



# A Matter of Faith: A Presby Podcast

## Listening Guide – LGBTQIA+ Episodes

Episode	Guest	Question	Timestamp
<a href="#">Episode 14</a>	Shelley Donaldson, Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Stamford, CT & Shanea Leonard, Associate for Gender & Racial Justice	What does it mean to be a queer person in the church? / What do I do when a young person comes out to me? How do I respond in a way that's helpful rather than creating additional problems? How do I help them navigate our church community, which is generally inclusive and affirming, there are some who are not?	Full Episode
<a href="#">Episode 38</a>	Rev. Dr. Erin Swenson	What was your experience like maintaining your ordination credentials in the PCUSA while requesting a name change per your gender transition? How have you seen opportunities for transgender individuals in the church (and the ordination process) change during your life? What work do you think remains for the church in terms of justice and equality for transgender and nonbinary inclusion?	Full Episode
<a href="#">Episode 74</a>	Ophelia Hu Kinney, Director of Communications, Reconciling Ministries Network	What does pride mean to you? What does pride mean to the church? What should pride mean to the church?	26:35
<a href="#">Episode 91</a>	Rev. Samuel Son, Manager of Diversity and Reconciliation, Presbyterian Mission Agency	How does diversity differ from inclusion?	16:10
<a href="#">Episode 97</a>	Stephanie Budwey, Assistant Professor of the History and Practice of Christian Worship and the Arts, Vanderbilt Divinity School & Marissa Adams, Intersex Advocate with interest in the intersection of intersex and faith/religion	We talk about supporting the "LBTQIA+ community", but often forget or overlook the "I" which stands for intersex persons. How can we better support our Intersex siblings in our faith communities, especially when some communities still struggle to understand and support the LGBTQ part of the acronym? We can barely talk about sex in our faith communities, let alone issues faced by the intersex community.	28:19

Looking to go deeper on LGBTQIA+ issues with [A Matter of Faith: A Presby Podcast](#)? This listening guide outlines a list of our favorite conversations with our guests about the LGBTQIA+ community. We provide the accompanying questions for you to use to reflect on these episodes. These questions could be used for individual or group study. All links and resources mentioned are in each episode's show notes.

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### **Reflection Questions**

What are 3 words that came up during these podcasts that stuck out to you?

What are ways that your faith community or church can walk with/be in solidarity with youth who are LGBTQIA+?

How can your church be involved in Pride celebrations? What would that look like for your particular context?

In what ways can you make practical change in your churches or faith communities for fuller inclusion of our siblings who are a part of the LGBTQIA+ community?