## Ordination and Installation of Deacons • February 9, 2025 11:00 AM

When this symbol (†) precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit. Ushers collect blue prayer requests during the first hymn.

## **Worship Leaders**

## Rev. Amanda Maguire Thomas

**Deacon Class of 2026** Gerry Frye, Phil Griffin, Susan Kagey

**Deacon Class of 2027** Sandy Cleaver, Wayne Kagey, Jane Lawrence

The Holy Spirit Calls Us Together as People of God

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** "Arioso" J.S. Bach

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ: "Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!" We come to this place, to this time, at the invitation of Jesus Christ.

In the name of Christ, we accept the invitation to discipleship.

In the name of Christ, as his disciples, we worship and praise God.

In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds, we proclaim the God of Compassion.

In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up whole lives, whole peoples, we proclaim the God of Hope.

In the midst of indifference and apathy, we proclaim the God of Love.

Come, let us worship together and share our witness of God's living presence in the world.

### **HYMN 720**

"Jesus Calls Us"

GALILEE

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You call us and we ignore your whisper, listening to the voices of this world.

You call us and we choose a different path, following our own devices.

You call us to be your voice in this world, to be your hands in this world, to be your feet in this world, to proclaim your peace, your comfort, forgiveness, healing, love and grace.

Forgive us, open our ears, call us again, and use us. Silence for personal confession

# WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

**GLORIA PATRI** [Hymn 581]

## God Speaks to Us in Scripture, Preaching, and Song

### PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you! Friends, you are encouraged to pass the peace.

Children, kindergarten and younger, may leave for Wee One's Worship in Room 107.

**SCRIPTURE** *Isaiah 6:1-8, Luke 5:1-11* 

**SERMON** "Defining Moments" by the Rev. Amanda Maguire Thomas

**HYMN 721** "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

## The Service of Installation

## STATEMENT OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

There are different 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 different people in different ways.

But it is the same God who achieves God's purpose through them all.

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit.

To use it for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ,

## And individually members of that body.

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 and servants of our servant Lord. Within the community of the church, some are called to particular service as Deacons and as ministers of the Word and Sacrament. Ordination is Christ's gift to the church, assuring that his ministry continues among us, providing for ministries of caring and compassion in the world, ordering the governance of the church, and preaching the Word and administering the sacraments.

## Clerk of Session, John Fisher:

Representing the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, the Session of First Presbyterian Church now ordains/installs Sandy Cleaver, Gerry Frye, Phil Griffin, Susan Kagey, Wayne Kagey, and Jane Lawrence to the office of deacons of the First Presbyterian Church of Winchester.

#### REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

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

I do.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept Him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in His grace and love? **I do.** 

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying His Word and showing His love? I will, with God's help.

#### RENUNCIATIONS

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## **CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS**

Those who are to be ordained and/or installed move to the front of the chancel to answer the questions required by the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

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? *I do.* 

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? I do. 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? I do and I will.

Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions? **I will.** 

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? I will.

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world? I will.

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church? I do.

Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? I will.

#### **Deacons:**

Will you be a faithful Deacon, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? I will.

#### **Clerk of Session:**

Do we the members of First Presbyterian Church accept these men and women as Deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is the Head of the Church? **We do.** 

**PRAYER OF ORDINATION** Those being ordained bow their heads, while those gathered around may lay hands on them.

#### **DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION**

**WELCOME** Ordained officers greet the newly ordained and installed.

**CHARGE** 

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

[...the petitions conclude...] And now as Christ taught us, we are bold to pray... 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.

## THE OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES (leader)

Friends, our giving is an act of gratitude for what God has given us. It is also an act of worship. Just as we present our words in liturgy, song, and prayer to God, we present a portion of the fruit of our work to God.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM	"Gloria in Excelsis"	The Chancel Choir	Mozart
	The People Depart to Serve		
<b>† НҮМN 726</b>	"Will You Come and Follow Me"		KELVINGROVE
BENEDICTION			
CHORAL RESPONSE	"Go Now in Peace"		Besig and Price
POSTLUDE	"St. Denio"		Charles Callahan
USHERS	Pat Grosso, Mark Schroeder, Troop 2		

**Helper Fund Benefit Concert** | **March 2** Join us for a fantastic program featuring the versatile and multi-talented Shenandoah Singers in support of the Helper's Fund! All four of our section leaders will take part, offering a diverse selection of music you won't hear on Sunday mornings. The program begins at 4:00 PM, and no tickets are needed—just come, enjoy, and contribute as you're able.

**Weekly Prayer Service in Lent** Join us Wednesdays at 11:30 AM in the Chapel for our Weekly Lent Prayer Service. Afterward, gather in the Fellowship Hall for a simple soup and conversation. It's a time of reflection, prayer, and renewal as we journey through this season together.

**Mission Trip Announcement** | **Youth Ministry** This summer, we're heading back to New Bern, NC, for our Mission Trip July 6-12<sup>th</sup>! Registration is open to rising 9th graders and up, with a deadline of February 14th. Chaperones (21+) are needed and will receive a full scholarship. Fundraising opportunities will help with trip costs. A \$100 deposit is required for youth participants. Let Colleen know if you're interested! colleen@fpcwinc.org

**Presbyterians Run on Grace... and Coffee!** Help keep the supply going by contributing to the donation box in the Gathering Hall or by designating a check or envelope with "coffee".