

The Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island
Sunday, January 10, 2021
Baptism of the Lord & Ordination and Installation of New Officers

“Gathering in God’s presence...

Prelude

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn

Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed

DUKE STREET

***Wonder of wonders, here revealed;
God’s covenant with us is sealed.
And long before we know or pray,
God’s love enfolds us every day.***

***Here in this sacrament we see
God’s grace unbound for all, for me!
May we respond with joyful praise
In loving service all our days.***

***Now we our vow of faith renew,
Stretch wide our sights to global view,
And claim with Christians far and near
A larger family held dear.***

Prayer of Confession

God of all glory, you look from heaven and see us as we are – not worthy to kneel at your feet, not ready to welcome your way. Forgive us gracious God. In Christ, stoop down to save us; loosen the ties that bind us to sin and set us free to love and serve you; in Jesus’ name. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ lives in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is of the New Creation. The old life is finished, gone. Behold, new life has begun. Brothers and sisters, believe in the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

Gloria Patri

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world with end. Amen, Amen.***

Hearing God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament:

Mark 1:4-11

⁴ John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸ I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection

God Has Spoken

Rev. Ashley Sanders

Our Response

Renewal of Baptism

The Lord be with you,

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift up to the Lord.

Lord and life-giving Spirit, who charged the water with life when first the world began:

Make us dead to sin, but alive to you.

Saving Lord, who sheltered us with Noah in the ark upon the flood:

Drown our sin and raise us to new life.

Giver of freedom, who led your people out of slavery through the waters that did not overwhelm:

Drown our sin and raise us to new life.

O God, our provider, who gives thirsty people water from a rock:

Make us dead to sin, but alive to you.

Holy Lord, who gives water to purify what is unclean:

Drown our sin and raise us to new life.

Brooding Spirit, who anointed Jesus with your power of life no death could conquer:

Make us dead to sin, but alive to you.

Risen Lord Jesus Christ, who poured yourself out as a drink offering on our behalf, filling us with your Spirit:

Make us dead to sin, but alive to you.

Spirit of the Living God, who charges the waters of baptism with resurrection power so we might live as part of God's New Creation:

Drown our sin and raise us to new life.

Drench us once more in your life-giving Spirit, Almighty God, that we might be cleansed, sustained, and anointed with your power as we proclaim with boldness and live with the joy of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to whom be all honor and dominion and glory now and forever more.

Amen.

Through our baptism into Christ...

Do you renounce the ways of sin that separate you from the love of God?

Accepting the Father's love, I renounce all that makes me less than a child of God.

Do you renounce all powers in the world that defy God's Way of Life for all?

In the name of Christ Jesus, I renounce them.

Will you resist the forces of sin that hold the world in captivity?

With the power of the Holy Spirit, I will resist them.

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from evil to seek good?

By the grace of God, I do.

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, Savior of the world?

I believe Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior.

Will you follow the Spirit of the living Lord and live in accord with God's Way?

By God's grace, I will walk in the Spirit Way.

Ordination and Installation of New Officers

Presentation of the Candidates

Statement on Ordination and Installation

Constitutional Questions to the Candidates

Constitutional Questions to the Congregation

Do we, the members of the Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island accept **Ann, Linda, and Pam** 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 agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

Prayer of Ordination for Ann Atchley and The 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.

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

Offering

Doxology

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Prayer of Dedication

Benediction

Postlude

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

FESTAL SONG

...sending in God's name."

Leading Worship Today:
Liturgy – Pam McAlhany, Linda Manus, Ann Atchley
Piano – Linda Bush
Electric Wind Instrument – Susan Frick
Music Director – Sheri Melton
Pastor Ashley Sanders

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