

**PRESBYTERY OF THE TWIN CITIES AREA
REGULAR STATED MEETING
NOVEMBER 8, 2011
PRESBYTERIAN HOMES BOUTWELLS LANDING, OAK PARK HEIGHTS, MINNESOTA**

*Our Vision: We fearlessly follow the Holy Spirit into a changing world.
Today's Strategic Focus: Nurture relationships and risk trust. (3rd guideline)*

Docket

- 3:00 p.m. Orientation for Ruling and Teaching Elders Attending for First Time Nancy Grittman
- 3:30 p.m. Registration and Fellowship
- 4:00 p.m. Meeting Called to Order with Prayer Cindy Ray
Scripture Reading: John 21:15-19 (unison) Larry Forsberg
- When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."**
- Hymn: ***"Raise a Song of Gladness"*** (please stand in body or spirit) Taizé
- Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.
Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to ev'ry heart.
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to ev'ry heart!
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(repeat)
- Forming of the Roll; Declaration of Quorum Nancy Grittman
Approval of Docket CindyRay
- Introduction of Teaching and Ruling Elders Attending for First Time
Seating of Corresponding Members
- Welcome by Host Jean Greener
- Proclamation

Prayer of Confession

Lord, you know everything, but we confess that we might know ourselves and be transformed. Like Peter, we want to stand strong for Jesus and there are times when our faith seems real and firm. But then uncertainty arises, accusations fly, beliefs are challenged, trust is undermined and we crumble under pressure. We stand silent when others are hurt or you are denied. We need a faith that will stand on a foundation of conviction and compassion. Forgive us, dear Lord. Reconcile us to yourself. Renew us in your Spirit. Restore us from where we have fallen or drifted to where you would have us stand and follow. Recall us to love, received and practiced, nurtured and poured out. For in your love of us, we find our identity. In your call we discover our purpose. Only Jesus our Lord can we risk loving fully, following unconditionally and trusting completely. In Jesus name we pray.

Assurance of Pardon

One: Jesus' question, three times to Peter, reveals that God does not give up on us and even entrusts to us the care and nurture of the flock. This is the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen!

Passing the Peace of Christ

Report of Council

Bylaws Revision (from First Reading in September)
Budget Task Force

Vince Gin

Barbara vanLoenen

Reports of Officers

Executive Presbyter
Moderator

Chaz Ruark
Cindy Ray

Reports of Committees

Advocates for Integrity in Ministry
Nominating Committee
Church Development Team
Board of Trustees
Committee on Ministry

Sandra Gray
Betty Raitt
John Ivers
Rocky Rockenstein
Bill Livingston

Dinner Instructions; Meal Blessing

6:00 p.m. **RECESS FOR DINNER**

6:45 p.m. Reconvene

Interlude Music

Hannah Sacred Ensemble, Boutwells Landing

Hymn: *“The Servant Song”* verses 1-3 (*please stand in body or spirit*)

Proclamation

Affirmation of Faith (unison) (*please stand in body or spirit*)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,

sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,

and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles

**rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
 engages us through the Word proclaimed,
 claims us in the waters of baptism,
 feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
 and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.**
**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
 to pray without ceasing,
 to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
 to unmask idolatries in church and culture,
 to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
 and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**
**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
 we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,
 even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus!**
**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
 can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen**

Special Music Hannah Sacred Ensemble, Boutwells Landing
 Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer
 After each intercession: Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**
 Hymn: **"The Servant Song"** verses 4-5 (*please stand in body or spirit*)

Report of Committee on Preparation for Ministry Bill Davnie
 Reports of Officers, Continued
 Vice Moderator Barbara Lutter
 Stated Clerk Nancy Gritman
 Treasurer Ed Martin

Reports of Committees, Continued
 Mission and Witness Teresa Roberts
 Disability Concerns Task Force Bebe Baldwin
 PW Niger Project Ruth Jones

Other Business to Come before Presbytery

Adjourn with Prayer Cindy Ray

Next Meeting of Presbytery, January 14, 2012, Arlington Hills Presbyterian Church, 1275 East Magnolia Avenue, St. Paul, MN.

The Presbytery of The Twin Cities Area appreciates the assistance of the volunteer residents of Boutwells Landing. Participants include The Rev. Larry Forsberg, Chaplain; Elder Jean Wilson Greener, Presbyterian Homes Director of Church and Community Relations, Hope Presbyterian Church; Ruth Jones, Accompanist; Hannah Sacred Ensemble.