

PRESBYTERY MEETING COORDINATING COUNCIL
Planning for Worship at Presbytery

Purpose Statement:

The celebration of worship at a meeting of the Presbytery is intended to provide an opportunity for presbyters to hear proclaimed God's word in Jesus Christ as we faithfully model worship and liturgical settings from the reformed faith and introduce denominational resources.

Recommendations:

Worship will be observed at each of the 6 regular meetings of Presbytery and will normally follow at 30 minute format of Evening Prayer or Vespers. At such times the service would be held ½ hour before the dinner break, moving to the order of the day on the docket at 6:00 and ending at 6:30. (The host pastor could give a welcome during the opening of the Presbytery meeting during Assembly Formalities) On occasions when a longer time is needed for worship, such as when the Sacrament of Holy Communion is observed, or there is a service of Installation, or the reading of the names of the Saints, the worship could be up to 60 minutes and would immediately follow the dinner break.

The Sacrament of Communion shall be observed at least once each year at a Presbytery meeting. Elders may be chosen from among those serving in the host church.

We recommend that the newly installed moderator preach at the January meeting each year. Other times when preaching is offered as part of the evening prayer/worship the Worship Team will select the preacher from among the active pastors in the presbytery.

We recommend that the worship team work in conjunction with the Presbytery media work group in planning worship as deemed appropriate to the setting and theme.

We recommend that the host church be asked to participate in the worship service in some way either as liturgist, preaching, music, ushers, or such as is appropriately worked out between the host church and the worship team. Contact with the host church should be done in a timely fashion to allow planning on their part also. The bulletin for the service shall be prepared in a timely fashion by the host church, or by the worship team.

An offering shall be received during the worship at Presbytery meetings. The Coordinating Council shall determine the recipient of the offering in advance and notify the worship team so that it may be published for the bulletin.

The Worship Team shall be a task group of the Coordinating Council and may include members of the Coordinating Council. The Worship Team shall be selected by the CC to serve a one year term which may be renewed annually as the members of the team are willing, and the CC concurs. The Worship Team shall develop a theme or plan for the services for the year and report to the moderator of the CC their intentions in the planning of Presbytery Worship.

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