be more visibly welcoming.	More Light Presbyterians	209/308
3:00 PM	Partnered with the Cuban Church - Two Places; Two Styles The joys and challenges of doing mutual mission with the Cuban Church today. Offered by Champaign-Luyanó and Springfield-Sancti Espiritu partners.	Cuba Partners Network	402
5:00 PM	NEXT Church Happy Hour NEXT Church invites you to stop by the Morgan Street Brewery (721 N. 2nd St.) for a Happy Hour. Connect with new friends, colleagues, and ministry partners over drinks and learn more about the work of NEXT Church around the PC(USA). The first 100 drinks will be free!	NEXT Church	456
Tuesday, June 19			
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12:00 PM	Diversity is Our Middle Name Diversity is multifaceted and all-encompassing at Menaul School. Come join the conversation on how our thriving community is living out our diversity as our identity, with all its joys and challenges.	Menaul School	2
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3:00 PM	Making Your Mission Committee Work Join with others to learn about the ups and downs of church mission and outreach committees. Learn about resources and practical tools to make your mission committee (and the mission focus of your church) more effective.	Presbyterian World Mission - Equipping for Mission Involvement	2
4:00 PM	The Immigration Policy Impacting Our Indonesian Communities Hear directly from people what has been happening to our Indonesian community and the Church's involvement in their struggle.	National Asian Presbyterian Council	2

Exhibit Hall Activities

9:15 AM	<p>Coffee with the Founders</p> <p>Join us for coffee and hear personally from the founders of MMM, Tom & Jocelyn Logan. Tom's organization has shared the love of Christ with over four million people in Africa by helping them gain clean, sustainable water sources. They have 33 years of stories about their experiences and promise an interesting conversation about how together, we can change the world!</p>	Marion Medical Mission	202
12:00 PM	<p>Hosting Apartheid: Engagement & Sanctioning Airbnb</p> <p>Airbnb is profiting from Israel's continued occupation of Palestinian land and facilitating settlement activity. Should we be part of or disassociate ourselves from the Airbnb community? How can we respond? Visit our booth for this brainstorming session on faithfully responding to Airbnb's actions.</p>	Israel/Palestine Mission Network of the PC(USA)	203/302
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3:00 PM	<p>Living in a Time of Change ... Cuba and the Cuban Church today</p> <p>Presented by the Rev. Dr. Ary Fernández, Moderator of the Presbyterian-Reformed Church in Cuba.</p>	Cuba Partners Network	402

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Wednesday, June 20

12:00 PM

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2:30 PM	Booth Talk: Gundamentalism and Where it is Taking America with Rev. Jim Atwood Talk with author, pastor, and 2018 David Steele Distinguished Writer Awardee (given by the Presbyterian Writers Guild). Jim will talk about the pressing issue of gun violence and how Presbyterians can and are responding. Others from the PPF Gun Violence Prevention working group will also be present to talk with people who want to be involved in preventing gun violence in their communities. [119]	Presbyterian Peace Fellowship	119/121
4:30 PM	Stole Giveaway The National Association of Presbyterian Clergywomen has a beautiful handmade stole that we will be giving away via a drawing on June 20th prior to the Exhibit Hall closing. You don't have to be present for the drawing but you do need to visit our booth and fill out a card during the times the Exhibit Hall is open. The stole is gender neutral so ALL are welcome to stop by and register.	National Association of Presbyterian Clergywomen	416
4:30 PM	Putting the Fish, in Fishbowl Do you have questions about LGBTQ identities you're not sure how to ask? Sometimes asking these questions can leave others feeling like a "fish" in a fishbowl. Join More Light staff for a fishbowl conversation about gender identity and sexual orientation. We have the fishbowl, so bring your questions to our booth all week!	More Light Presbyterians	209/308

2:00 PM	Regional and Relational: Addressing Migration and Human Trafficking in Asia From Thailand to Indonesia to Hong Kong to Sri Lanka to Nepal: How does one learn quickly about a new country? What is the church in that country doing about forced migration and human trafficking? How are other organizations working to address these challenges? Come and learn hear some of these answers, while hearing stories from the first three years of one mission co-worker's experience who is also trying to answer the same questions.	Presbyterian World Mission	2
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Presbyterian Hunger Program
Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations
Presbyterian Office of Public Witness
Presbyterian Peacemaking Program
Presbyterian Self-Development of People

Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries (RE&WM)

Racial Ethnic & New Immigrant Intercultural Ministries

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Korean Intercultural Congregational Support

Middle Eastern Intercultural Ministries

Native American Intercultural Congregational Support

Racial Ethnic Leadership Development

Coordinator for Racial and Intercultural Justice

(a shared office with Compassion, Peace, and Justice)

Mission Program Grants

Racial Ethnic Leadership Development & Recruitment

Racial Ethnic Schools and Colleges

Women's Leadership Development and Justice Ministries

Gender and Racial Justice

Women's Leadership Development & Young Women's
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Theology, Formation, and Evangelism

Theology

Company of New Pastors
Interfaith Relations

Scholarships and Student Loan Repayment
Worship, including the journal *Call to Worship*
Theological Conversations
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Formation

Camp and Conference Centers
Collegiate Ministries
Christian Education
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Evangelism

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Congregational Vitality

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Mission Personnel

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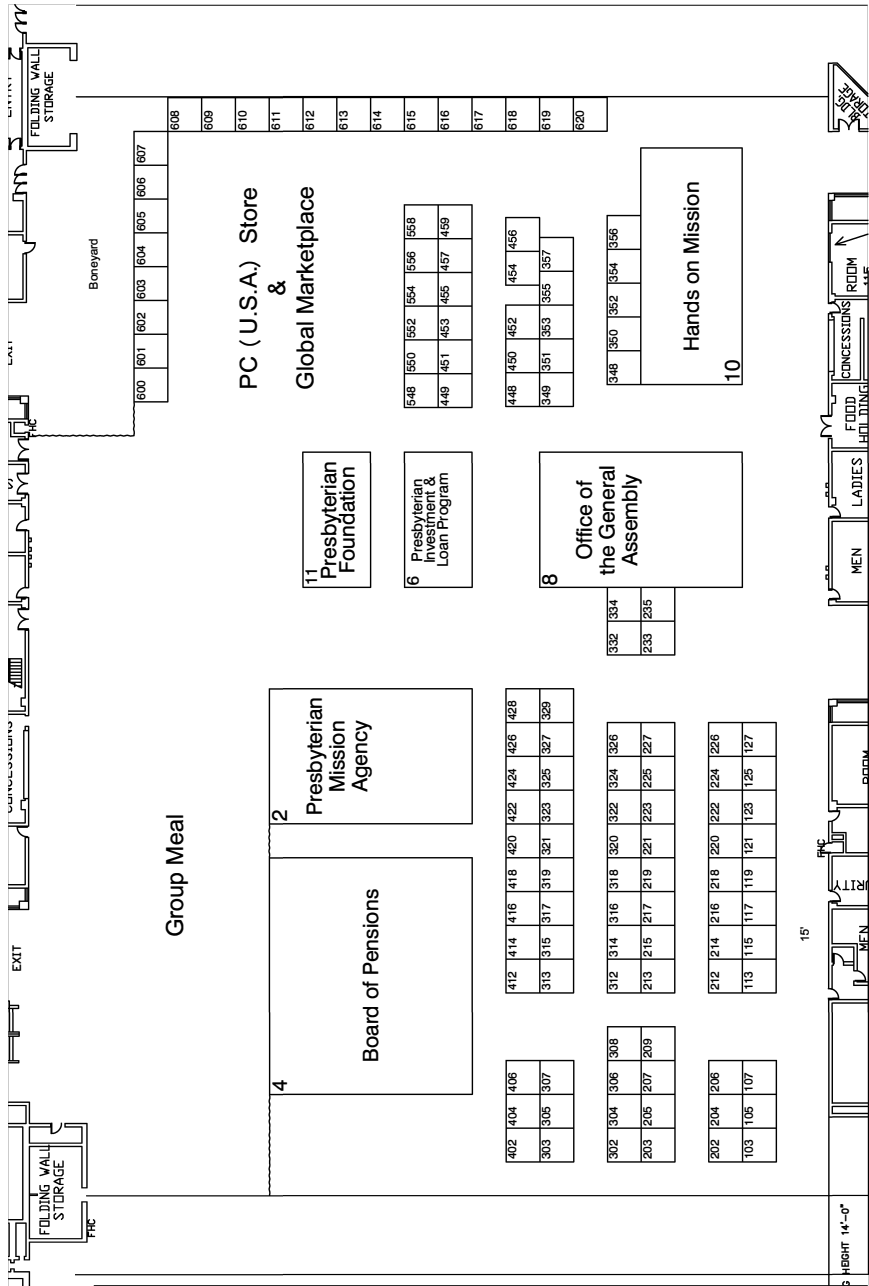
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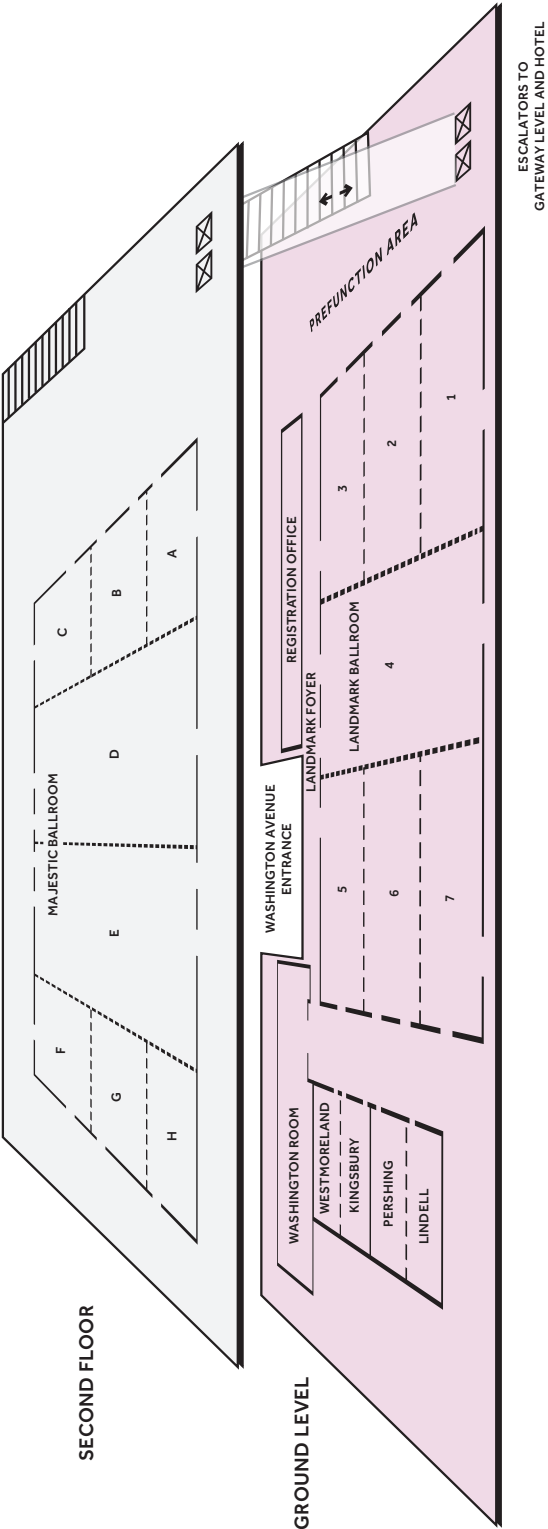


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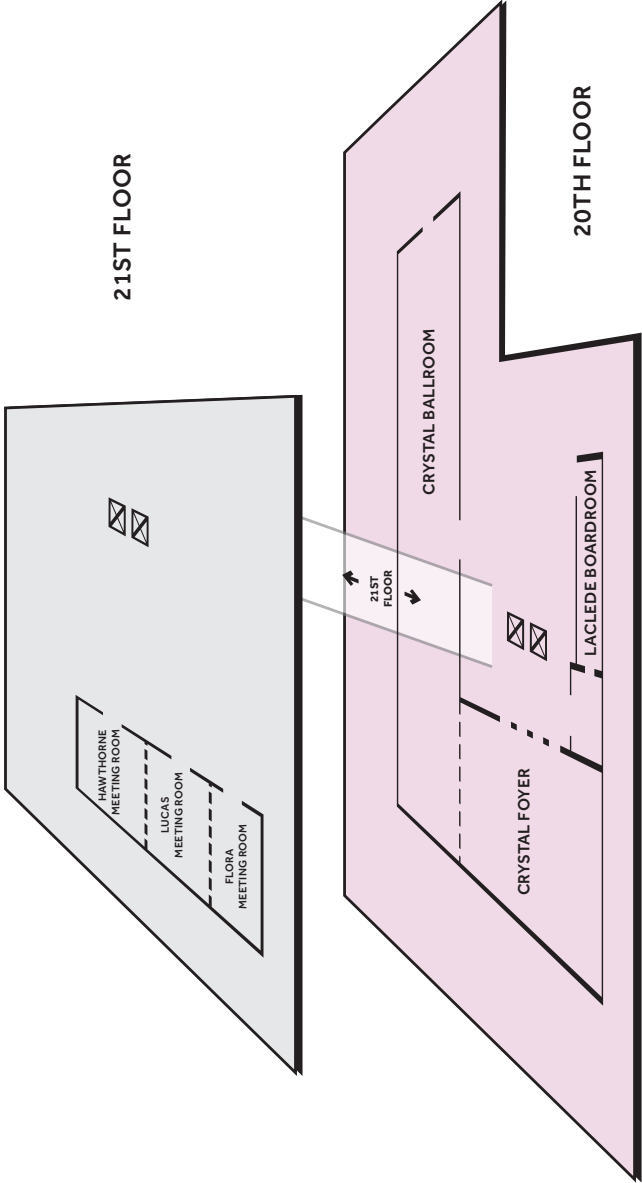
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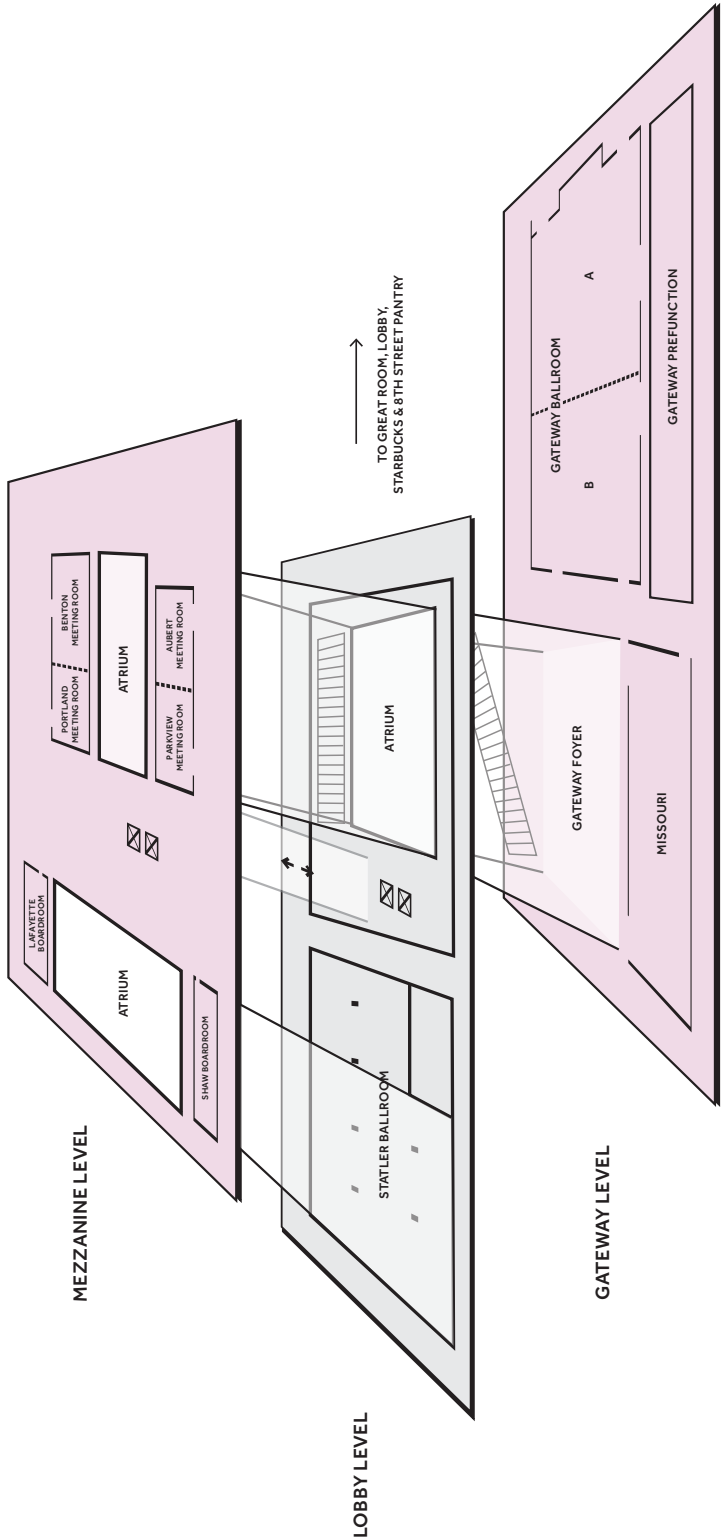
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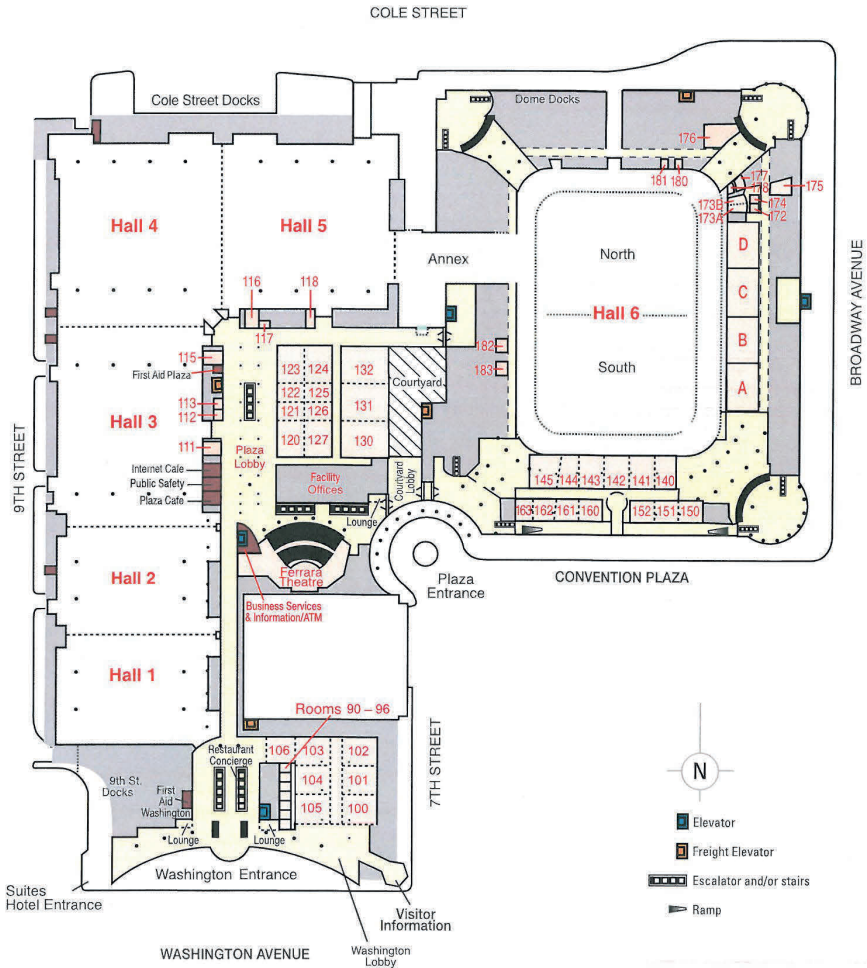


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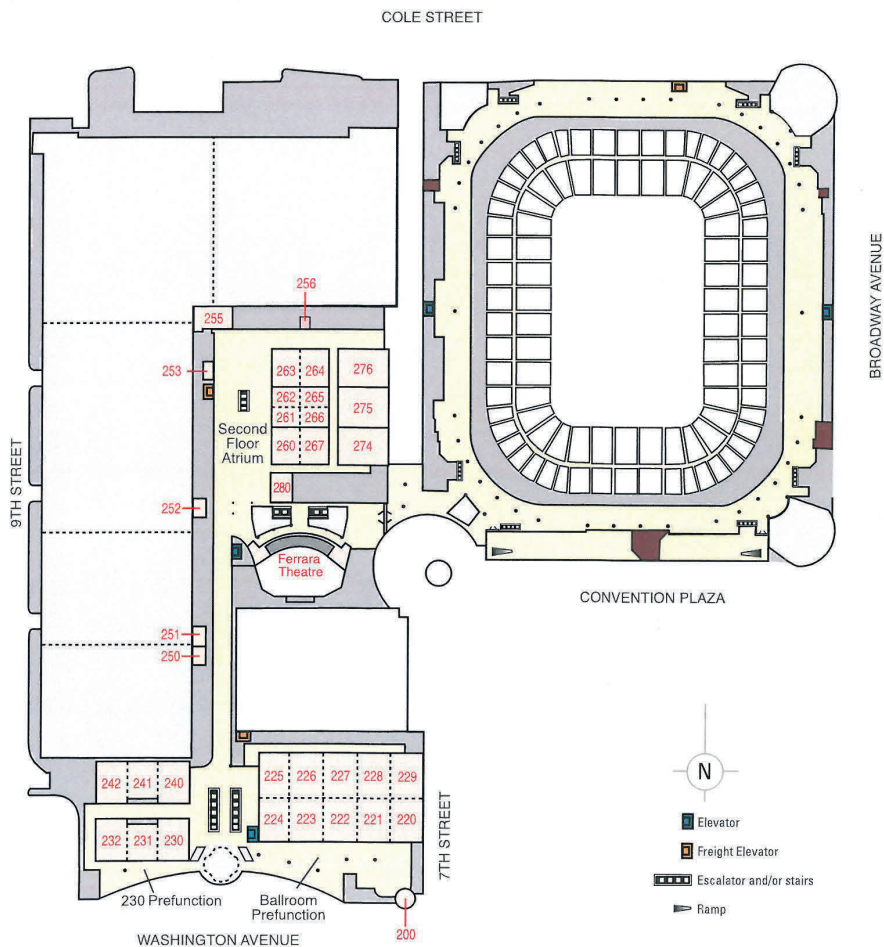


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