

Elder Ordination and Installation

January 15, 2012

*As the sun is full of light, the ocean full of water,
heaven full of Thy glory,
so may my heart be full of Thee.*

*Come as Teacher, leading me into all truth;
Come as Love, that I may adore Thee as my all;
Come as Joy, to dwell in me, animate me;
Come as Light, illuminating Thy Word;
Come as the Potter, to mould this earthly clay;
Come as Helper, to strengthen my feeble will;
Come as Shepherd, to guide my every step;
Come as Beautifier, to bring order out of my chaos.
Make me Thine forevermore. Amen.*
--The Valley of Vision, edit. Arthur Bennett

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

‡ GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The LORD be with you.
And also with you.

* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 40:5

You have multiplied, O LORD our God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us.
None can compare with you.
Were we to proclaim and tell of them,
they would be more than can be counted.

* HYMN, #288 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,
You call each of us to be your disciples
and give us mercy as an unexpected miracle.
Help us to believe and obey.
Pour out your gifts on the church
even as we confess our lack of faith.
Grant us that unity which your Spirit gives
that we may be kept in the bond of peace
as we silently confess to you ...

* SILENT CONFESSION

* SUNG CONFESSION, Hymn #63, v. 4

Holy Jesus, every day,
keep us in the narrow way;
And, when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last,
Where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds Thy glory hide.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE, Hymn #68, v. 4

To God the Father, God the Son,
and Holy Spirit, three in one,
May every tongue and nation raise,
an endless song of thankful praise.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 6:1-8

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ORGAN INTERLUDE (11:00)

*Children ages four through first grades depart for children's
worship*

ANTHEM (11:00) "All Creatures of Our God and King"
arr. Jay Althouse; Howard Scudder, trumpet
*All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing: Alleluia!
Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia!*

SECOND LESSON Luke 11:1-4, 9-13

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON With Christ in the School of Prayer
(2) The Greatness of God
"Hallowed be Thy name..."

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN, #138 "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

* THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

* The Nature of the Office of Elder

* Affirmation from a Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves
and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired
the prophets and apostles rules our faith
and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life
and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men
to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples
to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and
to work with others for justice,
freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven
and new earth, praying,
"Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.

The Constitutional Questions (see insert)

The Laying on of Hands and Responsive Prayer
Almighty God,
in every age you have chosen
men and women to speak your Word

and lead your people.
 We thank you that you call each of us to serve in love.
 We pray this day, that you will give these elders the gifts
 to do your work and fill them with your Holy Spirit,
 so they may have the same mind that was in Christ
 Jesus and be faithful disciples as long as they live.
Gracious God,
you call all of us to be ambassadors of reconciliation, trusting us with your good news. 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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory "Pater Noster" Travis Bussell
Our Father, who are in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.

* The Doxology, Hymn #592

* Prayer of Dedication

* HYMN, #525 "Here I am, Lord"

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

* CHORAL RESPONSE

* POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

Bill Hutton is the Elder of the Day. **Sam Mills** is liturgist.
Today we will have the Ordination and Installation of Elders in the Class of 2014: For ordination and installation: Sarah Hedstrom (youth) and Jane Wallace, and for installation: Steve Griffey, Amy Lewellen, Susan Marks, Ivy Prall, Tom Presler, Sue Reynolds, and Ed Ritter. All ministry in the Church is a gift from Jesus Christ. In the Presbyterian

Church, members and elders alike serve mutually under the mandate of Christ who is the chief minister of all of us. His ministry is the basis of all ministries, the standard for all of us is the pattern of the One who came "not to be served but to serve" (Matt. 20:28). One responsibility of membership in the church is the election of elders who are ordained to fulfill particular functions. This service in no way diminishes the importance of the commitment of all members to the total ministry of the church but signifies a distinct function only, where elders:

- nurture the faith and life of the congregation,
- encourage us in worship and service to God,
- visit and care for the people, with special attention to the poor, the sick, and the lonely, and
- teach us about God's mission in the world.

‡ Please use pew cards to write visitor information, prayer concerns, and notes and place them in the offering plate.
 * If you are able, please stand.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

Sunday, January 15

9:15 am **Children's Choirs meet** (4 yr olds-1st graders on the 2nd floor and 2nd - 6th graders on the 4th floor).

10:30 am **Gathering Time** in fellowship hall! Please join us for coffee & cookies every Sunday from 10:30-10:50 am!

2:30 pm **Club 345 for 3rd, 4th & 5th graders** meets at the AOC.

4-6 pm **Middle School and Senior High Youth Groups** meet

Monday, January 16

5:00 pm **Theology on Tap** meets at the Guadalajara Grill

6:00 pm **The 15th Annual Unity Worship Service**, a candle-lighting service in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will be held in our sanctuary. The preacher will be Rev. Chuck Edwards Boyd, pastor of First Community Church. Dave Handley and our choir will participate in leading. FPC held Clarks- ville's very first Unity Service on January 18, 1998.

Wednesday, January 18

10 am **Bible Study** group meets in the church library

6:30 pm **Special meeting in the fellowship hall** (alternative date for the Sunday, Jan. 8 meeting). The focus will be "What are the best things we do as a church, and how can these draw others to join us as members?" The second special meeting will take place on Sunday, February 12 during the 2nd Sunday Lunch with Wednesday, February 15, 6:30-8:00 pm as the alternative date. The focus will be "What are your hopes and dreams for what we could do differently or

better, to draw others to join us as members?"

6:30 pm **Senior Highs meet** at Wendy's on Madison St. Bring \$\$.
Saturday, January 21

9:00 am **Planning Day** -all church committees will convene in fellowship hall at 9:00 am to plan the year's work of the church. Following announcements, we will go to meeting rooms and conclude with lunch in fellowship hall at 11:30. The Session will meet immediately following the meal. This is a good time to join a committee and you do not have to be a church member to serve. Information on what each committee does is in the vestibule and outside the church office. Call the church office for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Presbyterian Women's Luncheon is Monday, January 23, 12:45 pm in the fellowship hall. Peggy Hunter, Professional Storyteller, will be here to delight us with a story! Please sign up by Thursday on the bulletin board for a meal reservation (\$9) and/or child care. Menu: BBQ pork sandwich, macaroni salad, cole slaw, fruit cobbler, tea, coffee, and lemonade.

Women's 8th Annual Retreat at NaCoMe, Feb. 3- Feb. 5.

Preschool Registration for Fall 2011 begins Mon. Feb. 13 for church families. Call Mary Linn Sadler, 645-0313, for information.



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in the Reformed Tradition so that people may fulfill
their God-given potential and express God's love
in our community and throughout the world.*

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