

PRESBYTERY OF GREAT RIVERS
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PULPIT SUPPLY **LIST INFORMATION SHEET**

Please return completed form to the Presbytery Office or email to pparrish@greatriverspby.org

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Church Status (check one): Pastor CLP Elder
 Educator Other Honorably Retired Pastor
 Pastor of another denomination

Church of membership (if an elder, educator, CLP): _____

Date of Ordination and Ordaining Body (if ordained): October 9, 1977 Sacramento Presbytery

Are you willing to serve communion as part of the worship? (*Applies only to ordained ministers in good standing with PGR*) Yes

How far you are willing to drive to fill a pulpit: 75 miles

What parts of the worship service are you willing to lead (i.e. will you just preach or would you do the liturgy, children's moments etc)?
I am willing to do the liturgy, children's moment, and preaching. I would expect a local worship leader to do the welcome, announcements, and concerns of the church.

Please briefly describe your style of preaching.
I most often preach from the lectionary, usually focusing on just one or two of the texts. I read commentaries, the newspaper, and look at internet sites for helpful guidance and illustrations. I preach from a manuscript.

What are some key theological issues that shape your ministry?
Because of the disunity and divisions that beset our society and church I work to promote those things that are common to us and unite us. God's love, grace and mercy need to under gird all that we do to share the holy, righteous, reconciling and welcoming life and message of Jesus our Lord and Savior.