

Worship and Service of Installation
 Presbytery of Detroit
 at the First Presbyterian Church of Saline
 November 19, 2022
 Leader

This worship service of the Presbytery of Detroit will glorify God and install the Reverend Kimberly Secrist Ashby as the Designated Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Saline. It completes the act of calling a pastor by conveying the Presbytery's official blessing on the pastoral relationship in worship with the congregation.

Prelude

The Bell

*Call to Worship

Elder Bari Livsey

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

P: And also with you.

L: As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ,

P: There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.

*Hymn 410 – God is Calling Through the Whisper

Call to Confession

Elder Ken Pendergrass

[Even when we were dead through our sin, our merciful and loving God made us alive together with Christ and raised us up through Him. In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God.]

Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God, You call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to You and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near. Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to You by the power of Your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

L: Hear the good news! As people born of water and the Spirit we have died to the old life, and a new life has begun. God's grace is poured out upon us day by day. Come to the water and remember your baptism. Be thankful and live as one who has been raised to new life! In Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven!

P: Thanks be to God!

Response Hymn 482 – Baptized in Water – verse 3 only

Prayer for Illumination

Elder Margaret Klammer

Send us Your Holy Spirit, O God, that these words might speak to us as Your Word, and our lives bear witness to the good news of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Galatians 3:23-29

Sermon

“Can We Reboot?”

Rev. Scott Phillips

Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Jackie Spycher

Offerings given at all ordination and installation services in the Presbytery of Detroit go to the Candidates' Scholarship Fund of the Presbytery administered by the Committee on Preparation for Ministry. This assists other candidates for ministry in their preparation process.

Service of Installation

Led by Vice-Moderator Kevin Smith and Elder Bari Livsey

Sentences of Scripture and Statement on Ordination

L: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

P: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

L: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

P: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

L: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it. We are all called into the church of Jesus Christ by baptism, and marked as Christ's own by the Holy Spirit. This is our common calling, to be disciples of Jesus Christ and servants of our servant Lord. Within the community of the church, some are called to particular service as deacons, as ruling elders, and as ministers of Word and Sacrament.

Ordination is Christ's gift to the church, assuring that His ministry continues among us. Through ordination, God provides for acts of care and compassion in the world,

for the ordering and governance of the church, and for the preaching of the Word and celebration of the Sacraments.

Presentation of the Candidate

The Presbytery of Detroit, by means of this commission, welcomes the Reverend Kimberly Secrist Ashby as a minister of Word and Sacrament and installs her as the designated pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Saline.

***Profession of Faith – the congregation stands**

L: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

P: I do.

L: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept Him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in His grace and love?

P: I do.

L: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying His Word and showing His love?

P: I will, with God's help.

L: With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

P: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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

P: 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 again to judge the living and the dead.

L: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

P: 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

L: Kimberly, in baptism you were claimed by the love of God, clothed in the grace of Jesus Christ, and anointed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to share Christ's mission in the world. Now you are called by God through the voice of the church for new service and ministry in Jesus' name. In accordance with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A), show your commitment to this calling by responding to these questions:

Do you trust in the Lord 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 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?

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 polity, 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 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 pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

Will you be a faithful minister of Word and Sacrament, proclaiming the good news, teaching faith and caring for people? Will you be active in government and discipline, serving in the councils of the church; and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Questions for the Congregation ***Members of First Presbyterian Please Stand* Elder Bari Livsey

L: Do we, the members of the church, accept the Reverend Kimberly Secrist Ashby as our designated pastor, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?

P: We do.

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

P: We do.

L: 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?

P: We do.

L: 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?

P: We will.

Prayer of Installation

Declaration of Installation

Kimberly, you are now a minister of Word and Sacrament in the church of Jesus Christ and for the First Presbyterian Church of Saline. Be faithful and true in your ministry so that your whole life will bear witness to the crucified and risen Christ. Amen.

Charge to the Newly Installed

Rev. Jackie Spycher

Charge to the Congregation

Rev. Budge Gere

***Hymn 432 – How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord**

***Charge and Benediction**

The Rev. Kimberly Secrist Ashby

Postlude

*First Presbyterian Church of Saline and Rev. Kimberly Secrist Ashby thank the COM and Interim Pastor Team for their support in transition, and today's installation team for their leadership:
Rev. Brewster (Budge) Gere, honorably retired
Elder Margaret Klammer, Westminster of Ann Arbor
Elder Bari Livsey, First Presbyterian Church of Saline
Ken Pendergrass, First Presbyterian Church of Ypsilanti
Rev. Scott Phillips, First Presbyterian Church of Brighton
Rev. Jackie Spycher, First Presbyterian Church of Northville*