

The Columns Online

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General Assembly plenary sessions begin By Greg Brekke/Presbyterian Outlook

Louisville, Kentucky – The planning team of the 225th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) released the schedule for final online plenaries where commissioners will consider the recommendations of committees and take up other official business of the assembly.

Fourteen plenary sessions will be held virtually beginning Tuesday, July 5 and completing Saturday, July 9. Commissioners will log in to vote and debate via Zoom while observers can view sessions on the livestream found at <u>ga-pcusa.org</u>.



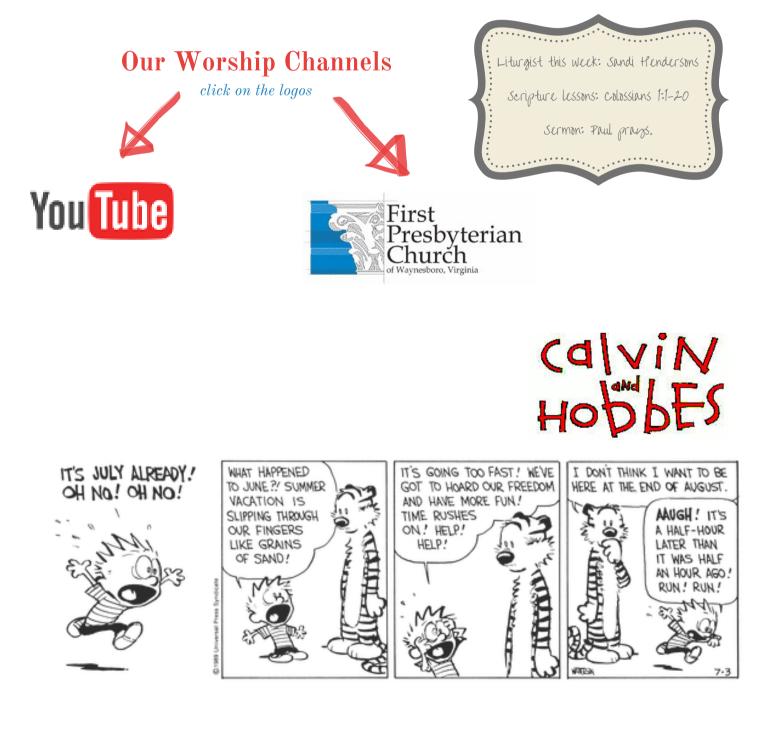
Studio setup for the virtual plenary sessions of General Assembly. Photo by Gregg Brekke for Presbyterian Outlook.

Music Notes.



This week marks our annual visit from musicians with the Heifetz International Music Institute in Staunton. Founded in 1996 by violinist Daniel Heifetz (no relation to Jasha), the non-profit organization is "dedicated to the artistic growth and career development of the most talented and promising young musicians in the world." The Institute moved to Staunton in 2012. Every summer, for six weeks, faculty from renowned conservatories and music schools train musicians from around the globe, ages 13-30.

This year, FPC is pleased to welcome violinists *Noelle Naito* of Eldridge, MD and *Emily Lin* of Cary, NC; violist *Aidan Garrison* of San Diego, CA and cellist *Rachel Taylor* of Herndon, VA.



This Week in History.



George Washington takes command of the Continental Army. July 3, 1775



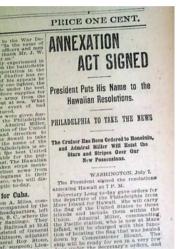
Songwriter Steven Foster born in Pittsburgh, PA. July 4, 1826



Impresario Phineas Taylor Barnum born in Bethel CT. July 5, 1810



First successful Rabies inoculation administered by Louis Pasteur. July 6, 1885



Hawaii unilaterally annexed by the United States. July 7, 1898



Col John Nixon makes first public reading of the Declaration of Independence. July 8, 1776



Boris Yeltsin sworn in as first popularly elected President in Russian history. July 10, 1991



Protestant Reformer and Theologian John Calvin (Jean Chauvin) born in Noyon, France July 10, 1509