

**Docket of Stated Meeting**  
**THE PRESBYTERY OF SHEPPARDS AND LAPSLEY**  
**May 1, 2008**  
**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**  
**INDEPENDENT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

9:00 A.M. REGISTRATION

**GOD CALLS US TOGETHER**

9:45 A.M. CALL TO ORDER AND WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER Barbara Harris  
\*HYMN 229 *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* (Psalm 117)

ORGANIZATION:

Declaration of a Quorum, Adoption of the Docket, Seating of Corresponding Members,  
Recognition of Others, Appointment of Prayer Listener, and the Prayer Card.

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

10:00 A.M. LITANY OF PRAYER When prompted by the reader, please respond with...  
"Come to our help! Redeem us for the sake of your steadfast love!"

A CALL TO PRAYER THROUGH THE PSALMS Houston Hodges

CENTERING PRAYER: Prelude on Psalm 34:6 Herbert Howells

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

PSALM SERVICE

Adoration - Psalm 24

Anthem: "Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates"

William Mathias

Confession - Psalm 51

Anthem: "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Dan Locklair

Intercession - Psalm 122

Anthem: O, pray for the peace of Jerusalem"

Herbert Howells

Affirmation - Psalm 139

Anthem: "Search Me Out, O God"

Jeffrey H. Rickard

ANTIPHON:

5 Search me out, O God, and know my heart;  
lead me in the way that is ever-lasting.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Minister: The Lord be with you.  
People: And also with you.  
Minister: Lift up your hearts.  
People: We lift them up to the Lord.  
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The minister continues in prayer, and then is sung:

Musical score for the hymn 'Hosanna in the Highest'. It consists of four staves of music in G major, 6/8 time. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.'

The minister continues in prayer.

Memorial Acclamation (All Singing).....Richard Proulx

Musical score for the Memorial Acclamation. It consists of one staff of music in G major, 6/8 time. The lyrics are: 'Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.'

The minister continues in prayer.

Amen. (All Singing).....Richard Proulx

Musical score for the Amen. It consists of one staff of music in G major, 6/8 time. The lyrics are: 'A - men, a - men, a - men.' The final note is marked with a 'rit.' (ritardando).

- The Lord's Prayer
- Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup  
(as you come forward for communion, please place your prayer at the foot of the cross)
- Anthems During Communion
  - O Taste and See .....Ralph Vaughan Williams
  - When I'm Afflicted, Poor, and Low ..... William Bradley Roberts
- Prayer After Communion

\*\*THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

POSTLUDE Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello

## WE GROW IN KNOWLEDGE AND GRACE

11:15 A.M. WELCOME Conrad Sharps

### CONVERSATIONS

- How Presbyterian are You? (Room 305-307) Houston Hodges
- Singing the Psalms (Choir Room) Jeff R. McLelland
- Prayer in Stained Glass (Sanctuary) Carol Hall
- History of IPC (Chapel) Linda Nelson
- Further GA Discussion (Third Floor) Tom Evans, Terry Newland,  
Bev Dodson

12:00 Noon. RECONVENE (Great Hall)  
THE WITNESS OF OUR YOUTH  
LUNCH Robert Hay

12:45 P.M. \*HYMN 171 (Vs.1-3) *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* (Psalm 23)

### GROWING IN THE WORD

Mark 1: <sup>32</sup>*That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons.* <sup>33</sup>*And the whole city was gathered around the door.* <sup>34</sup>*And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.* <sup>35</sup>*In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed.* <sup>36</sup>*And Simon and his companions hunted for him.* <sup>37</sup>*When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you."* <sup>38</sup>*He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do."* <sup>39</sup>*And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.*

I. *Read this passage to yourself*

II. *Spend a few minutes in silent prayer while meditating on the verse, "In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed."*

III. *When the moderator prompts you discuss these questions with a neighbor:*

- *Why do you think Jesus went to pray?*
- *What does this passage teach us about the relationship between prayer and ministry?*
- *Why pray?*

IV. *When prompted by the moderator close by praying with your neighbor for those in need of Jesus' healing*

### PREPARING FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- Learning about General Assembly: a panel discussion with Terry Newland and Tom Evans
- Commissioning for General Assembly  
Ministers: Greg Bentley, Monty Clendenin; Elders Mert Byram, Lyle Wilson;  
Youth Advisory Delegate Caitlin Gilliland; and Alternates Dana Waters and Lee Walthall
- Praying for General Assembly Dana Waters

### CELEBRATING GOD'S WORK

- Westminster Presbyterian Church, Birmingham Lukata Mjumbe
- Campus Ministry Rachel Winter and James Goodlet
- Presbyterian Women Dean Vandegrift

\*Response *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit* Candasu Vernon  
(Candasu sings 1<sup>st</sup> verse, all repeat and continue with verse 2, Hymn 398)

## EXPLORING GOD'S WILL

- 2:00 P.M.      GROWING OUR PRESBYTERY
- Examining for Presbytery membership the Reverend Thomas Boone called to serve Memorial Presbyterian Church in Montgomery. Cary Speaker
  - Examination of Candidate Seong-cheol Im Frank James
  - Recognition of Certified Church Administrators Linda Burrowes, Presbytery Office; Connie Smith, Eastminster; Janet Roberta, Chapel in the Pines. Tom Evans
- \*Response      *Now Thank We All Our God*      Hymn 555
- 2:30 P.M.      OMNIBUS MOTION      Bev Dodson  
Action: Overture from South Highland
- CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEES
- COM      Cary Speaker  
Rev. Michael Wilson, Director Resource Center for Pastoral Excellence,  
Samford University
  - CPM      Frank James
  - Nominating      Dana Waters
- MINISTRY OF OUR PRESBYTERY
- Nurturing God's People – Patti Winter
  - Developing God's Churches – Conrad Sharps
  - Mission of God's People – Susan Clayton
  - Living River

## THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

- 3:00 P. M.      PRAYERS AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS      Tom Evans  
\*HYMN 171 (Vs. 4-6)      *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*      (Psalm 23)  
PRAYER LISTENER—RESOLUTION OF THANKS
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August Stated Meeting – August 21, 2008 – Mountain Brook Church

\*Please Stand for Hymns, if able.

\*\*50% of the offering goes to the CPM for Candidates and 50% is used as an Executive discretionary fund for pastoral care. Please give generously as funds are needed.

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