

**Epiphany of the Lord
Service of Ordination and Installation of Ruling Elders**

January 6, 2019

**Those who are able, please stand.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Silent Prayer of Preparation

God of heaven and earth, we gather together to hear your holy Word and to be immersed in your Spirit. Speak to us with grace and truth, and pour out your love upon us. Amen.

Prelude

Prelude No. 5, Op. 101

C. V. Stanford

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

**All: There is one body and one Spirit,
just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.**

Leader: With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

***Hymn #523**

God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian

***Prayer of Adoration and the Lord's Prayer**

Hymnal, p. 16

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Mighty and merciful God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling. We have been timid and frightened disciples, forgetful of your powerful presence and the strength of your Spirit among us. Forgive our foolish and sinful ways. As you have chosen us and claimed us in our baptism, strengthen us anew to choose Christ's way in this world; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
Friends, say the good news with me...

**All: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

***Gloria Patri**

Hymn #579

***Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed**

Hymnal, p. 14

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Kathleen Lifsey

Following the Children's Moment, children ages 4 and 5 are invited to participate in Worship Workshop in Room 1 on the ground floor next to the toddler playground. Children in 1st and 2nd grades are invited to participate in Gateways to Worship in Room 101 on the main level between the Library and Chapel. All children 3 and under are welcome in the Nursery. Please see green pew card for more information.

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Lesson: Luke 3:7-14

(pew Bible NT, p. 60)

New Testament Lesson: 1 Peter 4:7-11

(pew Bible NT, p. 235)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

"What Then Should We Do?"

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Ordination, Installation, and Commissioning of Elders

Statement and Presentation of Elders-Elect

Constitutional Questions

Book of Order W-4.4003

Questions to the Congregation

Book of Order W-4.4004

1. Do we, the members of the church, accept Al, Jennifer, Caskie, Jamie, Chal, Katie, Diane, Bill, Donna, and Emily, as ruling elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?
2. Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

Laying on of Hands and Prayer of Ordination

All Ordained Teaching and Ruling Elders present are invited forward for the Laying on of Hands.

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

Charge and Welcome

***Hymn #419**

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

Celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

Rise, Shine!

D. Wood

***Doxology**

Hymn #592

***Prayer of Dedication**

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

***Hymn #339**

Be Thou My Vision

***Benediction**

***Sharing the Love, Joy, and Peace of Christ**

Leader: The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Postlude

Trumpet Tune

J. Stanley

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday, January 6

- 9:00 a.m. Coffee Café (Officers' Room)
- 9:15 a.m. Spiritual Growth Opportunities (Various Locations)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 p.m. MS Youth Group (FH/MS Youth Room)
- 5:00 p.m. Run/Walk with God (Rear Parking Lot)
- 5:00 p.m. KidMin (Room 126)
- 6:30 p.m. HS Youth Group (FH/HS Youth Room)

Monday, January 7

- 9:30 a.m. Marys and Marthas (HS Youth Room)
- 4:30 p.m. Care and Nurture Committee (Officers' Room)
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Scout Room)
- 7:00 p.m. Community Bible Study (Martin-Gifford Room)

Tuesday, January 8

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Martin-Gifford Room)
- 9:30 a.m. Young & Not So Young (Library)
- 2:00 p.m. Communications Committee (Martin-Gifford Room)
- 4:30 p.m. Finance Committee (Officers' Room)
- 5:30 p.m. Spiritual Growth Committee (Martin-Gifford Room)
- 5:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee (Officers' Room)
- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts (Scout Room)

Wednesday, January 9

- 12:30 p.m. Al-Anon (Room 126)
- 6:00 p.m. Men's Fellowship - "How Does Your Garden Grow?" (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, January 10

- 7:00 a.m. Colin Caldwell Men's Bible Study (Martin-Gifford Room)
- 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Bride's Room)
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Ringers Rehearsal (Bell Room)
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Pastor on Call: Peter Thompson (336) 269-7270

Members Helping Members for January: Ginny McCraw 528-1927 and Sally DeNiord 384-8153

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. W.W. Winfree, by Mr. & Mrs. William Paxton.

Offering Envelopes – If you requested offering envelopes on your 2019 pledge card, your envelopes are located on the table in the hallway off the Foyer.

New Spiritual Growth Class: "At the Plate": Beginning in January, Sundays @ 9:15 a.m. (Chapel). A spiritual growth opportunity for adults who wish to explore a variety of topics, beginning with "Does what you wear matter? (Character)." Teacher: Rev. Peter Thompson.

Who's on First? For those who have joined FPC in the past couple of years and visitors who are interested in joining, this class offers an opportunity to learn the ins and outs of the church, how to get involved, polity, and what "Worship +2" means. This New Members' Class will meet Sundays from 9:15-10:15 a.m., February 3 through February 24 in the Officers' Room.

How Does Your Garden Grow?: Men's Fellowship - Wednesday, January 9 from 6-8 p.m. \$10 for dinner (Fellowship Hall). The program will be led by Master Gardner Susan Timmons and will begin at 7 p.m. Please sign up on the table just off the Foyer by January 7.

We need a hand or two: We are actively looking for volunteers to help greet visitors, assist with answering the phone, and perform some administrative tasks during the week. Shifts are 9 a.m. – noon and noon – 3 p.m. Training is provided. Please contact Karen Saul at 384-6231 or office@fpcl.org if interested.

UVa v. VT Men's Basketball Game: Interfaith Outreach is raffling off 4 tickets to the game at a cost of \$10 per raffle ticket. The package, donated by Bank of the James, includes 4 Club Seats lower level and hospitality package for 4. The game will take place on Tuesday, January 15 in Charlottesville, and the raffle drawing will take place on Tuesday, January 8. All proceeds from the raffle benefit the many programs of Interfaith Outreach Association. See Chad in the Foyer for your raffle tickets.



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