

**Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky**  
**Stated and Annual Meeting**  
**May 23, 2022**  
**The Presbyterian Center -- Louisville**  
**REVISED AGENDA**

**Moderator: Teaching Elder Jim Murphy**

**Vice-moderator: Ruling Elder Perry Chang**

**Stated Clerk: Teaching Elder Jerry Van Marter**

**Recording Clerk: Teaching Elder Andrew Hartmans**

*(Starting in the Presbyterian Center Chapel – 3<sup>rd</sup> floor)*

2:00 p.m.    **Gathering All Together** – Moderator Jim Murphy

- Opening prayer
- Welcome to our first time Ruling Elders and Guests
- Welcome and seating of any Corresponding Members
- Welcome from the Co-Moderator of the 224<sup>th</sup> General Assembly – Elona Street-Stewart
  
- Welcome from the General Assembly Stated Clerk – J. Herbert Nelson
- Declaration of a quorum and approval of the docket.

2:15 p.m.    **Worship**

- Preaching: Ruling Elder Gregory Bentley, co-moderator of the 224<sup>th</sup> General Assembly
- Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
- 2021 Necrology Report
- Offering recipient:

3:15 p.m. **Break** (proceed to the meeting room – 1<sup>st</sup> floor)

3:30 p.m. **Consent Agenda** – Jerry Van Marter

- Approval of minutes of the February 26, 2022 meeting
- **FOR ACTION:** Suspend the Standing Rules in order to declare this meeting the annual meeting of the presbytery. (2/3 approval needed)
- **FOR ACTION:** There being no corporate business to conduct, convene and adjourn the annual meeting of the corporation.

3:35 p.m. **General Presbyter's report:** John Odom

3:45 p.m. **Calvin Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission report:**  
Dave Bush

4:00 p.m. **Commission on Ministry report:** Bill McConnell

- **FOR ACTION:** Change in terms of call for Rev. Paul Wissink, pastor at Calvin Presbyterian Church (COM approved the change by a vote of 9-7, less than the two-thirds majority needed for COM to take unilateral action).
- Summary of actions taken since last presbytery meeting
- Welcome new members; farewell to departing members
- Recognition of ordinations

4:15 p.m. **Presbyterian Homes and Services of Kentucky report:** Bill Williamson

- Introduction of Abbie Trowbridge.

4:20 p.m. **Announcements:** *Please keep announcements to one minute or less; you must have notified the stated clerk in advance that you wish to make an announcement.*

4:30 p.m. **Board of Pensions report:** Ed Thompson

4:40 p.m. **Coordinating Commission report:** Anne Hughes

- **FOR ACTION:** Approve the presbytery's Conflict of Interest Policy.
- **Mission Committee report:** Brad Palmer/Faye Fedlam

- **Finance Committee report:** Steve Makela

5:10 p.m. **Nominating and Representation Committee:** Dee Hoge

5:15 p.m. **Commission on Preparation for Ministry report: Jennifer Gingerich**

- **FOR ACTION:** Move Alicia Demartra-Pressley from Inquirer to Candidate.

5:35 p.m. **New Business** (previously submitted)

- 225<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Report to Mid-Kentucky Presbytery – Mark Eldred

5:45 p.m. **Report from the Stated Clerk** – Jerry Van Marter

- Attendance and offering reports
- Session records review report
- Acknowledgements and thanks

5:50 p.m. **Adjournment with prayer**

*Next stated meetings: Monday, September 19, 2022 at Ebenezer/Greensburg*

*Saturday, November 12, 2022 at South Frankfort*

*Saturday, February 18, 2023 at TBA*

**Mid-Kentucky Presbytery Worship**  
**May 23, 2022**  
**PC(USA) Center**

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* Mark Hayes

OPENING SENTENCES<sup>1</sup> Ellen Sherby

ONE: The Lamb of God is our shepherd,  
**ALL: Who will guide us to the water of life;**  
ONE: The Holy One is our source of shelter,  
**ALL: Who will wipe every tear from our eyes;**  
ONE: This is why we come before God:  
**ALL: To worship, in gratitude, both night and day.**

GATHERING PRAYER<sup>2</sup>

HYMN *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd* GTG 274

CALL TO CONFESSION<sup>3</sup> Rev. Meg Rift

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>4</sup>

**Almighty and merciful God,  
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much  
the devices and desires of our own hearts.  
We have offended against your holy laws,  
and ignored your good guidance.  
We have left undone those things  
which we ought to have done;  
and we have done those things  
which we ought not to have done.**

**O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Restore the penitent;  
lead us in right paths;  
that we may live a holy, just, and humble life  
to the glory of your holy name.**

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<sup>1</sup> Revelation 7:15-17

<sup>2</sup> Isaiah 53; Jeremiah 3:15

<sup>3</sup> Adapted from *The Book of Common Worship* (2018), p. 57

<sup>4</sup> Adapted from *The Book of Common Worship* (2018), p. 60

ASSURANCE OF PARDON<sup>5</sup>

GLORIA A DIOS

GTG 585

PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of the one who leads us by still waters,  
Jesus Christ, be with you all.

**And also with you.**

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION<sup>6</sup>

Rev. Meg Rift

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23

SERMON

Rev. Greg Bentley

HYMN

*Guide My Feet*

GTG 741

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

*The offering today is being received for the Pentecost Offering, one of the four  
Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA). You can give your  
offering at the basket as you exit the chapel.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Rev. Christine Coy Fohr

GREAT THANKSGIVING & READING OF THE NECROLOGY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy ... who forever sing your praise:

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

For great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

THE READING OF THE NECROLOGY

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<sup>5</sup> From *The Book of Common Worship* (2018), p. 63

<sup>6</sup> Adapted from *The Book of Common Worship* (2018), p. 68; John 10

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thin is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE SENDING

HYMN

*Come Bear Witness with Me*

(see reverse)

BLESSING AND CHARGE\*\*

Ellen Sherby

May the Lamb who is our shepherd  
guide you to green pastures and still waters  
and restore your soul.

May Jesus Christ our Savior  
walk with you through treacherous valleys,  
so that you will fear no evil.

May the Holy Spirit, our Advocate and Comforter,  
anoint you with goodness and mercy  
all the days of your life.

And may you dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

\*\*Adapted from *The Book of Common Worship*, p. 579

# Come Bear Witness

Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky, 2022

**Chords:** C, F, C, G7, Am, Dm7, G, G7, Am, Em, F, C, Am, Em, F, E7, Am, Em, F, D7, N.C., C, F, Am, F, C, G7, C

**Lyrics:**

*(opt. leader)*  
 Will you come bear wit-ness with me?  
 함께 증인 되어 줄 래?  
 Will you come sit qui-et with me?  
 Te u-ni-rás en mi pa-de-cer?  
 Will you come seek jus-tice with me?  
 Will you come bear wit-ness with me?

*(all)*  
 Will you come bear wit-ness with me? (with me)  
 함께 증인 되어 줄 래?  
 Will you come sit qui-et with me?  
 Te u-ni-rás en mi pa-de-cer;  
 Will you come seek jus-tice with me?  
 Will you come bear wit-ness with me?

When my hope is sink-ing down,  
 사방이 다 막혀 있을 때,  
 When I can-not find a way,  
 cuan-do nos po-nen ca-dé-nas,  
 When our peo-ple suf-fer wrong,  
 When the way is far from clear,  
 when there's trou-ble all a-round,  
 희망이 무너질 때,  
 when it e-ven hurts to pray,  
 cuan-do mar-cha-mos con pe-nas,  
 when op-press-ion's grip seems strong,  
 still in faith we per-sev-ere,

when I feel I've al-most drowned:  
 죽음을 의문턱에 있을 때.  
 when there's noth-ing left to say,  
 cuan-do we pray, "how long?"  
 trust-ing that God's reign draws near.  
*(opt. leader)*  
 Will you come bear wit-ness with me?  
 함께 증인 되어 줄 래?  
 Can-ta-rás con-mi-go sin fin?  
 Will you come bear wit-ness with me?  
 Will you come bear wit-ness with me?

This song of witness is inspired by Kentucky folk music, as well as spirituals and protest songs. A leader may suggest alternate words for "bear witness" as the song is repeated, adapting it for a variety of contexts in worship and beyond. At the heart of the song is a deep silence—a space for listening to God, hearing the prayers of people who are oppressed, opening our hearts in confession and lament, and joining the intercession of the Spirit in sighs too deep for words.

## **Timeline Leading to Vote on Terms of Call at MKP Meeting, May 23, 2022**

2015 – Calvin PC sold property with the permission of MKP to Sojourn Church. At the time of the sale, Calvin wrote the document, “The Future of the Church Gathered at Calvin.” In this document, Calvin promised the presbytery, “Should Calvin Church vote to dissolve at some time in the future, Calvin will submit a plan for approval by the presbytery of Mid-Kentucky for distribution of all remaining assets” (49).

2016 – Calvin was involved in long-range planning. The session wanted Pastor Paul Wissink to remain as pastor, and so made an agreement with him. If he stayed at Calvin and Calvin closed in the future – before he was old enough to retire – Calvin would take care of him financially. We do not know if this change in call was voted on by the congregation; however, it was not reported to the presbytery.

January 16, 2022 – Calvin held an informational meeting for the congregation about the plan to dissolve the congregation. Also, a “Cash Funds Allocation” proposal for the disbursement of funds was handed out. This proposal included the item “Personnel Severances.”

January 30 – Calvin held a congregational meeting to vote on a request for MKP to dissolve the congregation. The “Cash Funds Allocation” proposal was discussed. The congregation voted to ask MKP to dissolve the congregation.

February 2 – Calvin held a called session meeting. Fearing that MKP would not approve the “Cash Funds Allocation” proposal, the session voted to award Pastor Wissink a “performance bonus” equal to twenty-four months of his January 2022 salary in one lump-sum. The payment was made in February. Pastor Wissink also moderated this meeting. (Also at this meeting, “performance bonuses” and a “longevity bonus” were awarded to the staff member and three contract personnel. Also, the treasurer was authorized to send funds to the Presbyterian Foundation to fund endowments based on the “Cash Funds Allocation” proposal.) In total, approximately, \$968,000 was authorized for disbursement.

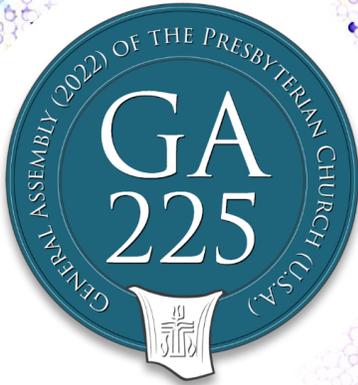
February 26 – MKP authorized the creation of the AC with original jurisdiction.

February through mid-March – The AC met. At the March 3 AC meeting, the conversation about severances began. At the March 24 AC, the AC learned from the member on the AC elected by the Calvin session that the severances (now called bonuses) had already been paid.

April 21 – At the AC meeting, the AC called for a congregational to vote on Pastor Wissink’s new terms of call recommended by session at its February 2 meeting.

May 1 – The congregational meeting was held and members approved the new terms of call.

May 2 – COM met and voted 9 to 7 to approve the new terms of call.



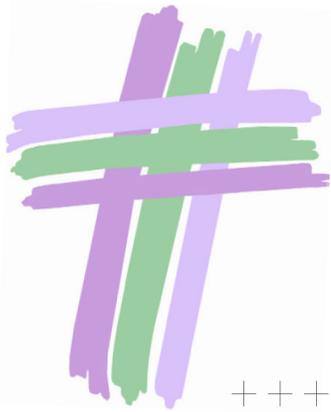
## ***Show Your Blessings On GA 225 Participants***

**The 225th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) meets online, and in person here in Louisville at the Presbyterian Center and here in the bounds of Mid-Kentucky Presbytery.**

**While Covid-19 protocols may limit our ability to physically welcome and show in-person hospitality, Mid-Kentucky Presbytery plans to embrace and connect with GA 225 participants through the power of prayer as we shower participants with our blessings.**

**Prayer cards for each individual GA 225 participant will be available before and during Mid-Kentucky Presbytery's Hybrid Gathering on Monday, May 23. In person participants at the meeting will be encouraged to sign one postcard or sign all 700 with a word or sentence prayer witnessing to GA 225 attendees that we will be praying for them at GA 225—before, during, and after.**

**Help us shower our blessings and bathe the 225th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in prayer.**



# Upcoming Events at Calvin Presbyterian Church

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+++ Sunday, June 5 at 2:30 p.m. +++

**Piano Recital by Laura Foley**

*Piano music from five centuries*

**This event is free and open to the public**

+++ Sunday, June 12 at 1:30 p.m. +++

**Closing Worship and Celebration**

This service will celebrate God's amazing goodness to our congregation through the years, and formally conclude the corporate ministry of Calvin Church.

**All are invited!**

+++ Saturday, June 18 | 9 am—Noon +++

**Open House and Giveaway Event**

Calvin will host an Open House Giveaway of ministry items and furnishings so that they may continue to be used for God's greater glory by other congregations.

A detailed list of items will be posted online soon!

**Desired items may be picked up on that day, or by June 30th at the latest.**