

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day Ordination and Installation of Church Officers

Eleven o'clock

April 14, 2024

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prayer for Meditation

Loving God, you saw me in my unformed substance and knew my name and my heart before I lived even one day. Be close to me in these days, O Lord, and help me to love without restraint, and live with joy and faithfulness to the very end. Through Christ I pray. Amen.

Prelude

Iste Confessor Thomas Tallis
Prelude on BEACH SPRING Janet Linker

Welcome and Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

Fred Holbrook

Introit

Alleluia. Christus surrexit. Felicio Anerio
Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*Call to Worship

The Word became flesh and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory.

To all who received him,

he gave power to become children of God.

As God's children, we are to be dedicated and committed.

We are committed to ministries of compassion, witness, service, justice, truth, and love. Let us worship God.

Mary Jane Winter

*Hymn 716 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending BEACH SPRING

1 God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

2 Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

3 Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

THE CHURCH CONFESSES AND SEEKS ASSURANCE

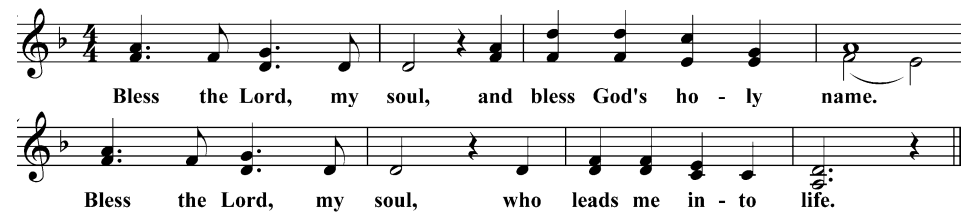
Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

(A moment of silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

Response *(sung twice)* Bless the Lord Hymn 544



Assurance of Pardon

Friends, God has called us each by name. That name is “Beloved.” As God’s beloved ones, we are forgiven. God says to each of us, “You are mine!”

We are loved. We are forgiven. We are claimed by God through Christ. Alleluia!

*Grateful Response *(sung twice)* Hymn 243



*Passing of the Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Children may join Ms. Hannab and Rev. Paul at the door near the font.

Moment for Mission Yaupon Place Terry Crickenberger

THE CHURCH LISTENS FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Kate Fiedler

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 43:1-7 Pew Bible, p. 585

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, ‘Give them up’, and to the south, ‘Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory whom I formed and made.’

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem See What Love (from *St. Paul*) Felix Mendelssohn

See what love hath the Father bestowed on us in His goodness,
yea, in His goodness, that we should be called God's own children.

Scripture Lesson Acts 8:14-17 Pew Bible, p. 892

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Sermon *You Are Mine!* Fred Holbrook

Prayer of Commitment

THE CHURCH RESPONDS IN FAITH

*Affirmation of Faith *from the Confession of Belbar*

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ. We believe that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells. We believe that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world. Amen.

*Hymn 691 Lord, When I Came into This Life LAND OF REST

1 Lord, when I came into this life you called me by my name;
today I come, commit myself, responding to your claim.

2 Within the circle of the faith, as member of your cast,
I take my place with all the saints of future, present, past.

3 In all the tensions of my life, between my faith and doubt,
let your great Spirit give me hope, sustain me, lead me out.

4 So help me in my unbelief and let my life be true:
feet firmly planted on the earth, my sights set high on you.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer Annabelle Beavers

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Offering of Our Lives

As expressions of faith and commitment, the congregation is invited to bring their pledges and offerings to the baskets found at the front of the sanctuary.

Offertory Children of the Heavenly Father TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA

Children of the heav'nly Father,
safely in His bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.

Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord His children sever;
unto them His grace He showeth,
and their sorrows all He knoweth.

God His own doth tend and nourish;
in His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them;
in His mighty arms He bears them.

Tho' He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.

Words by Carolina Sandell; trans. by Ernst W. Olson; arr. Paul Sjolund

Ordination and Installation of Church Officers
 Constitutional Questions for Officers and Congregation
 Laying On of Hands and Prayer

*Hymn 69 Here I Am, Lord HERE I AM, LORD (Schutte)

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
 All who dwell in dark and 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?

Refrain: 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.

2 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? (Refrain)

3 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? (Refrain)

*Benediction and Response



Postlude Prelude & Fugue in Bb Major, BWV 560 attr. J. S. Bach

*The flowers are given by Joan Spyhalski to the glory of God
 and in loving memory of Bill Spyhalski*

In Our Prayers

Bell Tolling for Richmond City Gun Violence Victims: Our bells continue to toll each Monday in remembrance for the gun violence victims in the city of Richmond. As of April 7, there have been 11 victims. Please keep both the victim and family in your prayers.

Pray for Churches and Religious Institutions of Metropolitan Richmond:

For all religious communities, abbeys, orders, brotherhoods, sisterhoods, religious societies, and para-church organizations.

Announcements & Opportunities

Your children are always welcome! Children ages infant to three years old, are welcome in the nursery from 9:15 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. Children four years old through second grade, may be in the nursery from 10:45 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. during worship. Children in the third grade and older are encouraged to sit with their families during worship.

Today is the Ordination and Installation of Church Officers. Please be in prayer for ruling elders Carolyn Brandt, Chanson Finney, Frederick Helm, Julia Merritt, Sharon Moeser, Kate Nash, Emily Scott, Mary Spain, Bryan Tims, and Jeff Wells and deacons Lauriston Davis, Joe Earhart, Carly Groover, Collyn Hawn, Stuart Martin, Susan Nocht, and Bill Richter. Jack Warren will be ordained and installed on May 5.

Fellowship Time in the Chapel following worship today. Guests are encouraged to join members for a time of conversation and fellowship.

Fair Trade Coffee and Tea Sales Next Sunday in the Dining Room following worship. Each bag sold supports farmers working through co-ops around the world. \$9.00 per bag for coffee; \$5.00 per box for tea. Buy it for yourself, as gifts, or for the shower ministry.

Musical Offering: Next Sunday, April 21, there will be a concert by the Chamber Music Society of Central Virginia at 4:00 p.m., in the Chapel. On-street parking is available as well as in the parking deck for a nominal fee.

Special Thanks to Annabelle Beavers, our seminary intern, whose final Sunday is today. May God bless and keep her in her service to and for Christ!

April Church School for All Ages

Adults at 9:30 a.m.

◆ The Forum Class: *Fracture: Mental and Behavioral Health in the Wake of the Pandemic* (a series of resurrection stories for Eastertide)

April 21: Pathways: Voicing Hope & Respect for those in Crisis

April 28: Awareness: Removing Stigma through Education and Conversation

◆ Faith & Literature Class (Pastor's Classroom and Zoom) *Pigeon Feathers and Other Stories* by John Updike

Children at 9:30 a.m.: Music Time with Ms. Laura followed by Church School

Youth at 9:30 a.m.: Waffles, Connections, and Bible Study (Youth Suite)



If you are visiting, or seeking a church home, we invite you to explore all that happens in life and ministry in this church. Speak to one of the pastors for more information and be sure to sign the Friendship Register, which is found in the pew. We also invite you to leave us your address, phone number, and/or email that we might contact you.



How to give: In addition to checks, you may use the church's website (www.2presrichmond.org) at the GIVE tab; the church's app: 2ndpresrva; or by scanning the QR code to the left.

Calendar for the Week

<p>Today, April 14 9:30 am Church School for all ages 10:00 am Choir rehearsal 11:00 am Worship 12:15 pm Fellowship Time Property Council</p> <p>Monday, April 15 <i>Newsletter deadline</i> 10:30 am Walk-In Ministry 12:00 pm AA 1:00 pm Lectio Divina (Zoom)</p> <p>Tuesday, April 16 9:00 am Shower Ministry 5:30 pm Session (in person)</p>	<p>Wednesday, April 17 10:00 am Day Book Group 6:00 pm Handbell rehearsal 7:15 pm Choir rehearsal</p> <p>Thursday, April 18 12:00 pm Women's Bible Study</p> <p>Sunday, April 21 9:30 am Church School for all ages 10:00 am Choir rehearsal 11:00 am Worship 12:15 pm Fellowship Time 4:00 pm CMSCVA concert</p>
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We welcome all whom God calls into life, worship, work, and leadership of this church without regard to gender, cultural heritage, skin color, socio-economic status, gender identity, sexual orientation, or other life circumstances.

CHURCH STAFF

Ministers: All the members of the congregation

Interim Pastor: Fred Holbrook
Associate Pastor: Kate Fiedler
Christian Faith, Life & Arts: Hannah Garrity
Children's Minister & Director of Urban Engagement: Paul Nalla
Director of Music: Jeffrey Riehl
Organist: Kathy Toole
Handbell Director: Chuck Todd
Building Administrator: Gene Roland
Office Manager: Dorothy DeJong
Administrative Assistant: Willa Jacob
Production Director: Bo Jacob

Pastoral Care Minister: Mary Jane Winter
Theologian-in-Residence: Roger Gench
Commissioned Pastor for Mission & Advocacy: Marvin Daniel
Pastor Emeritus: Ben Sparks
Seminary Intern: Annabelle Beavers
Walk-In Coordinator: Elva Mapp
Sexton: Kerry Randolph
Security: Cliff Anderson
Mission Co-Workers: Karla Koll, San Jose, Costa Rica; Cindy Corell, Haiti; Betsey & Eric Moe, CEDEPCA, Guatemala

Our missionaries are partially supported by the regular benevolent giving of our church.