

March 10, 2019

Three O'clock

First Sunday in Lent  
SERVICE OF INSTALLATION  
for The Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

WELCOME HOME

*We're delighted that you're here! With the open arms of Christ, we welcome those of every age, ability, income, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity fully into the life of the church, just as we have been welcomed.*

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*We begin worship with a musical prelude.  
Please use this time to make the transition from getting here to being here.*

Note: Text in **bold** is spoken by all.

PRELUDE *Prelude and Fugue No.7* Craig A. Penfield  
GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP Ruling Elder Ann Gray Harvey

There are varieties of gifts,  
but it is the same Spirit who gives them.  
**There are different ways of serving God,  
but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way,  
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.  
**To each is given a gift of the Spirit  
to be used for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ,  
and individually members of it.

\*HYMN 26 *Earth and All Stars!* EARTH AND ALL STARS

\*CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Patrick Harley

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our God is a gracious God, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin to God:

For our incapacity to feel the sufferings of others,  
and our tendency to live comfortably with injustice,  
**God, forgive us.**

For the self-righteousness that denies guilt,  
and the self-interest that strangles compassion,  
**God forgive us.**

For when we are too eager to be better than others,  
too rushed to care,  
too tired to bother,  
too quick to act from motives other than love,  
**God forgive us; free us; make us new.**

*Silent Confession.*

People of God, let us sing the good news:

*\*Please stand as you are able*

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS 447 *We Are Forgiven* WE ARE FORGIVEN

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION The Rev. Dr. Rebecca Langer

FIRST READING Jeremiah 1:4-10

Holy wisdom, holy word.  
**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *Hine Ma Tov* Neil Ginsberg

*'How good it is and how pleasant for brethren to dwell together'*  
*Honney Kim, violin*

SECOND READING Mark 10:46-52

We do not live by bread alone,  
**but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.**

SERMON *Jesus Calls Us to Speak Up! Reach Out! Build Bridges!*  
Rev. Jimmie Ray Hawkins

\*HYMN 769 *For Everyone Born, vv. 1-3* FOR EVERYONE BORN

DEDICATION

OFFERING The Rev. Susan Clayton

*Part of your offering today is the gift of your presence. Financial gifts will go to support candidates for ordained ministry in the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley.*

As we prepare to offer our gifts, let us pray:  
**Abundant God, for all good gifts we give you thanks;  
and we offer them into your service. Amen.**

OFFERTORY *Softly and tenderly* Will Stockton

\*THE DOXOLOGY Hymn 608

INSTALLATION

STATEMENT OF ORDINATION The Rev. Susan Clayton

\*PROFESSION OF FAITH

With the whole church, let us confess our faith:

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God, the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS to the CANDIDATE Rev. Susan Clayton

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS to the CONGREGATION Ruling Elder  
Ann Gray Harvey

Do we, the members of the church, accept Terry Hamilton-Poore as our pastor, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?

**We do.**

Do we agree to pray for her, to encourage her, to respect her decisions, and to follow as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

**We do.**

Do we promise to pay her fairly and provide for her welfare as she works among us; to stand by her in trouble and share her joys? Will we listen to the Word she preaches, welcome her pastoral care, and honor her authority as she seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ our Lord?

**We do and we will.**

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION Rev. Susan Clayton

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

CHARGE TO THE PASTOR Ruling Elder Mr. William Christian

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION Rev. Joe Genau

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

HYMN 769 *For Everyone Born, vv. 4-5* FOR EVERYONE BORN

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Revs. Terry Hamilton-Poore & Cat Goodrich

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 God thanks and praise....**

Holy God, you alone are holy,...we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again....**

## 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.**

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*We are serving Communion by intinction today.*

*Please go forward by the center aisle and return by a side aisle.*

*The second station on each side offers gluten-free, dairy-free bread.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

## SENDING

\* HYMN 741

*Guide My Feet*

GUIDE MY FEET

\* CHARGE AND BLESSING

The Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

\* POSTLUDE

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

arr. William Croft

**Please join us for a reception in Matthews Hall to continue the celebration of this new phase in our church's ministry.**

## Administrative Commission of the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley

Rev. Susan Clayton, Independent Presbyterian Church

Mr. William Christian, Ruling Elder, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Tuskegee

Rev. Joe Genau, Edgewood Presbyterian Church, Homewood

Rev. Patrick Harley, Teaching Elder, UKirk, Birmingham

Ms. Ann Gray Harvey, Ruling Elder, PNC co-chair, First Presbyterian Church,  
Birmingham

## Corresponding Members of the Commission

Rev. Jimmie Ray Hawkins, Director of the PC(USA) Office of Public Witness;

Member, Presbytery of New Hope.

Rev. Dr. Rebecca Langer, Member, Presbytery of St. Augustine.

## MISSION CENTERS OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**RUTH AND NAOMI SENIOR OUTREACH (RNSO)** has as its mission to become spiritual companions to isolated older adults and to call, equip, and support others to do so as well. Contact [chaplain@ruthandnaomi.org](mailto:chaplain@ruthandnaomi.org).

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**FAITH IN ACTION ALABAMA**, a faith-based community-organizing effort FPC shares with faith communities throughout the city, works to improve quality of life for all our citizens. Faith in Action is a PICO network affiliate and can be reached at [daniel@faal.org](mailto:daniel@faal.org).

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