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Service of Installation

Rev. Blake Collins

Associate Pastor, Darnestown Presbyterian Church

Rev. Erin Counihan

Pastor, Church of the Pilgrims

Rev. Laura Rayne Fitzgibbon

Pastor, Manassas Presbyterian Church

Rev. Susan Graceson

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Rev. Cynthia Kekung

Pastor, Emmanuel Indonesian Presbyterian Church

Rev. Dr. Kori Phillips McMurtry

Pastor, Christian Community Presbyterian Church

Rev. Katie Strednak Singer

Pastor, Leesburg Presbyterian Church

Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church

October 28, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

We Gather in Community

Prelude

“Speak, O Lord” arr. by Lloyd Larson
“Great is Thy Faithfulness” arr. by David Ritter
“Celebration of Praise Medley” arr. by David Ritter

* **Processional Hymn** “All Creatures of Our God and King” Hymn #15, v. 1,2,3,6

* **Call to Worship** Elder Shani McIlwain

Family of God, today we rejoice in Christ's care for His church.

Praise be to our Lord Jesus Christ.

We share one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one ministry of reconciliation.

For this ministry, Christ has given gifts to all of us.

Christ appoints some to be pastors, evangelists, and teachers.

These people equip all of us for works of ministry.

To God be the glory for building up the church.

Praise God's name for the gracious gifts given to all of us.

* **Opening Hymn** “Let Us Build a House” Hymn #301

Call to Confession Elder Mimi Stevenson

Prayer of Confession (unison) Elder Stevenson

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. We are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue pollute your land and seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy on us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

Assurance of Pardon Elder Stevenson

* **Sung Response** “Hear the Good News of Salvation” Hymn #441, v. 1

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We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Blair Moorhead

First Reading

Psalm 46

Rev. Blair Moorhead

Second Reading

Habakkuk 1:1-5

Rev. Dr. Jonathan Lee Walton

Sermon

“In Search of a New Home”

Dr. Walton

***Hymn**

“Together We Serve”

Hymn #767

We Respond in Faith

Statement on Ordination

Elder Lou Durden

*** Profession of Faith**

Elder Durden

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,**

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**the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Rev. Dr. Chris Deacon

Constitutional Questions

Rev. David Baer

Questions to the pastors

Questions to the congregations: Representatives of each congregation will pose the questions.

Do we, the members of

Darnestown Presbyterian Church,
Church of the Pilgrims,
Manassas Presbyterian Church,
Rockville Presbyterian Church,
Emmanuel Indonesian Presbyterian Church,
Christian Community Presbyterian Church, and
Leesburg Presbyterian Church

accept

Blake Collins
Erin Counihan,
Laura Fitzgibbon,
Susan Graceson,
Cynthia Kekung,
Kori Phillips McMurtry, and
Katie Strednak Singer

as our Ministers of Word and Sacrament, chosen by God through the voice of our congregations to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to pray for them, encourage them, and respect their decisions? **We do.**

Do we agree to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

Do we promise to pay them fairly? **We do.**

Do we promise to provide for their welfare as they work among us? **We do.**

Do we promise to stand by them in trouble and share their joys? **We do.**

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Will we listen to the word they preach,
welcome their pastoral care, and honor their authority
as they seek to honor and obey
Jesus Christ our Lord? **We will.**

Prayer of Installation

Rev. Dr. Deacon

Declaration of Installation

Rev. Dr. Deacon

Welcome

Charge to the Newly Installed

Rev. John Molina-Moore

Presentation of Symbols of Ministry

Elder Shani McIlwain

Charge to the Congregations and the Presbytery

Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe

Offering

Elder Joyce Rarumangkay

An offering is received to benefit the NCP Ministry Crisis Fund

Offertory

“Sing Joy! Make a Beautiful Noise!”
by Michael Barrett

NCP Choir

Doxology

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Hymn#607

Prayer of Dedication

Elder Gary Mears

Ordination Vow Renewal

Elder Miriam Dewhurst, Chair of Leadership Council

As claimed in your baptism and called still in the service of God:

Ministers of Word and Sacrament, 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 renounce them.

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

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

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

As God as my help, I will.

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Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession (unison)

Elder Dewhurst & Elder Durden

O risen Christ, whose resurrection sets us free from all that holds us captive, help us to put our trust in you. When our temptation to singlehandedly save the world seems greater than we can resist, call us back. Liberate us from our impatience at your work in the world that does not conform to our expectations. *(Silence)*

O Word made flesh, help us not to lose our zeal for studying your sacred story. Make us humble when we are arrogant; and give our words confidence when we feel discouraged, inarticulate, or weak. *(Silence)*

O God of history, we thank you for all those who have gone before on whose shoulders we stand. Give us wisdom to discern from our tradition that which continues to give life and to shed what must be let go for your future to be realized. *(Silence)*

O God, we thank you for inquisitive minds to discern your will and way in Scripture and through the writings of the church. Help us to stay focused on Christ, to whom the Scriptures and tradition bear witness. *(Silence)*

O God, continue to knit us together. Strengthen our ties with one another and grant us the gift of friendships wherever we minister. *(Silence)*

Loving and reconciling One, it is a daunting task to love you, to love our neighbors, and to love ourselves. Help us speak the truth in love so that we might be your reconcilers in the world. *(Silence)*

O Christ, you are the Prince of Peace. You are the vine on which the church bears fruit. You are the voice that leads us to, “go and sin no more.” Help us to remember your call to peace, unity, purity, and not to settle for our own caricatures of you. *(Silence)*

O God who created all things and all parts! We are in awe of the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love you have granted to us. May we deepen in awe as we serve. *(Silence)*

O God, you call us to Word and sacrament. But you also call us to proofread the bulletin, play “sardines” with a group of seventh graders, and negotiate a contract for repairing the furnace. Help us to find that which is central, even in the details. *(Silence)*

Almighty God, hear our prayer. Amen.

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We Go Forth to Serve

* Hymn	“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”	Hymn#69
* Blessing and Charge		Rev. Dr. Deacon
Recessional	“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”	Hymn#611
Postlude		

Participants

Rev. Dr. Jonathan Lee Walton, President of Princeton Theological Seminary
Elder Lou Durden, Vice Moderator, Northminster Presbyterian Church
Rev. Dr. Chris Deacon, Moderator
Rev. John Molina-Moore, NCP General Presbyter
Rev. David A. Baer, NCP Stated Clerk
Elder Shani McIlwain, former NCP Moderator, Faith Presbyterian Church, LC
Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe, NCP Director of Congregational Development & Mission
Elder Mimi Stevenson, Northminster Presbyterian Church, COM
Elder Joyce Rarumangkay, Clifton Presbyterian Church, CDC
Elder Gary Mears, Riverside Presbyterian Church, CDC
Elder Miriam Dewhurst, New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, LC
Rev. Blair Moorhead, YAV and COM

NCP Presbytery-wide Choir

*Led by Kevin Allen, Director of Music, John Calvin Presbyterian Church
Marcia Farabee, violin; Marissa Regni, violin*

*Minister members of NCP & members of Christ the King, Christian Community,
Colesville, Darnestown, Emmanuel Indonesian, Gaithersburg, John Calvin,
Northminster, Oaklands, Pilgrims, Redeemer, Western*

Representatives from

*Darnestown - Sally Belcher, Larry Ciolorito, Meade Gelston, Nancy Morgan
Church of the Pilgrims – Mitch Fulton, Karen Garrett, Jean Stewart
Manassas – JoAnne Gutliph, Barbara Johnston, Kathy Massie
Rockville- Mary Ann Eull, Marc Sorini
Emmanuel Indonesian – Jerry Mozes, Tiur Poetranto, Anita Ellis Tyahahu
Christian Community – Sue Evans, Ann Fleming, Mark Pfarrer
Leesburg – Jim Barnes, Brenda Bengtson, Rene Febles*

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*All are welcome to a reception in Lindsay Hall
immediately following the service.*

*National Capital Presbytery thanks Gaithersburg
Presbyterian for hosting the Presbytery-wide
Installation Service.*

*The offering benefits the Ministry Crisis Fund. The
fund assists in responding to the emerging crises
in the lives of clergy, church professionals, and
employees and others involved in our joint
ministry. It also assists congregations as they deal
with emerging ministry crises, primary in the
area of conflict involving staff and/or members.*

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