



The Presbyterian Panel

Listening to Presbyterians



SNAPSHOT

	Members	Ruling Elders	Pastors	Specialized Ministers
Demographics:				
Median age	63	62	55	57
Female	60%	51%	29%	44%
Currently married	73%	82%	87%	80%
Percent ever divorced (of those ever-married)	17%	21%	21%	26%
Average household size	2.4 persons	2.4 persons	2.6 persons	2.4 persons
Living alone	18%	15%	11%	14%
Political preference:				
Democrat	28%	33%	50%	61%
Independent	24%	22%	26%	22%
Republican	43%	42%	20%	14%
Other	4%	3%	4%	3%
Total ¹	99%	100%	100%	100%
Formal education (age 25 years or older):				
High school or less	11%	10%	NA	NA
Some college	24%	21%	NA	NA
College graduate	35%	34%	NA	NA
Graduate degree	29%	35%	NA	NA
Total ¹	99%	100%	NA	NA
Annual family income:				
< \$30,000	11%	8%	2%	7%
\$30,000 - \$59,999	26%	20%	26%	20%
\$60,000 - \$89,999	22%	22%	34%	23%
\$90,000 - \$124,999	18%	23%	24%	26%
\$125,000 or more	22%	26%	14%	23%
Total ¹	99%	99%	100%	99%
Theological orientation:				
Very conservative/conservative	39%	40%	33%	20%
Moderate	39%	38%	33%	32%
Very liberal/liberal	22%	22%	34%	48%
Total ¹	100%	100%	100%	100%
Denomination raised in:				
Presbyterian (PC(USA) or other Presbyterian)	42%	42%	63%	65%
Methodist	13%	16%	8%	8%
Baptist	13%	12%	8%	6%
Catholic	7%	7%	3%	3%
Other	27%	25%	21%	24%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%
Worship attendance or leadership:				
Every week	15%	20%	58%	25%
Nearly every week	42%	64%	40%	40%
2-3 times a month	18%	12%	1%	14%
Once a month or less	25%	3%	1%	21%

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Other church participation:				
Attended a non-worship event at church in the previous month	68%	92%	NA	NA
Volunteered at church in the previous month	58%	95%	NA	NA
Frequency of private prayer:				
Daily/almost daily	56%	62%	80%	72%
Several times a week	18%	19%	15%	18%
Weekly	6%	8%	3%	4%
Less than weekly	20%	12%	1%	7%
Total ¹	100%	101%	99%	101%
Frequency of private Bible reading:				
Daily/almost daily	14%	17%	50%	33%
Several times a week	14%	16%	35%	26%
Weekly	11%	16%	10%	19%
Less than weekly	61%	52%	5%	22%
Total ¹	100%	101%	100%	100%
2010 median household giving (with no giving as giving \$0):				
Regular church giving	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$2,500
Giving to church capital campaign	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Giving to church special appeals (including churchwide special offerings)	\$50	\$100	\$200	\$50
Giving directly to national PC(USA) agencies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Non-PC(USA) religious giving	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$300
Non-religious giving	\$400	\$400	\$200	\$500
Beliefs:				
There is a life beyond death (strongly agree or agree) ²	86%	93%	96%	91%
Jesus will return to Earth some day (strongly agree or agree) ²	70%	79%	81%	64%
All different religions are equally true (strongly agree or agree) ²	37%	30%	11%	23%
Only followers of Jesus can be saved (strongly agree or agree) ²	42%	45%	41%	27%
View of the Bible:				
Literal word of God	14%	15%	6%	2%
Word of God, to be interpreted in light of historical and cultural context	50%	49%	62%	60%
Word of God, to be interpreted in light of historical context and church's teachings	35%	35%	30%	36%
Not the word of God	2%	1%	1%	2%
Total ¹	101%	100%	99%	100%
Denominational issues:				
Personally believes that being part of the PC(USA) is important (very important or important) ³	72%	82%	79%	78%
Favors the PC(USA) permitting Presbyterian ministers to perform same-sex marriage ceremonies without restriction in U.S. states and territories where same-sex marriage is legal (yes) ⁴	30%	33%	44%	56%



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