

**Installation of Rev. Greg Rapier  
January 13, 2019**

*We welcome you to worship.*

**Scripture for Meditation**

“The spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”  
(Luke 4:18-19)

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

Rev. Dr. Douglas Hood

**Call to Worship**

Rev. Dr. Aaron Janklow

Leader:

“God, the creator of the world, calls us by name.

**Congregation:**

**God, the sustainer of the world, provides for our needs.**

Leader:

God, the redeemer of the world, calls us precious children.

**Congregation:**

**God, the friend of the world, gave God’s self to us in love.**

Leader:

Let us worship God!”

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 341**

Assurance

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine”

“Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his spirit, washed in his blood.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now  
burst on my sight; Angels, descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my savior all the day long.”

**\*Opening Prayer**

**\*Responsive Scripture Reading**

Micah 6:8

Leader: "With what shall I come before the Lord,

**Congregation: And bow myself before God on high.**

Leader: God has shown you what is good and what the Lord requires of you:

**Congregation: But to do justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God."**

**Prayer of Confession**

Ms. Linda Cortright

**Song of Good News**

"In Heaven's Eyes"  
Robyn Lamp, soprano

Phill McHugh

**Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

**Affirmation of Faith (Rev. Greg Rapier's Statement of Faith)**

Rev. Greg Rapier

I seek divine inspiration in the material of everyday life  
in asphalt streets and tv screens,  
in bad poetry, half-written journal entries,  
smitten lovers, lonely mountaintops, grand mysteries,  
the bible – the rich history, tradition, and insight of the church,  
and I find  
a holy and wholly fractured creation.  
I find God.

I believe  
in science and in miracles  
in Adam and atoms  
in death and resurrection.  
But mostly,  
I believe in love.

I believe God is love.

I trust in God  
who breathes life into the world and all in it.  
who permits us to choose evil, but claims us as good.  
who sees all and knows all and loves us anyway.  
who provides, protects, sacrifices, saves.

I follow Jesus Christ  
who flipped tables and ripped curtains,  
broke bread, shared stories,  
healed the hurting, loved the unlovable,  
shed his blood, cried out to God,  
and wept.

Christ  
whose perfect life teaches us to love,  
whose sacrificial death frees us to live,  
whose bodily resurrection empowers us to serve.

I am filled by the Holy Spirit  
the still small voice  
who dwells with and within us,  
communicating through prayer, silence,  
sacred scripture, burning bushes,  
friends, enemies, strangers, the church.

I believe in the church  
fallible, but faithful,  
serving all creation, making disciples of all nations  
on earth as it is in heaven.

I believe in this world, in humankind  
Because I believe in Jesus Christ,  
And I believe in good,  
And I believe in God.

Amen.

**Scripture Reading** (p. 1248)

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The people were filled with expectation, and everyone wondered whether John might be the Christ. John replied to them all, "I baptize you with water, but the one who is more powerful than me is coming. I'm not worthy to loosen the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. The shovel he uses to sift the wheat from the husks is in his hands. He will clean out his threshing area and bring the wheat into his barn. But he will burn the husks with a fire that can't be put out." When everyone was being baptized, Jesus also was baptized. While he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit came down on him in bodily form like a dove. And there was a voice from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness."

**Message**

"You will Definitely Get Wet"

Rev. Dr. Daris Bultena

**Offering** ... *"Freely we have received, freely let us give."*

Elder Debi Davis

**Offertory Song**

Tom Fettke

"The Majesty and Glory of Your Name"  
Robyn Lamp, soprano

"When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers.  
The moon and stars suspended in space.  
Oh, what is man, that you are mindful of him?  
You have given man a crown of glory and honor,  
And made him a little lower than the angels.  
You have put him in charge of all creation:  
The beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea.

O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of your name,  
Transcends the earth and fills the heavens.  
O Lord, our God, little children praise you perfectly, and so would we.  
Alleluia! The majesty and glory of your name. Alleluia!"

## Litany of God's People

Leader: God of Israel and God of the nations;  
God who brings liberation and God who demands obedience:

**Congregation: You are our God, and we will worship you;  
You are the God of our ancestors, holy is your name!**

Leader: Your goodness and light shine in a self-serving world;  
Your justice and grace offer balm to our weary hearts!

**Congregation: Before your goodness, who can stand?  
As unworthy people, we fall before your glory.**

Leader: Although the abyss of our sin is deep,  
The abyss of your grace is deeper still!

**Congregation: You sent your Son, Jesus the Christ!  
Your love refused to abandon us to death!**

Leader: By any means necessary, you mended the relationship;  
You tore down the dividing wall—God taking on flesh.

**Congregation: Then you gave us the ministry of mending relationships.  
You made us your people; you gave us your Spirit!**

Leader: Your Spirit gives gifts to all believers:  
A variety of diverse gifts from the same Spirit.

**Congregation: You knit us into one body with many parts,  
All created to cooperate for your glory.**

Leader: Help us to recognize how you've equipped us;  
Give us clear vision to glorify you!

**Congregation: Help us discern the gifts you give others;  
Rejoicing with them to glorify you!**

Leader: You gave us our lives, O Great God above!

**Congregation: Thank you for all of your mercy and love!**

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**Congregation: The Lord's name be praised!**

## Installation of Rev. Greg Rapier as Associate Pastor

Rev. Dr. Christopher Benek

Leader: "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.

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

Leader: If your gift is service,

**Congregation: Live to serve others.**

Leader: If your gift is the heart of a teacher,

**Congregation: Teach what is true.**

Leader: Let preachers preach with conviction, and givers give freely;

**Congregation: Let officers work diligently for the people, and let those who serve the  
poor, serve gladly.**

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

**Congregation: Serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope, patient in suffering, constant in  
prayer, supporting one another, and welcoming all."**

## Statement to the Minister

## Constitutional Questions

## **Prayer of Installation and the Laying on of Hands**

### **Declaration of Installation**

#### **Welcome**

#### **Charge**

Rev. Dr. Douglas Hood

#### **\*Hymn of Dedication No. 525**

Here I Am, Lord

“Here I Am, Lord”

“I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand 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?”

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.

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?

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.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

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.”

#### **\*Benediction**

#### **\*Postlude**

“Come Christians, Join to Sing”

Carolyn Hamlin

\*The congregation is invited to stand, as able.

**Members of the Installation Commission**

**Rev. Dr. Christopher Benek**, Moderator of Presbytery  
**Rev. Dr. Daris Bultena**, General Presbyter, Presbytery of Tropical Florida  
**Ms. Linda Cortright**, APNC Chair  
**Elder Debi Davis**, The Pink Church  
**Rev. Dr. W. Douglas Hood, Jr.**, Senior Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach  
**Rev. Dr. Aaron Janklow**, Executive Pastor, Royal Poinciana Chapel

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**The Offering** collected at today's service will support  
the Presbytery of Tropical Florida Preparation for Ministry.

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**The Flowers** that beautify the Chancel this afternoon were given by  
the staff of First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach,  
in honor of Rev. Rapier's Installation.

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**Greeting** at today's service are  
Emalee Cortright, Harper Hawk, Justice Reeves, Serenity Reeves,  
Andrew Salmore, Amelia Williams, and Pryce Williams

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A special thank you to Tom Adams and David Heisler for helping with the service.