

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY *O Come, All Ye Faithful* arr. Preston Keys

INTROIT (104) *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You* Melchior Teschner

O Lord, how shall I meet You, how welcome You a right?

Your people long to greet You, my hope, my heart's delight!

**O kindle, Lord most holy, a lamp within my breast,
to do in spirit lowly all that may please You best.**

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Psalm 149:1-4*
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also to you.

Arise, shine: for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. The grace of God has dawned upon the world and healing for all humankind.

*HYMN 133 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, You sent a star to guide the wise men to the child Jesus. We confess that we have not searched for signs of Your love in the world, or trusted Your Good News to be good. We have failed to praise Your Son's birth, and refused His peace on earth. We have expected little, and hoped for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew in us all fine desires, that we may watch and wait and once more hear the glad story of our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE (Hymn 581)

**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. A—men. A—men.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS #

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

Almighty and All-Knowing God-as we seek Your light at this time, open our minds that we may find Your Hope, open our spirit that we may find Your peace, open our hearts that we might find Your love, open our wills that we might find Your joy as Your Word is read and preached in Jesus Name, Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Malachi 4:4*

Remember the teaching of My servant Moses, the statutes and ordinances that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON #

Mark 1:36-39

And Simon and his companions hunted for Him. When they found Him, they said to Him, 'Everyone is searching for You.' He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' And He went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN 113 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

SERMON *Let Us Go* Rev. Doughton

*HYMN 119 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

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 we are 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 Zoe Futrell to be ordained and installed as Elders, and Diane Beal, William Richardson, Eric Schwartz, Elna Singleton, and Beverlee Witty to be installed to duty on the Session. And, speaking for the people of the church, I bring Sharon Condarco, Campbell Futrell, Rafael Villafana, and Dallas Ward to be ordained and installed as Deacons and Bryan Sanders to be installed to duty on the Board of Deacons.

(Officers-elect will present themselves - please come forward.)

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.**