

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

AUGUST 23, 2020

ALIVE,

CELEBRATING

& SERVING

THE LIVING LORD!

*The mission of The First Presbyterian Church in Germantown
is to reflect the loving presence of Christ
as we serve others faithfully, worship God joyfully and share life together
in a diverse and generous community.*

August 23, 2020

Ordination & Installation of Officers

"Transformation isn't a future event. It's a present day activity." - Jillian Michaels

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM

GATHERING AS GOD'S FAMILY

Prelude: *Fanfare and Processional*

Lynn Trapp

Welcome and Announcements

†*Call to Worship

Rev. Kevin Porter

One: If it had not been for God, where would we be?

Many: If it were not for God in our lives, what kind of people would we be now?

One: Thank God that we are not left to our own devices.

Many: Thank God that we do not walk alone!

One: We are not alone.

Many: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

One: Come! Let us worship the God who is our Sustainer,

All: Our Redeemer, our Creator, and our Friend!

*Hymn 138: *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

NICAEA

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee; Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee, Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see; Only Thou art holy! there is none beside Thee, Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky, and sea; Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy and grace, it is hard to hold onto hope. We see people handed over as food for enemies' teeth, or as prey for the hunters' traps. Sometimes we are the enemy and the hunter. Sometimes we are merely bystanders, too afraid or powerless to act as we should. Forgive us, O God, when we accept things as they are. Maker of heaven and earth, giver of hope, savior of the distressed, fill our imaginations and our hearts with your splendid vision for our world. Transform and renew our minds, that we may discern what is good and pleasing to you in this world you love so deeply.

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Pardon

†*Congregational Response 579: *Gloria Patri*
**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.**

†*Sharing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Emanuel Heyer-Rivera

The First Lesson: Psalm 138

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Leader: God's Word is a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path.

People: Thanks be to God!

A Time for Children

Anthem: *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* Frederick C. Atkinson/arr. Dan R. Edwards

Voices in Bronze Handbell Choir

Evelyn Santiago, director

The Second Lesson: Romans 12:1-8

Rev. Rebecca Segers

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Leader: God, we thank you for your Word.

People: The story of your grace.

Sermon: **A TRANSFORMATION CONGREGATION**

Rev. Rebecca Segers

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A Time for Meditation on the Word

*Hymn 343: *Called As Partners in Christ's Service*

BEECHER

<https://digitalsongsandhymns.com/songs/6113#tab-lyrics>

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Presentation

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.

In baptism, Drew Hood, Stephanie Garrett, John Orandosh, Andrea Overton, Fatima Robinson, Chris Scott Jr., and Carolyn Tarver were clothed with Christ, and are now called by God through the voice of the church to enter into ministries of service and governance, announcing in word and deed the good news of Jesus Christ.

We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God's particular call to our brothers and sisters.

Ordination and Installation

There are varieties of 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 each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Statement on Ordination and Installation

Profession of Faith

With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Constitutional Questions

Questions to the Congregation

Do we, the members of the church, accept Drew Hood, Stephanie Garrett, John Orandosh, Andrea Overton, Fatima Robinson, Chris Scott Jr., and Carolyn Tarver as deacons or ruling elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

Prayer of Ordination

Declaration of Ordination (and Installation)

Welcome

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering Our Gifts

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn 525: *Here I Am, Lord*

<https://genius.com/Dan-schutte-here-i-am-lord-lyrics>

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Rebecca Segers

*Congregational Response: #585

Thurman



Postlude: *If You but Trust in God to Guide You*

Bach

Church Officers

Elders

2021

Marc DiNardo
Robert Seed
Jason Williams

2022

Ingrid Harris
Joseph Leube
Delores Solomon

2023

Drew Hood
Andrea Overton
Fatima Robinson

Clerk of Session:
Robert Seed

Deacons

2021

Dhyan Cassie
Rhonda Highsmith
Dani Howard

2022

Dick Liberty
Dolores Shanks
Stephanie Garrett

2023

John Orandosh
Chris Scott Jr.
Carolyn Tarver

First Church Staff

Pastor	Rebecca Segers
Director of Adult Education and Community Life	Kevin L. Porter
Director of Urban Ministry	Eileen Jones
Director of Music	F. Anthony Thurman
Director of the Gospel Choir	Sara C. Blanford
Director of the Handbell and Children's Choirs	Evelyn Santiago
Director of Christian Education	Christian Heyer-Rivera
Parish Visitor	Heidi Mercado-Littles
Building Manager	Terry Boyer
Communications Management Fellow	Cherese Akers
Bookkeeper	Cindy Osborne
Sextons	Tony Nixon, David Slaughter, Clinton (CJ) Cotton

Ministers of Word and Sacrament, Honorably Retired

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