

FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



2nd Sunday after Epiphany
Ordination/Installation Sunday
Sunday, January 14, 2024
10:00 A.M.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE “When Morning Gilds the Skies” Franklin Ritter

WELCOME Liturgist

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

The boy Samuel heard God’s voice in the night.

We come listening for God’s voice.

God knew us before we knew ourselves.

We come listening for God’s voice.

Our minds, bodies, and souls belong to God.

We come listening for God’s voice.

We come to this place to listen and follow.

Let us worship God!

***HYMN- insert** “Will You Come and Follow Me?”

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Kaul

Nothing can be hidden from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth,
whose wisdom is endless, whose mercy is great.
Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Abundant mercy, you embodied love for us in the life of Jesus Christ.

You ate with sinners and shared with outcasts.

You loved with boldness and healed with grace.

**Forgive us, O God, when we do not trust your love:
when we doubt whether we are worthy of your care.**

**Forgive us, O God, when we try to cheapen love:
when we limit it to shallow feelings instead of bold actions.**

Help us, O God, when we cannot feel your love, when we

are isolated, afraid, and unable to see your presence. Forgive us, O God, of the ways we fall short. Free us to try again, and let your love lead the way. Amen. (*Silent Reflection*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Those who trust in God will renew their strength. They will run and not be weary, they will walk and not grow faint. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

***GLORIA PATRI**

A TIME TO BE YOUNG

ANTHEM “We Are Called” D. Haas/arr. M. Hayes

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LITURGIST

Great God,

today we meet your mystery in the form
of Jesus Christ.

We believe you, God,

and we believe Jesus to be the Messiah;

but even when we do not believe,

when we are distracted and unaware,

we know that Christ calls us still.

Help us to recognize your voice among us

and give us the strength to go where we are called,

that we may learn, O God,

what it means to follow with open hearts.

In the name of Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Liturgist

1 Samuel 3:1-10

John 1:43-51

SERMON

“Jesus Calling, Who Am I?”

HYMN

#525 “Here I Am, Lord”

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God’s purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

STATEMENT OF ORDINATION

RULING ELDERS TO BE ORDAINED & INSTALLED

**RULING ELDERS, DEACONS AND TRUSTEES
PREVIOUSLY ORDAINED, NOW TO BE INSTALLED**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

With the whole church, let us confess our faith: (Liturgist)

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilot, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the quick and the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Remember your baptism and be thankful. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

CHARGE FOR THE NEWLY ORDAINED AND INSTALLED

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" Dale Wood

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Gracious and eternal God,

With joy we give thanks and praise..... Joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is he, who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your son, our Lord.

Through Christ, All glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, let us pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

SHARING THE MEAL

(Please **hold the bread** until everyone has been served;
Rev. Norlita will lead us in partaking, everyone together.
Please follow **the same process with the cup**)

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God,

You have gathered us at this table with all the company of your people in heaven and on earth. In your mercy we have been nourished by the living bread, Jesus Christ, and we have been refreshed by the power of your Holy Spirit. May we, who have shared this holy meal, go out as glad disciples of our Lord, following in his way, proclaiming his truth, and living his love for the world.

Amen.

HYMN

#339 "Be Thou, My Vision"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

"May the Lord watch between me and thee, while absent, one from the other." (Mizpah Benediction)

POSTLUDE

"Allemanda"

A. Corelli/arr. K. Norris

Serving Today

LITURGIST- Debbie H.

USHERS- John A., Bruce C., Ken F.

COUNTERS - Marion C., Heather N.

FLOWERS - In memory of Loved Ones
Bebe D.



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