

**PRESBYTERY OF THE TWIN CITIES AREA  
REGULAR STATED MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2011  
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, AUSTIN, MINNESOTA**

**Our Vision:** *“We fearlessly follow the Holy Spirit into a Changing World.”*

**Our Guidelines:**

- *Worship God in Christ, and recognize each other’s humanity*
- *Consistently acknowledge, confess, lament and celebrate*
- *Nurture relationships and risk trust*

3:00 p.m. Orientation for First Time Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders Nancy Gritman  
3:30 p.m. Registration and Fellowship

4:00 p.m. Meeting Called to Order with Prayer Cindy Ray  
Call to Worship Andrew Lindahl

Leader 1: In the year that King Uzziah died:

**People: I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple.**

Leader 2: Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

Leader 1: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.” The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

**People: And I said: ‘Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a human with unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!’**

Leader 1: Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said:

Leader 2: Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.

Leader 1: Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’

**People: And I said, ‘Here am I; send me!’**

Hymn *“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons; blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.**

Forming of The Roll; Declaration of Quorum  
Approval of Docket  
Approval of Minutes, July 12, 2011

Nancy Gritman

Introduction of Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders Attending for the First Time  
Seating of Corresponding Members

Welcome by Host Pastor

Andrew Lindahl

Hymn

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see;  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.**

1<sup>st</sup> Proclamation

Unison Prayer

**Creating God, by your grace:**

**You touch our fears with the fire of your compassion.  
You touch our brokenness with the fire of your forgiveness.  
You touch our hearts with the fire of your love.**

**Redeeming Jesus Christ, by your grace:**

**You call us by name and a journey begins.  
You call us to faith and understanding with overflowing results.  
You call us to confront doubt and cast away fear.**

**Empowering Holy Spirit, by your grace:**

**You give us eyes to see the emptiness of the world.  
You give us ears to hear the cries of the hungry.  
You give us gifts to bring hope and healing to all.**

**Holy, holy, holy three in one, by your grace:**

**You call us to new lives that we might be transformed by the  
Creator.  
You invite us into your kingdom that we might show others the way  
of Christ.  
You challenge us to risk following the Spirit that we might step out  
in faith.**

**For your grace and all its blessings, we give you thanks and praise.**

**Amen**

Passing of the Peace

Reports of Officers

Executive Presbyter  
Moderator  
Vice Moderator  
Stated Clerk  
Treasurer

Chaz Ruark  
Cindy Ray  
Barbara Lutter  
Nancy Gritman  
Ed Martin

Message from Presbyterian Foundation by Steve Keiser

Report of Council

Vince Gin

Bylaws Revision: First Reading

Budget Task Force

Reports of Committees

Board of Trustees

Walter Rockenstein

Church Development Team

John Ivers

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Bill Davnie

Hymn

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**

**All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;**

**Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!**

**God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

2nd Proclamation

Dinner Instructions; Blessing

Michael Olmsted

6:00 p.m. Recess for Dinner

6:45 p.m. Reconvene

Hymn "Santo, Santo, Santo"

**Santo, santo, santo. Mi corazon te adora!**

**Mi corazon te sabe decir: Santo eres, Dios!**

**Holy, Holy, Holy. My heart, my heart adores you!**

**My heart is glad to say to you: You are holy, Lord!**

3rd Proclamation

Special Music

Prayers of the People

Hymn "*Here I Am, Lord*"

**I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.**

**All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.**

**I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.**

**Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

*Chorus*

***Here am I, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.***

***I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.***

**I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.**

**I have wept for love of them. They turn away.**

**I will break their hearts of stone; give them hearts for love alone.**

**I will speak my words to them. Whom shall I send?**

*Chorus*

**I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will send the poor and lame.**

**I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.**

**Finest bread I will provide 'til their hearts be satisfied.**

**I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?**

*Chorus*

Continue Reports of Committees

Committee on Ministry

Mission and Witness

Nominating Committee

Advocates for Integrity in Ministry

Bill Livingston

Teresa Roberts

Betty Raitt

Peter Soulen

Adjourn with Prayer

The next meeting of Presbytery will be November 8, 2011, at Boutwells Landing, Presbyterian Homes, Oak Park Heights, MN