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# PCUSA Pastor Jacqui Lewis Claims God Is Trans and Nonbinary

*A true story of faith under pressure. Read the first half below, then continue online.*

**KEY SPIRITUAL TAKEAWAY**

*"By the way, if I'm a little queer, God is very queer,"*

*(Transliterated from the original Hindi.)*

They had gathered only to pray. When prayer itself becomes the target, faith is proved not by words but by staying.

## The Story - Part One

The Rev. Jacqui Lewis, senior minister at Middle Collegiate Church in New York City and a pastor ordained in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Has said that God is queer and transgender. In a congregational discussion recorded on video, she told her listeners that God has no gender, that God is a "they," and that God is nonbinary.

The clip was posted to X on November 18 and had drawn around 20,000 impressions within days. The Christian Post reported her remarks on November 23, updated November 24, and the story has since become the most talked-about theological controversy of the week.

She did not hedge. "By the way, if I'm a little queer, God is very queer," Lewis said. "There is no gender."

"God does not have a penis. God is not circumcised. God does not have a vagina."

The bluntness was the point. She was not offering a footnote about language or a gentle suggestion about pronouns. She was telling the room that the God they pray to is, in her words, queer, and that anyone who finds that shocking has not understood who God is.

Her argument rests on the Bible, or at least on parts of it. She pointed to the Hebrew word "ruach," the word for spirit or breath in Genesis 1:2, which is grammatically feminine in Hebrew.

She pointed to Genesis 1:26, where God says "let us make man in our image," a plural self-reference. From those two details she built her case: "God is a 'they,' and that's scriptural, period." The logic moves fast, from a feminine noun and a plural pronoun to a claim about God's very nature.

Then she went further. "So if I'm a little trans, God is trans; meaning God is nonbinary," she said, urging her listeners "to drink that Kool-Aid more."

The phrase was her way of telling the room to take the idea seriously, all the way. She was not asking them to consider it. She was asking them to swallow it whole.

### God Is A "They," And That's Scriptural, Period

There is a problem with one of her claims, and it matters. Lewis said the Greek word "pneuma," the New Testament word for spirit, is feminine. It is not.

In Koine Greek, "pneuma" is neuter. That is a basic fact of the language, the kind taught in a first-year Greek class, and it undercuts the argument she was making from grammar.

## The Turning Point - What Happens Next

The story reaches a life-changing moment that changes everything -- and what seemed like the end is only the middle. Two reports disagree on the numbers, and one question is left unanswered: will the CCTV footage ever come out? Read the full story to find out what happens next.

### PERSONAL REFLECTION & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When gathering to pray carries a real cost, what keeps a community coming together anyway -- and what would keep you coming?

2. The pastor's sister shielded him with her own body and fainted under the blows. What does costly, self-giving love look like in your own family or church?

3. When justice is delayed and a complaint is withdrawn under threat, how do believers hold on to truth without giving in to fear -- or to hatred?

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