

07.07.2024 MX will allow women to use their gifts more fully ... including leading worship and preaching a sermon.

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Well, today we had a lady preach. Somewhat of a seminal event. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dRS80JzulGI>

We've had women participate partially in sermons, like Machalie and Siburt's Shelbie Colbie, but I can't recall when we've had a full sermon given by a women. As shepherds we have studied this issue and come to the conclusion that this is allowable and appropriate (some detail below).

I have not heard any concerns or negative comments from anyone this morning. However, I am sure there may be a small minority who may not be comfortable with a woman preaching a sermon. These concerns may come from the best of intentions and their understanding of scripture, but I feel we should not apologize or soften our resolve/decision to allow a woman to preach, but to let anyone with concerns know that our goal is to allow members to use their gifts in ways we see allowed by scripture.

Personally I think Kaylynn did a great job and will only improve with more opportunity. I'm sure Steve Awtrey will try and give her a couple additional rotations in the [batting order](#) he is preparing for our "liminal period" without Jeff Kryder and prior to a new minister.

Just trying to get some thoughts out on this eventful day, and trying to solidify our response should we receive any pushback.

I appreciate serving with you guys!

--- Bret

➤ **McKnight Crossings – Gender Summary** (Fall 2014) - [link](#)

Note: includes the following statements:

*We, the leadership, have asked ourselves whether we want to be among those contributing to the benefit of the next generation? If so, how? Our answer is that **we would like to do our part to strengthen the body of Christ and the mission of God, by allowing women every role our current understanding of the Scripture will enable***

*Therefore, as a leadership, at this time, **we do not believe that a woman should be the primary teaching minister** (which necessarily requires leadership) **for the church or serve in the role of an elder.***

*If our principles **allow women to use their gifts more fully ... We will encourage and build upon an inclusive use of gifts ... including leading worship and preaching a sermon.***