



PRONOUNS

" IF YOU DON'T KNOW ASK "

MY PRONOUNS ARE



Pronouns are listed in the following order:

Subject | Object | Possessive Determiner | Possessive | Reflexive

AE | AER | AER | AERS | AERSELF

AE is smiling | I smiled at AER | AER smile shined | That smile is AERS | Ae smiled at AERSELF

E | EM | EIR | EIRS | EMSELF

E is smiling | I smiled at EM | EIR smile shined | That smile is EIRS | E smiled at EMSELF

ELLE | SU | SUYA | ELLES | SÍ MISME

ELLE está sonriendo | SU sonrisa brilló | Esa sonrisa es SUYA | Esa sonrisa es de ELLES | Elle se sonrió a SÍ MISME

EY | EM | EIR | EIRS | EIRSELF

EY is smiling | I smiled at EM | EIR smile shined | That smile is EIRS | Ey smiled at EIRSELF

GOD | GOD | GOD'S | GOD'S | GOD'S SELF

GOD is smiling | I smiled at GOD | GOD'S smile shined | That smile is GOD'S | God smiled at GOD'S SELF

HE | HIM | HIS | HIS | HIMSELF

HE is smiling | I smiled at HIM | HIS smile shined | That smile is HIS | He smiled at HIMSELF

PER | PER | PER | PERS | PERSELF

PER is smiling | I smiled at PER | PER smile shined | That smile is PERS | Hu smiled at PERSELF

SHE | HER | HER | HERS | HERSELF

SHE is smiling | I smiled at HER | HER smile shined | That smile is HERS | She smiled at HERSELF

THEY | THEM | THEIR | THEIRS | THEMSELF

THEY are smiling | I smiled at THEM | THEIR smile shined | That smile is THEIRS | They smiled at THEMSELF

THON | THON | THONS | THONS | THONSELF

THON is smiling | I smiled at THON | THONS smile shined | That smile is THONS | Thon smiled at THONSELF

VE | VIM | VER | VIS | VERSELF

VE is smiling | I smiled at VER | VIS smile shined | That smile is VIS | Thon smiled at VERSELF

XE | XEM | XYR | XYRS | XEMSELF

XE is smiling | I smiled at XEM | XYR smile shined | That smile is XYRS | Thon smiled at XEMSELF

ZHE | ZHIM | ZHER | ZHERS | ZHIMSELF

ZHE is smiling | I smiled at ZHIM | ZHER smile shined | That smile is ZHERS | Thon smiled at ZHIMSELF

This list is not exhaustive



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" I F Y O U D O N ' T K N O W A S K "



Hi Friends,

My name is Rev. Stephanie Kendell, my pronouns are she/her, and together we are going to learn together about personal pronouns. Pronouns are the ways that we prefer to be spoken about by other people. You are probably most familiar with the pronouns She/Her or He/Him. For example: "Do you know my friend Qadry, he is a member of our church." Or "How was the Rihanna concert, I love her!" (I really do!)

Pronouns are often linguistic context-clues as to who someone is. So why is this an important topic for the church? I'm glad you asked.

When God created the world as we are told in the book of Genesis, we are told that God created the Heavens and earth, the land and sea, the day and the night, and all the creatures of the earth. And because they are listed in a way that is binary, meaning two distinct options, when we get to Adam and Eve, we often think of gender being created in the same way. But along with the day and night, we know that God created the dusk and dawn. And in the land and seas we also know that God made tide pools and wetlands. And so too with people was God expansive in gender.

You were created in God's image and immediately called good. Each of us are a manifestation of God's love at work in the world and we see new manifestations of God's love every day in the unique way each of us were created. Which is why pronouns are so important. Using someone's personal pronouns is a way of saying "The God in me is the God in you."

As you may have noticed in this letter, I introduced myself with my pronouns. This is a practice that I invite everyone into. When I offer my pronouns, it is a space of hospitality. It will often be the permission someone needs to share their pronouns and be their authentic self with you.

In my experience, this is especially true when people use pronouns that are not *she* or *he*. We never want to assume anyone's pronouns by how they look.

So, sharing your pronouns without being prompted, or asking for someone's pronouns is the best practice for a holy and hospitable church.

Of course, we want to make sure this practice is done with everyone, and not just used when we think someone may be gender expansive.

This practice is also important to remember when you are making nametags for an event.

Finally, it is also okay to ask to be reminded of someone's pronouns.

A simple, "would you remind me of your pronouns?" is a great way to remind people that who they are matters to you and the church.

Friends, I am so glad to grow with you in this way. Let's break bread...and binary understanding together in the name of Christ. And may the Divinity of Diversity be alive and celebrated in all you do.

Amxn,
Rev. Stephanie

Resources:
<https://www.christiancentury.org/article/critical-essay/nonbinary-gender-and-diverse-beauty-creation>