

Service of Ordination and Installation of Ruling Elders

January 5, 2020

**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

Berçouse

L. Vierne

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

Bethany (Smart)

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 always lived up to our calling. We have at times 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: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

(pew Bible NT, p. 174)

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 3:15-17

(pew Bible OT, p. 50)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

"Dear Friends"

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 Rob, Gwen, Robert, Hollins, Kathryn, Laurie, and Nancy 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

Repton

Celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

Here I am, Lord

D. Schute/O. Young

I, the Lord of sea and sky I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save
I, who made the stars of night I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me I will hold your people in my heart
I, the Lord of snow and rain I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them They turn away
I will break their hearts of stone Give them hearts for love alone
Who will speak my word to them Whom shall I send?
I, the Lord of wind and flame I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide 'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them Whom shall I send?

*Doxology

Hymn #592

*Prayer of Dedication

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

*Hymn #343: Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Beecher

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

Postlude

Postlude on "God of Grace"

P. Manz

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday, January 5

- 8:45 a.m. Being Reformed (Library)
- 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. Middle School Youth Group (MS Youth Room)
- 5:00 p.m. Walk with God (Rear Parking Lot)
- 5:00 p.m. KidMin (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group (HS Youth Room)

Monday, January 6

- 9:30 a.m. Marys and Marthas (HS Youth Room)
- 10:00 a.m. PW Planning Committee (Library)
- 7:00 p.m. Scouts BSA Troop 7 (Scout Room, for boys 11-18)
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Community Bible Study (Martin-Gifford Room)

Tuesday, January 7

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Martin-Gifford Room)
- 9:30 a.m. Young & Not So Young (Library)
- 5:30 p.m. Personnel Committee (Library)
- 5:30 p.m. Spiritual Growth Committee (Martin-Gifford Room)
- 6:30 p.m. Gateway Meals (Service & Outreach)
- 7:00 p.m. Scouts BSA Troop 49 (Room 126, for girls 11-18)
- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 7 (Scout Room, for boys and girls K-5th grade)

Wednesday, January 8

- 12:00 p.m. Open Chapel (Chapel)
- 12:30 p.m. Al-Anon (Martin-Gifford Room)
- 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Fellowship with Ron Culberson (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, January 9

- 7:00 a.m. Colin Caldwell Men's Bible Study (Martin-Gifford Room)
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Bride's Room)
- 10:30 a.m. Westminster Canterbury Devotion (Chapel at Westminster Canterbury)
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Bell Ringers (Bell Room, 206)
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Pastor on Call: Peter Thompson (336) 269-7270 and Chad McCain (617) 304-9802

Members Helping Members for January: Ginny McCraw (434) 528-1927 and Sally DeNiord (434) 384-8153

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.

Reaffirmation of Baptism: Next Sunday, January 12, you will be invited during worship to “remember your baptism and be thankful.”

Speaker Trial in Sanctuary: Did you know that the speakers in the Sanctuary are 20+ years old? As our speaker system continues to age and the speakers' position in the ceiling prevents any maintenance from being done, the Communications Committee through the Session has been working with Point Source to be proactive in finding suitable replacements. Our goal is not simply to replace but enhance the quality of sound. Starting in the next couple of weeks, temporary speakers will be placed near the lectern and pulpit. These speakers will be present the rest of the month and should enhance the sound quality greatly. An assessment of the speakers will be done by the Communications Committee and Session at the end of the trial and further action taken at that time. Any costs associated with this upgrade will be supported by the Schreiber Fund.

First Pres Presents Whitney and Robert O'Brian in concert on January 18, at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Whitney and Robert have presented incredible music in worship in the past, always leaving us wishing for more! This is an opportunity to spend an afternoon with them and enjoy their wonderful talents. Please join us for what promises to be a spectacular musical afternoon. A reception will follow in the Narthex.

See www.fpcli.org, resource rack in Foyer, table in hallway off Foyer, or bulletin boards for more information



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