

Yellowstone Presbytery Meeting Worship

March 5, 2021 7:00 pm

World Day of Prayer

Broadcast LIVE from FPC Billings

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Prelude Sandi Rabas, Accompanist

Welcome and Announcements

Good News from Churches: St. Andrew and First Presbyterian Billings

Call to Worship:

Leader: Come, let us bow before the holy One.

People: **Come, let us confess God's might.**

Leader: Come, let us feel God's mercy.

People: **Come, let us live in God's light.**

Leader: As God's people, we lift our voices in praise.

People: **Glory to you, gracious and loving God!**

Opening Prayer

Holy God, one in grace, one glory, one in love – you call us to love and serve you as one people, united in heart, mind, spirit, and strength. Help us to love one another, living in unity and peace, working together in your Spirit for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our reconciler and redeemer. Amen

Opening Hymn “Jesus, Name Above All Names”

Call to Confession

Confident in God’s grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession *(In Unison)*

Loving Father, You receive all who come humbly before you. Yet we approach you far too often with much satisfaction and inappropriate pride. We think more highly of ourselves than we ought to think. We forget your son’s plain teaching: those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. Forgive us and free us from this absorption of self. Empower us to serve you joyfully and wholeheartedly. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *(Please continue in silent personal confession...)*

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Amen

Necrology Report

Hymn: “How Great Thou Art”

Prayer for Illumination

Speak to us, Lord, through these scriptures. Remind us again of your everlasting power. May we know your story and our place within it. May we remember your mighty works and deeds, that we might know that you are the God of all ages. May we claim your promise and share your love. We are listening, Lord; speak to us today.

Scripture Reading Philippians 2: 1-11

Meditation Rev. Kathy Goodrich

Praying Philippians 2

Hymn of Response “Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone”

Installation: Moderator, RE Julie Boksich and Vice Moderator, Rev. Dave Thompson

Questions for Candidates for Ministry in the PCUSA

- a. Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
- b. Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God’s Word to you?
- c. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable exposition of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?
- d. Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?
- e. Will you be governed by our church’s polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God’s Word and Spirit?
- f. Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?
- g. Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?
- h. Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

For Moderator and Vice Moderator†: Will you be a faithful Moderator and Vice Moderator†, proclaiming the good news in Word and Sacrament, teaching faith and caring for people? Will you be active in government and discipline, serving in the councils of the church; and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

For the Members of Yellowstone Presbytery: Do we, the Members of Yellowstone Presbytery, receive and accept Julie Boksich as our Moderator and Dave Thompson as our Vice Moderator for this one-year term of service? Will we respect their judgements, support their leadership, and pray for them in their service to Christ and with us?

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

The Offering *Westminster Spires Camp Scholarships*

How to Give: Go to yellowstonepcusa.org and click on GIVE NOW button in upper right corner of page or mail check to: Yellowstone Presbytery PO Box 1254, Bozeman MT 59771

Prayer of Dedication:

God of unending gifts, we praise you for your abundant goodness. As you are generous, we want to be generous too. May the gifts we bring extend your generosity to the lives of our youth who will be attending the Westminster Spires Camp, so that they may be made whole by your goodness and grace. Amen.

Closing Hymn "Spirit"

Benediction

May you go forth with humble hearts, ready to serve your neighbor and a world in need. Amen.

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