

INSTALLATION OF A PASTOR
THE PRESBYTERY OF SHEPPARDS AND LAPSLEY
UNIVERSITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
April 27, 2008
4 p.m.

GATHERING

GREETING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Tom Evans

VOLUNTARY

This Is My Father's World

Jerry Westenkuehler

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 116:12, 13

What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things God has done for us?
We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

***HYMN PH #263**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

ST. DENIO

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

KYRIE

arr. Healey Willan, 1930



Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

THE PRESBYTERY OF SHEPPARDS AND LAPSLEY

The installation of a pastor in the PC(USA) is an act of presbytery. The commission acting on behalf of presbytery is to be representative of the body it serves. As a congregation in the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley, University Presbyterian Church is pleased to welcome Executive Presbyter Tom Evans to this service in which he will serve as one of the worship leaders.

INSTALLATION COMMISSION

Catherine Andreen

Catherine Andreen serves as moderator of the installation commission. She is an elder at University Presbyterian Church who chaired the Pastor Nominating Committee.

James Goodlet

James Goodlet serves as Associate Pastor for Campus Ministry at First Presbyterian Church, Tuscaloosa.

Gayle Howell

Gayle Howell serves as an elder at Bethel Presbyterian Church in Tuscaloosa.

Susan Laney

Susan Laney serves as Director of Adult Ministries at South Highland Presbyterian Church in Birmingham.

Richard Olson

Richard Olson serves as Pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Tuscaloosa.

Duk-Won Park

Duk-Won Park serves as an elder at Korean Presbyterian Church, Tuscaloosa.

Leo Sandon

Leo Sandon is a Minister of Word and Sacrament serving in the Presbytery of Florida. He is Professor Emeritus of Religion and American Studies at Florida State University in Tallahassee, where he worships at First Presbyterian Church.

Sandra Winter

Sandra Winter is a Minister of Word and Sacrament serving in the Presbytery of East Tennessee. She served as Pastor of University Presbyterian Church, 1997-2006, and now is distinguished as the congregation's Pastor Emerita.

Ervin "Chip" Wood

Ervin "Chip" Wood serves as an elder at First Presbyterian Church, Livingston. He is the Executive Director of Alabama Counseling Association.

STATEMENT ON THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

Cathy Andreen

...Today we reclaim our historic calling and remember the great ends of the church.

The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of heaven to the world.

PRESENTATION OF THE PASTOR-ELECT

In his baptism, Ron Gilmer was clothed with Christ. He was ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament by the Presbytery of Florida, and is now called by God through the voice of the church to serve as pastor of this congregation.

We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God's call to our brother, to serve among us as pastor.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE PASTOR-ELECT

Susan Laney

Do you trust in the Lord Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one triune God?

I do.

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?

I do.

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?

I do and I will.

Will you be a minister of the Word and Sacrament in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture and continually guided by the confessions?

I will.

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?

I will.

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

I will.

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

I do.

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

I will.

Will you be a faithful minister, proclaiming the good news in Word and Sacrament, teaching faith, and caring for people? Will you be active 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?

I will.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Ervin "Chip" Wood

Do you, the members of the church, accept Ron as your pastor, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide you in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do you agree to encourage him, to respect his decisions, and to follow as he guides you, serving Jesus Christ who alone is the Head of the Church?

We do.

Do you promise to pay him fairly, and provide for his welfare as he works among you; to stand by him in trouble, and share his joy? Will you listen to the word he preaches, welcome his pastoral care, and honor his authority as he seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ our Lord?

We do and we will.

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

James Goodlet

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

Cathy Andreen

WELCOME

Commission

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY INSTALLED PASTOR

Sandra Winter

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Richard Olson

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

PH # 521

The congregation is invited to sing the Refrain after the 2nd and 5th verses.

This afternoon's offering will go to support theological education in the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley and University Presbyterian Church.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*When prompted by the organ, please join in singing "Santo, Santo, Santo."
Music and lyrics are provided on the laminated card in the pew rack.*

LORD'S PRAYER (ECUMENICAL)

Holy God in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The "Amen" will be sung.

Again, music and lyrics are provided on the laminated card in the pew rack.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

***COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

The congregation is invited to the table where communion will be served. In giving the bread, it is appropriate to say, "The body of Christ, given for you" or "The body of Christ, the bread of heaven." In giving the cup, it is appropriate to say, "The blood of Christ, shed for you" or "The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation."

When receiving the bread or cup, it is appropriate to respond, "Amen."

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

SENDING

***HYMN PH #525**

"Here I Am, Lord"

CHARGE

BLESSING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Alleluia! Amen.

VOLUNTARY

God of Grace

Paul Manz

**Please stand if able.*

CHORAL RESPONSE

Gloria, Gloria

Thomas Keesecker

Glo-ri-a, glo-ri-a, gloria in excel - sis De - o! - sis De-o!

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Tom Evans

FIRST READING

Isaiah 61:1-4 (OT p. 691)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:1-2 (NT p. 226)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Cantate Domino Canticum Novum
(Latin Translation of Sing to the Lord a New Song, Psalm 149:1-2)

Giuseppe Pitoni

Sing to the Lord on high, O sing ye to God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Let all of Israel rejoice now in God who made them,
and children of Zion be joyful and praise God their King,

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:44-53 (NT p.15)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"The Kingdom Scribe"

Leo Sandon

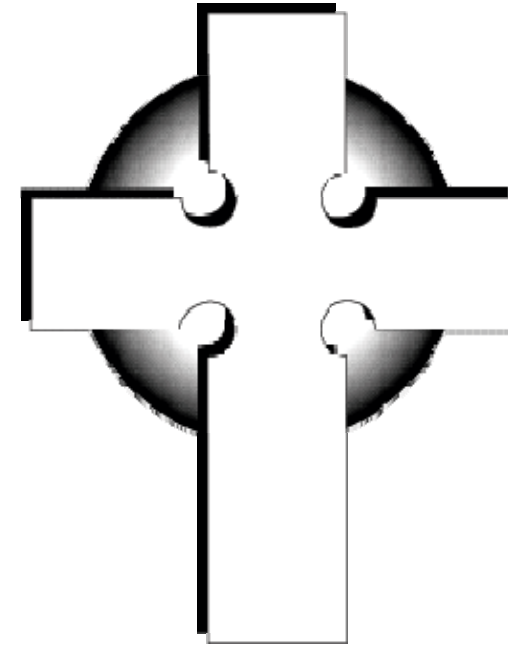
INSTALLATION

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:4-5 (NT p.162)

For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function,

so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members of one another.



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