

Service of Installation

January 25, 2026

3:00 p.m. Worship



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or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.

— Jeremiah 20:9

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REFLECTION BEFORE THE SERVICE

A Sacred Beginning: The installation of a minister is more than a ceremonial milestone—it is a covenant moment, a public affirmation of shared calling between a spiritual leader and a faith community. It is both deeply personal and profoundly communal, marking the start of a journey rooted in trust, service, and mutual transformation.

(Microsoft Copilot)

PROCESSIONAL

Highland Cathedral

Cameron Tillery, Bagpipes and William Zeitler, Organ

PRELUDE

The Order of Chivalry: Dignity

William Zeitler

Allow the music to usher you into sacred space and time.

WELCOME

Presbytery Moderator Ann Laudermilk

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Bolaños

The world belongs to God,

☒ The earth and all its people.

How good it is, how wonderful

☒ To live together in unity.

Love and faith come together;

☒ Justice and peace join hands.

If Christ's disciples keep silent,

☒ These stories would shout aloud.

Open our lips, O God,

☒ And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

*HYMN 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

PRAYER of CONFESSION

(Iona Abbey Worship Book)

Christa Wallis

Let us pray:

Ruling Elder, FPCSB

Eternal Maker of the endless heavens, lowly Christ, befriender of the changing earth, Holy Spirit, wind over the flowing waters, in earth, sea and sky you are ever present.

† The symbols you will see in this order of worship mean:

* Stand if you are able ☒ The congregation will read.

✠ O hidden mystery, sun behind all suns, soul within all souls, in everything we touch, in everyone we meet you are there, and we give you thanks.

But when we have not touched but trampled you in creation, where we have not honored but avoided you in one another, where we have not received but rejected your goodness, forgive us, and hear our plea for your pardon.

Holy God,

✠ Holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

Know that God is good, and that to those who are truly sorry God forgives what is past and enables us to begin again. Once we were no people, now we are God's people. Once we were beyond God's mercy; now that mercy has been given to us. So let us live as those who treasure God's costly generosity, by safeguarding God's earth, delighting in its people, and loving our Maker to whom be glory forever.

✠ Thanks be to God. Amen.

(We stand and sing Alleluia)

***ALLELUIA 587**

CELTIC ALLELUIA

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision
FPCSB Sanctuary Choir

Jeffrey H. Rickard

Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that thou art; Thou my best thought by day or by night. Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light. Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me Lord; Thou my great Father; thine own may I be; Thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee. Riches I heed not nor vain empty praise; Thou mine inheritance, now and always; Thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure thou art. High King of heaven, my victory won; May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all. O still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 20:7-13

O Lord, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.

Rev. Dr. Duane Bidwell

Claremont Presbyterian Church

I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.

For whenever I speak, I must cry out;
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"

For the word of the Lord has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.

If I say, "I will not mention him
or speak any more in his name,"

then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;

I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.

For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"

All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.

"Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him
and take our revenge on him."

But the Lord is with me like a terrifying warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.

O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous;
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

Sing to the Lord;
praise the Lord!

For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

Luke 10:1-11

John-Paul Fletcher, Ruling Elder, FPCSB

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out

laborers into his harvest. Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

This is the word of faith that we proclaim

⌘ Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Symphonie Jeunesse Quartet
Michelle Tacchia, Director*

SERMON

*The Rev. Dr. Duane Bidwell
Claremont Presbyterian Church*

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SERVICE of INSTALLATION

Presentation of Candidate *The Rev. Brian S. Symonds*

Constitutional Questions to Candidate

Constitutional Questions to Congregation *Amy Smith*

Presentation of Gift *Nathan & Axel Gaeta-Symonds*

Laying on of Hands

Prayer

Declaration

Welcome

ANTHEM

With a Voice of Singing
FPCSB Sanctuary Choir

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this and let it be heard, Alleluia. Declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia. Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivereth the people, Alleluia. The Lord hath delivereth the people, Alleluia, Alleluia. O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of our Lord, make God's name to be glorious. With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia. Declare ye this and let it be heard, Alleluia.

CHARGE to MINISTER

The Rev. Cheryl Raine

CHARGE to CONGREGATION

The Rev. Dr. Frances Lin

THE OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

The Rev. Paul Knopf

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OFFERTORY

O Virtus Sapiente

Hildegard von Bingen

arr. William Zeitler

Susan Addington, Flute and William Zeitler, Accompaniment

***DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

- ✖ Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost, Amen.

CELEBRATION of HOLY COMMUNION (*The Iona Abbey Worship Book*)

The Rev. Brian S. Symonds and the Rev. Dr. Duane Bidwell

INVITATION to the TABLE**PRAYER of THANKSGIVING****SURSUM CORDA**

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.

For you, Creator God, the valleys laugh and sing and the trees of the field clap their hands. Your earth summons us to break silence and be one with the song of creation. We give you thanks and praise.

For you, God of all, the church in its myriad forms and countless languages honors its Savior. Millions upon millions invite us to be one with them in the drama of worship. We give you thanks and praise.

In heaven, beyond our seeing, the angels and saints are caught up in song. And those we have loved and lost are part of that great company. They call us to be one with the harmony of heaven. We give you thanks and praise.

So, gladly, we join our voices to those of earth, sea and sky, in the universal hymn of praise which echoes through time and eternity.

✉ **Holy, holy, holy God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes
In the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

And now we pray with the words Christ first taught us:
OUR 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.**

PRAYER of CONSECRATION

Come now, O Christ, bone of our bone, flesh of our flesh, forever bound to us in promise and mystery; breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup. Let them become, for us, the seal and sign of your love; healing, redeeming, making us whole.

And through them let us together become, for you, your body, loving the world as God loves, serving its people as God wills and always being transformed until we and all humanity resemble the One whose food we now share.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Bread

The Cup

The Meal

As those who have been invited to his table, feed on this holy food through which God comes to us so that we can come to God.

(Communion will be served by intinction at two stations. As you feel ready, please come up the center aisle to a station, receive a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, eat it, and return to your seat by the side aisle. The cup is non-alcoholic. Gluten-free bread can be found at the station by the pulpit. There will be rovers to bring the elements to you if you do not wish to come forward. We sing as we commune.)

Sympphonie Jeunesse will play select pieces during the serving of communion.

PRAYER after COMMUNION

❖ O Brother Jesus, we have been your guests at your table; come with us wherever we go and be present in all we share. Summon out in us, whom you have fed, generosity of spirit to ensure that all the hungry are nourished and earth's barren places are fertile with food, faith, hope and love. Amen.

*HYMN 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

*BENEDICTION

The Rev. Brian S. Symonds

*RECESSATIONAL

Scotland the Brave

Cameron Tillery, Bagpipes and William Zeitler, Organ

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Amy Smith, Clerk of Session

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Rev. Dr. Duane Bidwell

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Rev. Bear Ride



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The basic symbols in the seal are the cross, Scripture, the dove, and flames.

As a church of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), our congregational life is governed by the Ruling Elders of our current Session:

Sue Alexander, Jeanne Clark, Kathy Showman, Norm Wallis,
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and Clerk of Session Amy Smith

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