

PRESENTATION OF THE TRUSTEE

Elder: Mr. Moderator, Pat Venner has been elected to serve as a trustee of the church for the class of 2019. We wish to recognize the responsibility she has accepted.

ADDRESS TO THE TRUSTEE

Moderator: God has given you special gifts to serve him, and we have chosen you for special work. Under the law of the state, you will conduct business for the church, as authorized by the Session. By your energy, honesty and fairness you will demonstrate Christian faith to those you deal with on our behalf.

QUESTION TO THE TRUSTEE

Moderator: Do you promise to give the business affairs of this congregation your devoted attention, to encourage generosity and, in all your dealings, work to further our service of Christ in the world?

Trustee: I do.

QUESTION TO THE PEOPLE

Moderator: Do you receive this person as your trustee, and do you promise to support her in his work for the church?

People: **We do.**

THE PRAYER

Holy God: you made the world and called it good, and appointed us to manage things as agents of your love. Guide all your servants who represent us to be wise children of light, who show your trust by being trustworthy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE DECLARATION, CHARGE AND BLESSING

Moderator: You are now a trustee for this church. Be a good and faithful servant, who will enter the joy of our Lord. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INVITATION TO THE OFFERING #

Please find and sign the Registration of Attendance pad and pass it to others on the same pew, so that we may have a record of your attendance at this service. If you are visiting today, we hope you will provide contact information, especially your email address, so that we may share more about the program and activities of this congregation.

OFFERING *Some Children See Him* arr. Mark Hayes

***DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)**

**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*

*HYMN 69 *Here I Am, Lord*

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

*RESPONSE + *We All Are One in Mission* 17th Century

VOLUNTARY *March of the Holy Three Kings* Anton Leupold

THOSE WHO SERVE
Harry C. Meissner, Interim Pastor
Casey McCollough, Director of Music Ministries
B.J. Mauldin, Organist
Renee Stormer, Administrative Assistant
Thomas G. Wilbanks, Pastor Emeritus

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder - Sue Bohmer (8:45), Elna Singleton (11:00)
** Deacon - Kay Alvarez (8:45), Jerry McBain (11:00)
Acolyte (11:00) - Julia Mauldin

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Today, January 8

8:45 a.m. - Early Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all Ages
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service, including ordination/installation
12:05 p.m. - Parent-Youth/Child meeting in Choir area of Chancel
12:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal (No rehearsal on Wednesday)

Monday

9:00 a.m. - The Christmas Decorations will come down. All help will be gladly received and much appreciated.

On **Wednesday** our regular Wednesday Night Live schedule (sort of) resumes. The New Year also begins a new semester. If you have not already done so, **please use the sign-up sheets in the bulletin** to indicate your plans to attend.

4:45 p.m. - Alleluia Chimes
4:45 p.m. - Youth Bells
5:45 p.m. - Dinner in Wilbanks Hall
6:30 p.m. - Adult and Youth Studies
(The Chancel Choir will **not** rehearse on Wednesday this week.)
7:30 p.m. - Deacons Meeting

Next Sunday, January 15

8:45 & 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
9:30 a.m. - Youth Choir Rehearsal
9:45 a.m. - Children's Choir Rehearsal
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages (Children begin at 9:55)

The **January Newsletter** is out. Those who receive it electronically should have received and have only to read it. Paper copies are available in the usual places in the back hall and narthex.

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ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 8, 2017 • 8:45 & 11:00 A.M.

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church! We hope you find a welcome here worthy of the gracious God we serve. Conventions in this bulletin include: an asterisk () invites you to stand, as health allows, material printed in **bold** is for the congregation to sing or say, a plus sign (+) indicates 11:00 only, and material printed in italics may provide some helpful information. The Music Director will indicate the appropriate time to stand for the hymns.*

VOLUNTARY *All Who Believe and Are Baptized* Proulx

INTROIT + *Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice* Parry
The Chancel Choir

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also with you.

A voice came out of the cloud, saying: This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him! [Luke 9:35].

As the music begins, please stand for the Hymn.

*HYMN 2 *Come, Thou Almighty King*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life and live together in peace. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER *(Hymn 581)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING # *(p. 670, OT)* Isaiah 42:1-9

NEW TESTAMENT READING # *(p. 3, NT)* Matthew 3:13-17
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM + *In Christ There Is No East or West* N. Johnson
The Chancel Choir

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

*HYMN 688 *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

SERMON *You Have to Start Somewhere* Harry Meissner

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed
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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH AND LORD'S PRAYER *(8:45)*

**ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF
ELDERS AND DEACONS +**

THE SENTENCES

There are different 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 different people in different ways,
But it is the same God who achieves his purpose through them all.
Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,
To use it for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ,

Individually members of him.

Though we have different gifts, together we are a ministry of reconciliation led by the risen Christ. We work and pray to make the church useful in the world, and we call men and women to faith, so that in the end, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, in the glory of God the Father. Within our common ministry, some members are chosen for particular work as ministers of the word, ruling elders or deacons. In ordination, we recognize these special ministries, remembering that our Lord Jesus said: "Whoever among you wants to be great must become the servant of all, and if he wants to be first among you, he must be the slave of all!"

Just as the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve and give his life to set others free.

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Elder: Mr. Moderator, speaking for the people of the church, I bring Nathan Edling, Carol Graham and Dr. Carol Stephenson to be ordained and installed as Elders, and John Kusewitt, Eric Schwartz, Dr. Ron Smith, and Beverlee Witty to be installed to duty on the Session. And, speaking for the people of the church, I bring Sherry Futrell, Michael Galloway, Brandon Hall, Suzanne Ivy, B.J. Mauldin, Elizabeth Ratzer, and Doris Villareal to be ordained and installed as Deacons.

(Officers-elect will present themselves in the chancel.)

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES

Moderator: Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Candidate: I do.

Moderator: Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the church universal, and God's word to you?

Candidate: I do.

Moderator: Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Candidate: I do and I will.

Moderator: Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

Candidate: I will.

Moderator: Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

Candidate: I will.

Moderator: Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Candidate: I will.

Moderator: Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

Candidate: I do.

Moderator: Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination and love?

Candidate: I will.

Moderator: *(to elders)* Will you be a faithful **elder**, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in the governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

(to deacons) Will you be a faithful **deacon**, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ.

Candidate: I will.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE PEOPLE

Elder: Do we, the members of the church, accept these people as elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

People: **We do.**

Elder: Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the church?

People: **We do.**

PRAYER

Almighty God: In every age you have chosen servants to speak your word and lead your loyal people. We thank you for these individuals whom you have called to serve you. Give them special gifts to do their special work; and fill them with your Holy Spirit, so that they may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus and be faithful disciples as long as they shall live.

God of grace, who called us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation: give us courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us; that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world, through Jesus Christ the Lord of all. Amen.

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

You are now ruling elders and deacons in the Church of Jesus Christ and for your current term in this congregation. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him.

Amen.

Follow instructions for initial greetings. The newly installed elders and deacons will then return to the front court following the service for everyone to greet and assure them of your prayerful support.

RECOGNITION OF A NEW TRUSTEE +

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