

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

January 23, 2022

Installation of Officers

10:00 AM

**PRELUDE**

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

R. Storrs Willis

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*PASSING the PEACE**

**INTROIT**

*My Lord! What a Morning* African American spiritual

My Lord! What a morning; my Lord! What a morning; O my Lord!  
What a morning when the stars begin to fall, when the stars begin to fall.  
You will hear the trumpet sound to wake the nations under ground,  
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.

**CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

**LITURGIST: Christina Guenther**

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made!

**People: We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

Leader: God has created us to be children of faith and followers of God's grace.

**People: We have come to worship God with our whole being, ready to serve faithfully.**

Leader: Remember God's love and constant care. Sing and pray in worship.

**People: We are here with eyes, ears, mouths, and hearts wide open. Let us worship God!**

**\*HYMN #409**

*God Is Here! (vs. 1 & 4)*

Abbot's Leigh

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: What keeps us from a right relationship with our neighbors and God is ourselves. God is ready to welcome us, hold us and make us one. Come to God with honesty and humility for we have a gracious and loving God ready to forgive. Join me in prayer.

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Gracious and Loving God, we bow before You this morning so mindful of our sin. You have given us all that we have, our life, our breath, our community and we often fail to even say, "Thank you." You have claimed us as Your children and we turn our backs on You. You have called us to serve You with energy, intelligence, imagination and love and we get stuck in the same-old, same-old thinking life is a drag. Forgive us for our silence, our rejecting You and our complacency. Fill us with awe and give us grateful hearts for we do seek to truly be Your children.

**\*SILENT PRAYER**

**\*DECLARATION OF PARDON**

Leader: God loves us! I mean that. God really loves us!

**People: We know, but it is too good to be true.**

Leader: Friends, believe and live the Good News- in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**People: We will rejoice and sing of God's glory.**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Hymnal Page 582**

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,  
whose grace has pardoned me and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen. (3X)  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**PSALTER READING**

**Psalm 19**

**ANTHEM**

*O Sing To The Lord a New Song*

Lloyd Larson

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

**I Corinthians 12:12-31**

**SERMON**

*All the Members of the Body*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*[from: A Brief Statement of Faith]*

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. 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!"**

**INSTALLATION of Elders, Deacons and Trustees**

(See Insert)

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)**

**OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS**

**Offertory**

*Passacaglia*

Andre Raison

**\*Doxology (Unison)**

*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.*

**\*HYMN #69**

*Here I Am, Lord*

D. Schutte/ A.V. Fedak

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*The Lord Bless & Keep You*

Peter Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord lift His countenance upon you;  
and give you peace, and give you peace, the Lord make His face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious unto you, be gracious, the Lord be gracious, gracious unto you.  
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

**\*POSTLUDE**

**Toccata in E Minor**

Johann Pachelbel

**USHERS:** Donna Nelson-Beene and Ellyn Stout.

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** All those adversely affected by the Covid-19 and its various strains, Mickey Cochrane, Leon Wang, Al Holder has several friends that need prayers, Scotty's friends: Jackie & Paula, Michelle McDonald & family, Daisy Boyer & family, Lee Liebetreu's family, Ann Titus, the PNC, Mary Frances & Bill Moss, the LGBTQIA+ Community, all victims of abuse, racial inequalities, and those picking up and trying to recover from surgery and loss.

# First Presbyterian Church

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**126 S. Church St., Bowling Green, OH 43402**

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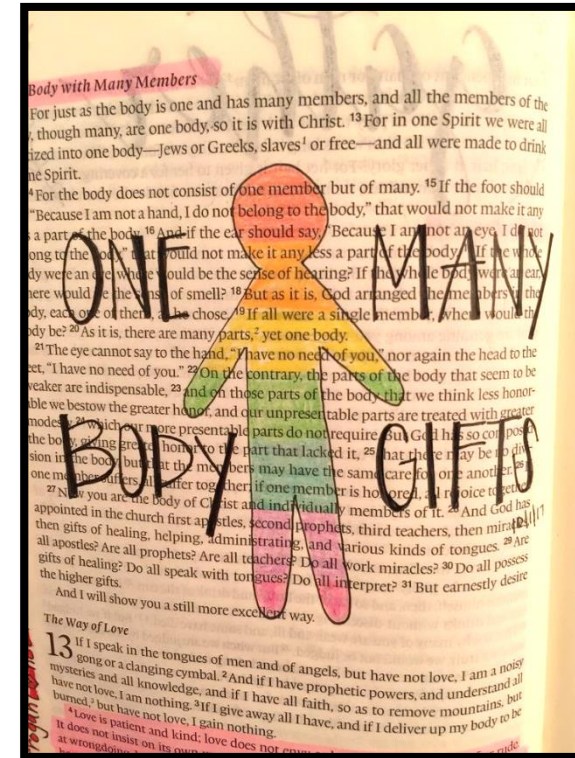
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## God Is Here! Vs. 1 and 4

1. God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.
4. Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive: we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

### *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my had 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.**  
**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.**
2. 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 their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
**Refrain.**
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My had will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? **Refrain.**

**Nursery Care is provided during the worship service & Sunday Conversations.** Araya Musselman, a sophomore at BGSU, will be taking care of the children and providing a small Sunday School lesson. There will be activities that are provided as well as time to play in the nursery. Snacks will be provided for the children.



**Join David Montgomery on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. for the Bible Lectionary Series** on the scripture that the sermon will be based on the following Sunday. This week's scripture is 1 Corinthians 13. If you'd like to join in this discussion, please contact church office or David.

## Week of January 23 thru January 30

- SUNDAY** 10:00 a.m. Worship Service w/Installation of Officers  
11:30 a.m. Sunday Conversations in the Sanctuary  
6:00 p.m. Horizon Youth Group tryouts
- MONDAY** **OFFICE IS CLOSED EVERY MONDAY**  
6:00 p.m. Horizon Youth Group tryouts
- TUESDAY** 1:00 p.m. Tuesday Book Group in the Green Lounge  
5:30 p.m. La Conexion Tutoring Program  
6:00 p.m. La Conexion Program on teaching English  
7:00 p.m. Session meeting in the Green Lounge  
8:00 p.m. A.A. in the Fellowship Hall
- WEDNESDAY** 9:00 a.m. Sorting Clothes in the Deacons' Shop  
**12:00 p.m. BULLETIN DEADLINE EVERY WEDS.**  
5:30 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study via Zoom
- THURSDAY** 9:30 a.m. Deacons' Shop is open to the public (masks required)  
5:30 p.m. La Conexion Tutoring Program  
6:00 p.m. La Conexion Program on teaching English  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (must be vaccinated)
- SATURDAY** 10:00 a.m. Horizon Youth Service Rehearsals
- SUNDAY** 10:00 a.m. Worship  
11:30 a.m. Sunday Conversations in the Sanctuary



**Sunday Conversations - What makes us Presbyterian? Where did we come from? Led by Rev. David M. Montgomery - Sundays, January 9-30, 2020 11:30 am -12:15 pm in the Sanctuary.** Have you ever wondered, "What makes us Presbyterians unique?" or "What things do we have in common with other religions, or denominations?"

**This is for New Members, Visitors, Officers, and All Interested Persons.** We've planned a **four-week series** to examine these questions plus more. Meetings are for **45 minutes** in the **Sanctuary at 11:30 am** (right after worship).

- **Jan 23** - Ruled by Elders: Called and Installed (as we install our elders, deacons and trustees in worship we will examine their vows and examine our Form of Government)
- **Jan 30** - What are the specific, unique issues facing us at FPC BG? We'll hear from the committees and the PNC.

All this will greatly prepare us for our **Annual Congregational Meeting (Feb 6)** and bring us all together in our interim period as we pray for and secure our next called and installed pastor.

# **INSTALLATION OF ELDERS**

## **PRESENTATION OF ELDERS CLASS OF 2024**

**Clerk of Session:** Speaking for the people of the church, I present Joan Callecod, Carolyn Layne, and Gale Swanka to be installed as ruling elders, since they have previously been ordained. And I present Doretta Schmidt, Scotty Huntington and Nancy Hess to be installed, since they have been previously ordained. And finally, I present Mike Evans and Sue Clark to be installed as trustees. They have fulfilled all the requirements spelled out in the Book of Order. They were nominated by a committee and elected by this congregation. They have been trained by our pastor and examined by the session. The training and examination covered their personal faith; their knowledge of the doctrine, government and discipline contained in the constitution of the church; and their understanding of the duties of ruling elders. Yesterday the session unanimously approved their examination allowing me to present them now.

## **CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO ELDERS**

(W-4.4003)

- 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?
- Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?
- 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?
- Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?
- Will you be governed by our church's policy, 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?
- Will you in your own life pray for and seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?
- Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?
- Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

**<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?

**<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?

**<Trustee>** Will you be a faithful trustee receiving, holding, encumbering, managing, and transferring property, real or personal, for the church; accepting and executing deeds of title to such property; holding and defending title to such property; managing any permanent special funds for the furtherance of the purposes of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? (G-4.0101)

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

**Clerk of Session:** Do we, the members of First Presbyterian Church accept Joan Callecod, Carolyn Layne, and Gale Swanka as ruling elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? (We do)

Do we accept Nancy Hess, Scotty Huntington, and Doretta Schmidt as our deacons, and do you promise to support them in their work for the church? (We do)

Do we accept Mike Evans and Sue Clark as our trustees, and do you promise to support them in their work for the church? (We do)

Do we agree to encourage all of them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who is the Head of the church? (We do)

## **\*PRAYER OF INSTALLATION**

### **\*DECLARATION**

Minister: Carolyn, Gale, and Joan you are now active ruling elders; Nancy, Scotty, and Doretta you are now active deacons; and Mike and Sue, you are now active trustees in the church of Jesus Christ and for this congregation. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer through him. Amen.

### **\*WELCOME**