

Hosted by First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso, IN
3401 Valparaiso Street, Valparaiso, IN 46383

GATHERING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

9:30 AM EST/8:30 AM CST: CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME AND GREETING

Take a few moments to greet those around you in the name of Jesus.

MORNING PRAYER

Opening Sentences

O Lord, open my lips.

Nourished by the living waters of Jesus Christ, we awaken, enliven, and enhance worshipping communities to courageously extend their branches and bear new fruit in the Spirit.

Amen.

Hymn 469 **Morning Has Broken**

Psalm 100

Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; serve the LORD with gladness and come before God's presence with a song.

Know this: The LORD alone is God; we belong to the LORD, who made us, we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving; go into the holy courts with praise; give thanks and call upon the name of the LORD.

For good is the LORD, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

A Moment of Contemplative Silence

Prayer Of Thanksgiving And Intercession

Satisfy us with your love in the morning,

and we will live this day in joy and praise.

Great and wonderful God, we praise and thank you for the gift of renewal in Jesus Christ. Especially we thank you for opportunities for rest and recreation . . .

the regenerating gifts of the Holy Spirit . . .

activities shared by young and old . . .

fun and laughter . . .

every service that proclaims your love. . . .

You make all things new, O God, and we offer our prayers for the renewal of the world and the healing of its wounds. Especially we pray for

those who are homeless . . .

people enslaved by addictions . . .

those who entertain and enlighten . . .

those confronted with temptation . . .

the church in North America.....

the Presbytery of Wabash Valley through...

Serving Christ...

Enhancing Congregations...

Connecting Communities...

Eternal God, your touch makes this world holy.

Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the splendor of creation,

and in the beauty of human life. Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us,

to share your blessings with our sisters and brothers,

and to experience the joy of life in your presence.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Benediction

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Bless the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

CONSENT AGENDA *Commissioners are urged to read all documents listed prior to approving the Consent Agenda. Commissioners may request removal of any item from the Consent Agenda for discussion and vote at a called meeting in March. Save-the-date: March 18, 2017.*

- A.2 Approve Minutes and roll of November 2016 Assembly
- A.3 Approve Minutes and roll of December 2016 called Assembly
- A.4 Report of Presbytery Council as Commission
- A.5 Report of Commission on Ministry (COM)
- A.6 Report of Commission on Preparation for Ministry (CPM)
- A.7 Report of Crown Point Team as a commission
- A.8 Report of Pulaski Team as a commission
- A.9 Report of Plymouth Team as a commission
- A.10 Report of Visioning & Connecting Leader
- A.11 Report of Stated Clerk, note from Stated Clerk J. Herbert Nelson on procedure for proposed amendments, and analysis of 16-A, 16-E, 16-F
- A.12 Approve proposed Amendment 16-A (Child and Youth Protection Policy)
- A.13 Approve proposed Amendment 16-E (Certified Service Requirements)
- A.14 Approve proposed Amendment 16-F (Ministry of Members)
- A.15 Elect by consensus those reported by Nominating Committee as willing to serve (*pull from the Consent Agenda to exercise the right to nominate from the floor*)
- A.16 Receive Financial Report June-December 2016
- A.17 Report of the Permanent Judicial Commission

10:00 PRESENTER: **The Rev. Richard Blackburn**, Lombard Mennonite Peace Center,
Facilitating Healthy Pastor-Congregation Relations

12:00 Order of the Day: LUNCH

4:00 ADJOURNMENT AND BENEDICTION

SAVE-THE-DATE Saturday, March 18, 2017,
for a called Assembly meeting to be hosted by First Presbyterian Church, Mishawaka;
docket yet to be completed for examination of another candidate for ordination
and other business

The Reverend Jan Edmiston, Co-Moderator of the 222nd General Assembly
will be with us for the
NEXT STATED ASSEMBLY, Tuesday May 23, 2017,
At Geneva Center Retreat, Camp & Conference Center
5282 N. Old US Hwy 31, Rochester, IN 46875