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# BAPTISM OF THE LORD ORDINATION/INSTALLATION SUNDAY

January 7, 2024



**WORTHINGTON**  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*In Christ's love, we connect, serve, and transform*

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JANUARY 7, 2024	10:00 AM
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Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

***Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!***

## **ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS**

Rev. Dr. Tim McQuade

### **CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS OF ORDINATION**

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? **I do.**
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? **I do.**
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? **I do and I will.**
4. Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions? **I will.**
5. Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? **I will.**
6. 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.**
7. Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world? **I will.**
8. Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church? **I do.**
9. Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? **I will.**

**RULING ELDER:** Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will.**

**DEACON:** 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 will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will.**

### **\* CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION**

1. Do we, the members of the church, accept **Dan Foley, Bob Freed, Bill Gilbert, Sheri Holcomb, Ray Munday** as ruling elders, and **Noel Abrokwa, Rose Berendt, Judy Hoffmann, Pam Hume, Dick Patton, Peg Pyron, Larry Snyder, Leslie McDougall, Rick Zarnoch** as deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**
2. 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 FOR ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

### ***PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD***

#### **MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES**

Rev. Dr. Tom Rice

*After the Children's Message, children ages Preschool through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will be dismissed to their classrooms for a Sunday School lesson. Following the postlude, please pick up your child in their classroom. Preschool (age 3 and 4): Room 113; Kindergarten and 1st grade: Room 112; 2nd and 3rd grade: Room 111; 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up, including Confirmands, please stay in worship with your parents, and receive communion.*

#### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Josh Bodnar

#### **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING** Psalm 29:1-8 (NIV1984)

Ascribe to the Lord, O mighty ones, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness. The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord thunders over the mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox. The voice of the Lord strikes with flashes of lightning. The voice of the Lord shakes the desert; the Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **ANTHEM**

**"The Lord is My Shepherd" (Psalm 23)**

Howard Goodall

THE CHANCEL CHOIR

Russell Nagy, Director

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: For you are with me, you will comfort me. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life: And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 3:13-17 (NIV1984) Rev. Dr. Tim McQuade

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented. As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

The Gospel of our Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

**SERMON** "Because of What *He* Did" Dr. McQuade

**\* HYMN # 475** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON

***RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD***

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS** Dr. Tom Rice

OFFERTORY Variations on Nettleton John Eggert

**\* DOXOLOGY 606** OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\* DEDICATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS AND BLESSINGS

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*All who put their trust in Christ are welcome to receive communion. Please remain seated to be served communion in your row. Gluten-free bread is in the center of the plate. Grape juice is red, and wine is white.*

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

**Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: Let us affirm our faith through the Apostle's Creed.

**Congregation: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. 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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

## UNISON PRAYER

Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## ***GOING IN GOD'S NAME***

**\* HYMN # 688**      "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

MORECAMBRE

## **\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

Finale on Nettleton

John Eggert

*We request that you remain seated during the postlude as it is the final "Amen" to our worship.*

Usher Captains: **Team B – Bob Freed, Jordan Quickel** Carillon: **Linda Ranck**

Audio: **Andrew DeWeese** Video/Livestream: **Emerson Greuling, Bill Yost**

## **SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

The flowers on the chancel are given to the glory of God  
by Judy Hazelton in memory of The Rev. Dr. Philip M. Hazelton



# WORTHINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## CHURCH OFFICERS 2024

### THE SESSION

#### CLASS OF 2024

Dan Arthur  
Vera Coniglio  
Dan Foley  
Peter Okyere  
Harry Pukay-Martin  
Laura Schlader

#### CLASS OF 2025

Larry D. Case  
Anne Krieger  
Kate Lane  
Joan Patton  
Mark Ranck  
Bill Woods

#### CLASS OF 2026

Bob Freed  
Bill Gilbert  
Sheri Holcomb  
Ray Mundy

Rev. Tim McQuade, Interim Senior Pastor, *Moderator*  
Rev. Tom Rice, *Pastor for Discipleship*  
Ruling Elder Marian Greuling, *Clerk of Session*  
Rev. Betsy Rice, *Pastor for Member Ministries*  
Ruling Elder Anne Krieger, *Treasurer*

### THE BOARD OF DEACONS

#### CLASS OF 2024

Liz Arthur  
Duane Cable  
Virgina Duym  
Tom Rieder  
Lou Ann Shearer  
Suzanne Surface  
Connie Syron  
Nila Whitfield

#### CLASS OF 2025

Lisa Abrams  
Dan Bevan  
Sue Funk  
Chris Kehl  
Melissa Robol  
Leslie Snyder  
Faye Spratley  
Tracy Tate

#### CLASS OF 2026

Noel Abrokwa  
Rose Berendt  
Judy Hoffmann  
Pam Hume  
Dick Patton  
Peg Pyron  
Larry Snyder  
Leslie McDougall  
Rick Zarnoch

Duane Cable, *Moderator*  
Rev. Betsy Rice, *Pastor for Member Ministries*

*Following Christ, **ruling elders** lead the congregation in all facets of our life together. Following Christ, **deacons** offer one-on-one ministries of compassion to those in need. All of us can support ruling elders and deacons with prayer, words of encouragement and support, and our willing participation. Our church also offers the Stephen Ministry program for caregiving. The Holy Spirit helps us in these ways to extend the strength of Christ to one another.*

## TODAY

**ORDINATION/INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS** At the 10am service, we will ordain and install the members we elected to serve as elders and deacons, beginning terms in 2024. Please surround them with your prayers.

**ADULT EDUCATION** The 9am Adult Education returns this Sunday and next with "The Bible in One Hand, the Newspaper in the Other" in Room 222 and Zoom. Our discussion comes to life with lessons taken from current event headlines. We'll talk about what's happening and what our faith has to say about it.

**JOIN US IN FELLOWSHIP HALL AFTER WORSHIP** for refreshments and fellowship.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WPC STAFF RETIREMENTS

**Dr. Stephen Jacoby** has submitted his intention to retire from his role as organist, effective Feb. 12, 2024. He has been with us for 9 years. We will miss his special skills on the organ. Stay tuned for more information.

**Tommy Slappy, Sr.**, our custodian, is also now retired, effective at the end of 2023. Tommy has served WPC since 1985! Tommy and his family will be present in worship next Sunday, Jan 14 and during coffee hour for a special reception.

**WPC SOCK DRIVE STARTS** Winter is here and it's time to warm up the toes of those in need! We're calling on you to help by donating a package or a pair of socks. In recent years we have collected more than 1,500 pairs of socks and given them to different organizations. This year, we're aiming for even more! You can make a difference by donating socks until Jan 21st in Fellowship Hall.

**PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION MATERIALS** for the 2024-25 school year are now available online at [wpcnow.org/preschool](http://wpcnow.org/preschool). Church members have priority registration. Contact Preschool Director Carrie Houk at 614-885-3765 or by email at [wpss@wpcnow.org](mailto:wpss@wpcnow.org) for more information.

**THE WORSHIP & ARTS COMMITTEE** is looking for a secretary for 2024. Please reach out to Gregg Russell at [kttycrussell@aol.com](mailto:kttycrussell@aol.com) if you're interested in being involved in the inner workings of worship.

## EVENTS

**TOMMY SLAPPY, SR. RETIREMENT CELEBRATION: NEXT SUNDAY** We will honor Tommy's 38 years of service during worship. A reception in Fellowship Hall will follow the service. A love offering will be given to Tommy. Please make checks payable to WPC. On the memo line, write "Tommy's love offering" or "Tommy's retirement." You can also give via Engage, our new online giving platform. You can send cards to the church office or bring them with you on Sunday.

**TUESDAY NIGHTS TOGETHER: JAN 9** The next TNT is January 9, starting with dinner in Fellowship Hall at 6pm. We can't wait to see adults, children and youth there!

### JANUARY MISSION SPOTLIGHT:

#### Y FAMILY CENTER DINNER MINISTRY

WPC prepares and serves dinner to homeless families staying at the YWCA Family Shelter 7 times per year. We will feed approximately 120 adults and children on Jan 22, March 6, April 29, June 24, Aug 26, Oct 28 & Dec 9. Volunteers are needed to serve the dinner at the Y from 5-8 pm as well as to provide food from a list of needed items. Our entree can be prepared at home and reheated at the Y. We are always in need of food donations, labeled "Y Family" and placed in the church kitchen before the dinner. Individuals at the Y are very appreciative of our delicious home-cooked meals! To be part of this ministry or be added to the email list, contact Danielle Heiden at [chski44574@aol.com](mailto:chski44574@aol.com) or 614-395-6818 for more information.

**NEW ADULT EDUCATION SERIES JAN 21** "The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World" The Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu discuss how we find joy in the face of life's suffering. They share the daily Joy Practices that anchor their own emotional and spiritual lives. Books will be available in the church office soon!

**MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR:** Sunday mornings, 9-9:45 am in the Chapel, **JAN 14, 21 & Feb 4**. Those who choose to join the church will meet Session members on Feb 11 and will be introduced at the 10am worship service that morning. Please send RSVPs to Pastor Betsy at [brice@wpcnow.org](mailto:brice@wpcnow.org).