

Whitewater Valley Presbytery
PRESBYTERY ASSEMBLY DOCKET - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2017
Faith Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana

9:00 a.m. REGISTRATION BEGINS

9:15 – 9:45 NEW COMMISSIONER ORIENTATION Leadership Development Team and Stated Clerk

10:00 OPENING PRAYER CRE John Paulson, Presbytery Moderator

WELCOME Rev. Charlotte Lohrenz, Faith Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

INTRODUCTION, PCUSA CO-MODERATOR, REV. DENISE ANDERSON
CRE, John Paulson, Moderator

SEATING OF CORRESPONDING MEMBERS **ACTION** Rev. Alan Thames. Executive Presbyter

CONVENE / CALL TO ORDER WITH PRAYER / ESTABLISH QUORUM

DOCKET and CONSENT AGENDA APPROVALS **ACTION**

STATED CLERK'S REPORT CRE Kristy Quinn, Stated Clerk

INTRODUCTION OF NEW TEACHING ELDERS Rev. Daren Hofmann, COM Moderator

INTRODUCTION OF NEW RULING ELDERS

10:20 COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION REPORT **ACTION** (2nd post) Rev. Steve Ebling, Fishers-New Hope
Each category will be nominated and voted on separately.
Presbytery Vice Moderator
Council/Commissions
General Assembly Commissioners and YAD

10:30 WORSHIP AND COMMUNION Rev. Denise Anderson, PCUSA Co-Moderator, Preaching
Installation of Presbytery Moderator and Vice Moderator, Coordinating Council Commission Moderator

11:30 *REV. YOUNGSOO AN BEGINS MODERATING PRESBYTERY*

11:30 JUSTICE TEAM IN WHITEWATER VALLEY PRESBYTERY Rev. Ed Dykstra, Retired Pastor

11:35 PARENTS OF ADDICTED LOVED ONES (PAL) PRESENTATION Elder Diane Buxton, Avon-White Lick

11:40 MOSAIC IN MEMORY OF REV. PEGGY MCDONALD Rev. Laurie Wolcott, Jonesboro-First

11:45 Lunch

12:25 MOMENT FOR JUSTICE - WESTMINSTER NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

12:30 THE JUSTICE WORK OF THE PCUSA Rev. Denise Anderson, PCUSA Co-Moderator

1:10 ORDINATION EXAMINATION **ACTION** Rev. Daren Hofmann, COM Moderator
Mr. Robert Brown, Fort Wayne-Grace

1:40 MOMENT FOR JUSTICE - CONGO HELPING HANDS

1:45 COMMISSION and COMMITTEE REPORTS

Coordinating Council Commission
Finance Committee – Second Read Presbytery Budget **ACTION** (2nd post)
Elder Greg Maier, Indianapolis-Second

Commission on Ministry Rev. Daren Hofmann, COM Moderator
Richmond-Reid Memorial Administrative Commission Report **ACTION** (2nd post)
Recognition of Retiring Clergy

2:10	MARION-WESTMINSTER ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION	ACTION (2 nd post) Rev. Gretchen Schneider, Co-Moderator of Commission
2:20	MOMENT FOR JUSTICE - NUEVA CREACION	
2:25	HISPANIC MINISTRY LEAD TEAM REPORT	Elder Ginny Sheets, Avon White Lick
2:35	PRESBYTERY EXECUTIVE REPORT	Rev. Alan Thames, Executive Presbyter
3:00	OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS	Rev. Youngsoo An, Presbytery Moderator
3:05	ADJOURN AND CLOSE WITH A UNISON PRAYER FROM THOMAS MERTON	

“My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always, though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.”

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FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – A BRIEF HISTORY

8170 Hague Rd., Indianapolis IN 46256

At the site of Faith, in 1960, fields of corn swayed, two lane roads carried much lighter traffic, there was no sign of the impending I-465/69 interchange and not a single major business had been established within a two-mile radius. A few families began to gather in a renovated barn on East 86th Street to plan and carry forward the myriad tasks of forming a new church. On July 31, 1960, the Presbyterian congregation, with an official charter membership of ninety, celebrated its first communion in worship space provided by a nearby Episcopal Church.

Soon thereafter, a groundbreaking ceremony took place on seven acres of land located at the southwest corner of 82nd Street and Hague Road. The doors of Faith Presbyterian Church opened on May 31, 1961. The modest building was expanded to accommodate a growing Christian Education program in 1968.

In 2001, a new sanctuary was opened for worship, with media and sound technology and a commanding pipe organ. Every addition or alteration of space was considered and designed with Faith's mission and outreach in mind, including plans to better serve the families hosted through Interfaith Hospitality Network ministry (now, Family Promise).

Faith Presbyterian Church invites into membership those who express faith in Jesus Christ and who believe that the ministries and people of Faith Presbyterian Church will help them to cultivate faithful relationships. Members are expected to continue to grow in their faith by worshipping regularly with the congregation, contributing financially to the congregation and participating with your time and talents.

Following the example of Jesus, we welcome God's children. We are called to understand one another, including those beyond our comfort zone and physical location, caring for people in need - emotionally, spiritually, physically, or financially. We seek to provide support that inspires people to devoted service in their personal lives and in their communities.

Faith Presbyterian Church is richly blessed with a unique location and building, financial resources, excellent musicians, traditions of warmth, food, and fellowship, devoted caregivers, life-long learners, committed staff, hardworking members with a wide variety of experiences of faith. We use these gifts to promote justice, demonstrate kindness, and walk humbly with our God. Faith focuses its mission service and giving to address issues of homelessness, hunger and education, including the special offerings of the denomination, Westminster Neighborhood Services, Outreach, Inc., Indy Reads, Congo Helping Hands, Malawi Matters, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Faith is currently engaged in developing relationship with partners in our community. With a focus area in the Binford redevelopment area, we are establishing a pattern of locating, celebrating and supporting those who are working for the well-being of our neighbors and our community.

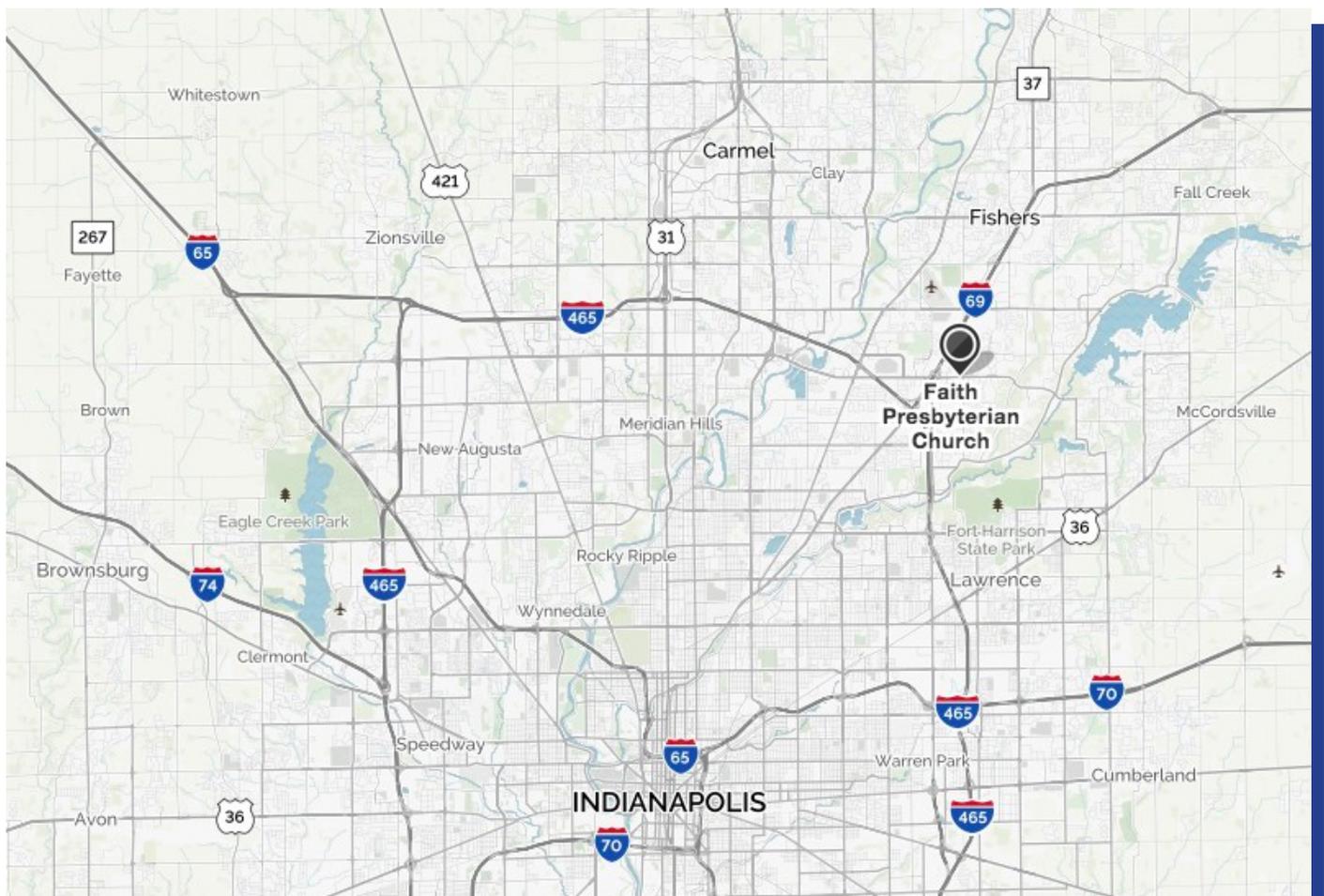
DIRECTIONS TO FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Faith is on the southwest corner of 82nd and Hague, with entrances to the west of the church on 82nd Street and on Hague Road. Additional parking is available at Abundant Life Church, located across 82nd Street; there is a pedestrian signal, but use caution, as drivers are often not attentive.

Access to the meeting will be through the double glass doors on the west and east side of the sanctuary building.



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ORDINATION EXAMINATION

ROBERT BROWN
Grace Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana
Statement of Faith

I believe God lovingly created all good and whole. Despite God's love, creation turned away and became hopelessly fallen and consumed by sin. Despite our rebellion, God continued to love creation mysteriously, beyond any ability to understand.

I believe, in God's great love, the Word became incarnate in Jesus Christ. Conceived by the Holy Spirit, a virgin Mary gave birth to the man Jesus. Jesus came to Earth as human to redeem creation's every aspect, suffering every human pain and temptation without sin. He chose to submit to a demeaning and painful execution on a cross as the complete sacrifice for our sins, redeeming creation from its brokenness, fulfilling the sin's debt, and reuniting us with God.

I believe Jesus poured out the Holy Spirit onto humanity at Pentecost. The Holy Spirit blesses humanity with infinitely different gifts and works in completely mysterious ways, impossible to understand and difficult to perceive definitively yet felt always.

I believe these beings make up one Triune God. One substance and being make up all three, but each has inextricably different forms. This Triune God's work and blessing produce all goodness in creation.

I believe my sin makes me hopelessly broken, always failing God's glory and worthy of God's wrath. I do no good besides what comes through God's providence, Christ's redeeming act, and the Holy Spirit's intercession.

I believe Jesus' sacrificial act released me from the chains of sin. The cross healed my brokenness and provided me with salvation and grace. I am saved because of his death, made dead to sin and alive in Christ. I stand in awe of God's love, knowing I am loved and knowing that no act can change God's love.

I believe God calls every soul to ministry. All who love God, have faith in Jesus' reconciling act, and feel the Holy Spirit's presence and works cannot help but proclaim the Good News of Christ sacrifice and love.

I believe baptism signifies recognizing the Holy Spirit's blessing. Baptism does not redeem but rather outwardly signifies intentionally joining the Body of Christ or a commitment to raise a child knowing the love and blessing membership in the Body of Christ brings.

I believe all the faithful, past, present, and future, partake in the Lord's Supper every time we serve it. It reminds us of Christ's love and we share it within community. It cannot save but nourishes and brings community together, emulating the love Christ shared in that final meal.

I believe that our sacraments come from one source: Jesus Christ. Jesus instituted baptism when he himself was baptized by John and commanded those who followed him to make disciples of all nations and baptize them in the name of the triune God, and instituted our communion by sharing a meal with his disciples the final night of his life on Earth. The sacraments are not of human creation but that of our sovereign, triune God.

I believe scripture is the Word of God, written by human hands but divinely guided. The Holy Spirit worked within every heart and mind that wrote the words, guiding them to put down the Word of God. The Holy Spirit still works in the hearts and minds of those who translate, interpret, and preach from the written Word of God today.

I believe my brokenness makes me unworthy to receive this vocation but God loves me, blesses me, and calls me to dedicate my vocation and life to sharing Christ's love, and God works through me, a broken vessel for God's love and light.

I believe nothing can separate me from God's love and I give all glory to God.