

#### What is this All About?

# What is Firebird Spirit?

Firebird Spirit is where the sacred meets the real. We are a community of hope—people who care deeply, question freely, and long for a more just and luminous world. Grounded in the Reformed tradition, we believe the Spirit is still moving—still re-forming the Church and speaking through beauty, story, and song. Rooted in the Jesus tradition and open to wisdom wherever it burns bright, Firebird Spirit creates inclusive worship experiences that awaken the heart and nourish the soul. Through story, scripture, art, and reflection, we invite people to experience God's presence in the midst of everyday life. Through the Firebird Video Supply Preacher (VSP) Program, we share these complete worship offerings with congregations and leaders everywhere—so that wherever people gather, Spirit can meet them there.

# What is Firebird Worship?

Every week, Firebird Spirit offers a full, progressive online video worship service—grounded in Scripture, resonant with justice, and open to all.

- Not live-streamed
- Not glitzy
- Compiled weekly with participants from around the country as part of building our Community of Hope a growing network of individuals from churches, non-profits and judicatories who are committed to providing good, solid worship in the Reformed Tradition that can be accessed 24/7 whenever it's needed.

We believe no congregation should go without meaningful worship simply because a pastor is away, or a community is in transition. We are rooted in Reformed theology and grew out of a PC(USA) church in upstate New York.

The Video Supply Preacher Program provides **resources**, **support**, **and connection**—so your church family can gather meaningfully even when a minister isn't present or when your musician needs a day off.

### Benefits for Partner Churches

## **Weekly Worship Packet that includes:**

- Call to Worship, prayers, Scripture and responsive readings. Although everything appears on screen and no bulletins are required, many churches wish to have bulletins in worship where they can also share announcements. Your editable document contains all of the responses and prayers for easy cut-and-paste inclusion in your own bulletin format
- **Hymns** from the Presbyterian hymnal *Glory to God* (in full compliance with copyright laws) that are used in the service
- A short note to leaders with suggestions for using that week's service
- **Downloadable video link** each week so your congregation can play the service without relying on WiFi or risking ads appearing during worship. A liaison from your congregation will receive the link and accompanying printed material to prepare everything in advance.
- An Invoice for the amount that you tell us you would normally pay for pulpit supply on a given Sunday. You tell us the amount and that's what we bill you. There is no mileage. No subscription needed. No hidden or added costs.

## **Connection & Community**

- Zoom gatherings for worship leaders and a member of the Firebird Spirit team to answer questions and receive your feedback
- Recognition as a participating church on our website
- Monthly Newsletter with stories, tips, and upcoming themes

#### **Extra Materials for Leaders**

- Advance schedule of upcoming themes (so your liaison can download in plenty of time).
- Seasonal supplements (Advent, Lent, Pentecost) with hymns, poetry, and prayers including access to downloadable media

# **Recognition & Encouragement**

- Digital badge of partnership (printable and/or for your website)
- Occasional spotlight of your congregation in Firebird communications
- Mini-trainings on digital worship, prayer leadership, or community tech basics as funding, interest, and need allow