



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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January 19, 2025

11:00 a.m.

GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELL

Bo Morton, Lindley Ramsey

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE

Seufzer, Tränen, Kummer, Noth
Music by Johann Sebastian Bach

Xiao Yang, organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As many of you as were baptized in Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

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

Leader: Today we recognize that in baptism, some are 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.

People: **We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God's particular call to our siblings in Christ.**

Leader: Let us exalt the name of the Lord together.

Unison: **With joy and gratitude, let us worship the living and loving God!**

*HYMN # 297

In Christ Called to Baptize
by Ruth Duck; Music: Welsh Folk Medley, St. Denio

Glory to God

In Christ called to baptize, we witness to grace and gather a people from each land and race. In deep, flowing waters, we share in Christ's death, then, rising to new life, give thanks with each breath.

In Christ called to banquet, one table we share, a haven of welcome, a circle of care. Although we are many, we share in one bread. One cup of thanksgiving proclaims Christ our head.

In Christ called to witness, by grace we will preach – the life-giving Gospel; God's love we will preach. By grace may our living give proof to our praise in costly compassion reflecting Christ's ways.

Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of love, for you are within us, around us, above.

Equip us for service with gifts you bestow. In Christ is our calling. In Christ may we grow.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*seated, unison*)

Amy Bearbower

Mighty and merciful God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling. We have been timid and frightened disciples, forgetful of your powerful presence and the strength of your Spirit among us. O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. As you have chosen us and claimed us in our baptism, strengthen us anew to choose Christ's way in this world. Give us your Holy Spirit that each one in ministry may be provided with all the gifts of grace needed to fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior..... (*silent confession*) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel! **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also, with you.**

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Rev. Stewart Smith

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(Logan and Mary DeWhitt present their daughter Ava for the Sacrament of Baptism.
Elder and grandfather John Burks will assist.)

ANTHEM

Down to the River to Pray
Traditional; Arranged by Sheldon Curry

Chancel Choir
Isabelle Pennick, soloist
Xiao Yang, piano

As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way and who shall wear the starry crown. Good Lord, show me the way. O sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down. O sisters, let's go down, down to the river to pray. As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way and who shall wear the robe and crown. Good Lord, show me the way. O brothers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down. Come on brothers, let's go down, down to the river to pray. As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way and who shall wear the starry crown. Good Lord, show me the way. O fathers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down. O fathers,

let's go down, down to the river to pray. As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way and who shall wear the robe and crown. Good Lord, show me the way. O mothers, let's go down, come on down, don't-cha wanna go down? Come on, mothers, let's go down, down to the river to pray. As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way and who shall wear the starry crown. Good Lord, show me the way. O sinners, let's go down, let's go down, come on down. O sinners, let's go down, down to the river to pray. As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way and who shall wear the starry crown. Good Lord, show me the way.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Stewart Smith

SCRIPTURE READING

John 2:1-11

¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took it. ⁹ When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

SERMON

The Joy of Living and Serving in the Kingdom

Rev. Stewart Smith

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Water to Wine
Music by Dino Kartsonakis and David T. Clydesdale

Isaac Thomas, piano

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

INSTITUTION OF ORDINANCE

Leader: There are varieties of gifts.

People: But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

Leader: There are different ways of serving God.

People: But it is the same Lord who is served.

Leader: God works through each person in a unique way.

People: But it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

Leader: Each one is given a gift by the Spirit.

People: To be used for the common good.

Leader: Together we are the "Body of Christ."

People: And individually, members of Him.

Leader: Within our common ministry, some women and men are chosen for particular work as Ministers of Word and Sacrament, as Elders and as Deacons. In ordination, we recognize these special ministries, remembering that our Lord Jesus said,

People: Whoever among you wants to be great must become the servant of all, and whoever wants to be first among you, must be a slave of all.

*HYMN #69

Here I am Lord

Glory to God

Words and Music by Daniel L. Schultz

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

[Refrain] Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break there hearts of stone. Give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? [Refrain]

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide, 'Til their hearts be satisfied

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? [Refrain]

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

PRESENTATION OF NEWLY ELECTED ELDERS AND DEACONS

VOWS OF CHURCH OFFICERS – THE CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

1. 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?
2. 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?
3. 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?
4. Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?
5. 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?

6. Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?
7. Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?
8. Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?
- 9A. For Deacons: Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need? In your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?
- 9B. For 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 governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

VOWS OF THE CONGREGATION

Do we, the members of the church, accept these leaders as Deacons and Elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

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?

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND THE PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

CHARGE TO THE CHURCH OFFICERS

SENDING

***HYMN 543**

O Christ Surround Me

Glory to God

Words and Music by Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

(The Birthday Offering is also received at this time by any who wish to contribute.)

**God be the love to search and keep me ; God be the prayer to move my voice ;
God be the strength to now uphold me: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**

**Walking behind to hem my journey; Going ahead to light my way;
And from beneath, above, and all ways: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**

**Christ in the eyes of all who see me; Christ in the ears who hear my voice;
Christ in the hearts of all who know me: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me**

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Stewart Smith

BENEDICTION

Rev. Stewart Smith

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Xiao Yang, organ

Music by Martin Luther; Arranged by Brian Richey

Participants

Greeters – Dana Bassi and Lanelle Cagle

Interim Senior Pastor – Rev. Stewart Smith

Minister of Music/Commissioned Ruling Elder – Isaac Thomas

Choral Interns - Cole Jackson, Jeffrey Kerst, Isabelle Pennick, Verna Labitad, and Will Trotter-Wright

Audio/Visual Team - Christopher Verdery, Connor Button, and Drew Parker

Worship Band: Rob Button, Dennis Brewer, Don Steinkraus, Jeffrey Kerst

Director of Christian Education - Kristi Button

Director of Youth and Young Adults Ministries - Amanda McDonald

Membership Coordinator – Amy McCann

Childcare Coordinator – Lee Pendley

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