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# Worship... Service of Ordination, Installation, and Commissioning

January 8, 2023

Whatever brought you to worship today, know that you are welcome and loved.

*Building Hospitality: Our building is a wonderful resource. It can also feel like a labyrinth when you are learning your way around. Ushers are available and willing to assist you in finding your way to restrooms, elevator, or nursery. Wayfinding signs are also posted at all intersections. Hearing-assist devices and large print hymnals are also available in the Narthex for any who may need this assistance.*

*Welcoming Children: Just as Jesus welcomes the little children to come, so we welcome children of all ages in worship. In order to make worship as welcoming for our little ones as possible, worship carts are available with a variety of resources to create a worship bag to take to your seat. After the Children's Moment, children 4 years old through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to participate in Worship Workshop in room 101 or stay for the remainder of worship. If needed, Nursery (in Room 8) is available for children 3 and under.*

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**Prelude**

**Largo**

G. F. Handel

**Choral Introit**

**Praise the Lord, For He is Good**

H. Davies

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Hymn #523: God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian**

Bethany

God the Spirit, guide and guardian, Windsped flame and hovering dove,  
Breath of life and voice of prophets, Sign of blessing, power of love:  
Give to those who lead Your people Fresh anointing of Your grace;  
Send them forth as bold apostles To Your church in every place.

Christ our Savior, Sovereign, Shepherd, Word made flesh, Love crucified,  
Teacher, Healer, suffering Servant, Friend of sinners, foe of pride:  
In Your tending may all \*pastors Learn and live a Shepherd's care;  
Grant them courage and compassion Shown through word and deed and prayer.

Great Creator, Life-bestower, Truth beyond all thought's recall,  
Fount of wisdom, womb of mercy, Giving and forgiving all:  
As You know our strength and weakness, So may those the church exalts  
Oversee her life steadfastly, Yet not overlook her faults.

Triune god, mysterious Being, Undivided and diverse,  
Deeper than our minds can fathom, Greater than our creeds rehearse:  
Help us in our varied callings Your full image to proclaim,  
That our ministries uniting May give glory to Your name.

## Call to Confession and 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.**

## Assurance of Pardon

**Leader:** Hear the good news! The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation; the old life has gone, and a new life has begun.

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

## \*Gloria Patri

Hymn #579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

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

Traditional, Hymnal p. 14

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### Children's Moment

Marcia Thom-Kaley

### Choral Anthem

#### **Make Me An Instrument of Thy Peace**

M. McDonald

*Lord, make me and instrument of Thy peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love, where there is injury, pardon.  
Where there is doubt, faith. Wherever there's despair, hope.  
Where there's darkness, light. Where there is sadness, joy.  
O Lord, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,  
To be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive. For it is by faith that we believe.  
For in forgiving, we are forgiven. It is in dying that we are born to eternal life!*

### Prayer for Illumination

**New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

(pew Bible NT, p.174)

### "Lean on Me, Too"

Peter Thompson

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**Ordination, Installation, and Commissioning of Ruling Elders**

**\*Hymn #419: How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord**

Repton

How clear is our vocation, Lord, When once we heed Your call:  
To live according to Your word, And daily learn, refreshed, restored,  
That You are Lord of all And will not let us fall.

But if, forgetful, we should find Your yoke is hard to bear,  
If worldly pressures fray the mind And love itself cannot unwind  
Its tangled skein of care: Our inward life repair.

We mark Your saints, how they became In hindrances more sure,  
Whose joyful virtues put to shame The casual way we wear  
Your name, And by our faults obscure Your power to cleanse and cure.

In what You give us, Lord, to do, Together or alone,  
In old routines or ventures new, May we not cease to look to You--  
The cross You hung upon-- All You endeavored done

**Call to Offering  
Offertory**

**Take My Life**  
*Text to Hymn 391*

Hendon

**\*Doxology**

Hymn #592

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE**

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

Beecher

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Amen**

**\*Postlude**

**Prelude in C Major**

J. S. Bach

*We encourage all to share the love, joy, and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ with one another. All are also encouraged to join in the Narthex for lemonade and cookies before participating in one of the many spiritual growth opportunities available for all ages.*

**We are all Ministers**

Whether you have been active in the life and ministries of FPCLY for 20+ years in a row, have taken a break for a while, or are new to the area, your God-given gifts and talents are wanted and needed. The heartbeat of ministry in God's church is the people who give of their time, energy, and resources. Whether it is serving in mission, teaching a class, shepherding children, leading worship, hosting a reception, ushering or serving on a committee, there are openings for you to engage.

# Worship, Grow, Love, Serve

## **Bible 101 and Let There Be Light! room changes for TODAY ONLY!**

Due to project work in the Officers' and Martin-Gifford Rooms (see below), Bible 101 will meet in Room 126 and Let There Be Light! will meet in the Chapel!

## **Session Meeting - Sunday, January 15 @ 12:00 p.m. (Officers' Room)**

There will be a stated Session meeting held in the Officers' Room on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. Please turn in all initiative and committee meeting minutes to the Clerk of Session by January 10.

## **Malawi Trip Information Meeting – Sunday, January 15 @ 2 p.m. (Martin Gifford Room)**

We would love for you to join us next Sunday to hear about an FPCLY trip to Malawi in late June 2023. Plans are in the works for the group to travel to Malawi together with opportunities to serve for 1 week or 2 weeks depending on time restrictions. In this meeting, we will talk about the current Malawi partnerships, our intended connections with those groups on the trip, and trip logistics (travel arrangements, costs, possible financial assistance, visas, etc.). If you are interested in hearing more about the Malawi partnership or have any interest in going in June, we would love for you to be a part of the conversation! A Zoom option will be available.

## **Flat Roof Replacement Project**

The flat roofs above the Fellowship Hall, Kitchen, and Weekday School classrooms & hallway have reached their expiration date evidenced by leaks and standing water after heavy rains. Starting tomorrow, Monday, January 9 (and extending for 6-8 weeks, weather permitting), Traditional Roofing will be replacing them. The team will be working primarily in the rear of the church and their presence should not impede church activities on weekdays or Sundays.

## **Audio Visual Equipment Installation**

The pandemic has shown us the importance of having the ability to offer ministry opportunities electronically as a way to connect and engage relationally with those who may not be able to be in the building. We have been able to manage in various rooms with a mobile set up of a web camera and simple microphone; however, the time has come for an update. New microphones, speakers, cameras, and other equipment will be installed in the Officers' and Martin-Gifford Rooms by the end of this week.

**\*\* Please view the calendar at [www.fpclly.org](http://www.fpclly.org) or call the church office for more information. \*\***

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