

Worship Guide

October 16, 2022

Welcome!

Following CDC guidelines, wearing masks is optional. Thank you for being careful and gracious toward one another as we live into these times.

In Preparation for Worship

"In Baptism each Christian is called to ministry in Christ's name. God calls some persons from the midst of congregations to fulfill particular functions, so that the ministry of the whole people of God may flourish. In ordination the church sets apart with prayer and the laying on of hands those who have been called by God through the voice of the church to serve as deacons, ruling elders, and ministers of the Word and Sacrament. In installation the church sets in place with prayer those who have been (previously) ordained as deacons, ruling elders, and ministers of the Word and Sacrament, and are now called anew to service in that ministry."

- PCUSA Book of Order, W-4.0401

PreludeGreat Is Thy Faithfulnessarr. Joel Raney

Kelly Sloan and Randy Romig, piano

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: Children of God: welcome!

People: Welcome to this place of love and grace.

Leader: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

People: God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community.

Leader: God invites all of us to share in the good news:

People: We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

Leader: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

Opening Hymn* #39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Prayer of the Day*

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating a new, bold, and open community.

We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us.

We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit,

and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people,

doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song of Praise* #609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Prayer for Illumination Kay Loerch

Scripture Reading

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Tell Us Our Story

Children are welcome to come forward for Tell Us Our Story. After Tell Us Our Story, parents will walk children across courtyard to Room 117 (3 and under) and Room 119 (PreK and K). 1st through 3rd graders will gather in the narthex and walk with leaders to 252Kid and 252Preteen. 4th and 5th grade will remain in worship for the installation of Rev. Michael Sanchez. Parents will pick up from The Dock and The Lighthouse. Of course, all children are always welcome to remain in worship with their families.

Anthem It Is Well With My Soul John Ness Beck

The Chancel Choir

Sermon The Foolishness of this Calling Rev. Dr. Martha Moore-Keish

Affirmation of Faith*

from A Brief Statement of Faith (1983)

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,

healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,

even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.

Prayers of the People and 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.

Installation of Rev. Michael Sanchez

Litany of Gifts (bold-unison)

As in one body we have many parts and each part has its own function, so all of us together with Christ are one body, and we all belong to each other.

We have different gifts according to the grace God has given us.

If your gift is to hear God's Word,

speak it out in faith.

If your gift is service,

live to serve others.

If your gift is the heart of a teacher,

teach what is true.

Let preachers preach with conviction, and givers give freely;

let officers work diligently for the people,

and let those who serve the poor, serve gladly.

Let us not lack for enthusiasm, but be ardent in spirit,

serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope, patient in suffering, constant in

prayer, supporting one another, and welcoming all.

Statement on the Ministry of the Church

We are called out by God to be the Church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of the new life that God intends for all. In our life together, we are to display the new reality that sin is forgiven, reconciliation accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility torn down.

As the living body of Christ, the church is called to proclaim the good news of salvation, to present the claims of the gospel on people's lives, and to demonstrate Christ's love in service to the world.

We are called to undertake this mission even at the risk of life, trusting God in all things. In faith we embrace a new openness to what God is doing in our time, a renewed obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ, and a new joy in our common worship and work. 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.

Statement on the Particular Call

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Installation and Laying of Hands

Declaration of Installation

Charge to the Congregation

Charge to the Pastor

The Offering Praeludium in C Johann Sebastian Bach

All are invited to participate in support of God's work at Saint Luke's, in one of three ways:

- 1) Giving envelopes, cash, or checks may be placed in the offering plates as passed or available in the narthex after worship,
- 2) Give online via slpres.org/giving,
- 3) Send a text message to 73256, starting with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.

Closing Hymn* #375

Shall We Gather At the River

Benediction*

Postlude* Crown Him With Many Crowns arr. Michael Burkhardt

Members of the Commission

Rev. Rachel Breyer — Presbyterian Homes of Georgia Rev. Tyler Brock — Newnan Presbyterian Church Mr. Ray Johnston — Westminster Presbyterian Church Rev. Dr. Martha Moore-Keish — Columbia Theological Seminary Ms. Julia Strickland — St. Luke's Presbyterian Church Mr. Drew Wilmesherr — Decatur Presbyterian Church

Please join us in the church lobby for fellowship and conversation!

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