

**Ed Thompson**  
**General Presbyter**

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Ed Thompson is the General Presbyter of the Presbytery of West Virginia. His job description says that he is the “facilitator of mission, ministry, and relationship.” That means he spends most of his time looking at email and attending meetings. However, he loves to visit churches and is available to preach, to celebrate the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper, and to moderate congregational meetings as well as session meetings. He works with pastor nominating committees and with churches facing transition as they explore options for pastoral leadership. He also consults with sessions as they look to the future and discern what God might be calling them to do. He can provide officer training, teach a bible study or lead a book study. He is also glad to come talk about the “state of the presbytery,” sharing statistics on congregational size, pastoral leadership, and expectations for part-time pastors. He has more than 35 years of pastoral experience, 14 of them here in West Virginia.