

## SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

Rev. Wesley R. Allen

Sunday, November 14, 2021

### Welcome

Rev. Lory Ryan

### Music in Preparation for Worship

Joel Krott, Organ

*Toccata on "How Firm a Foundation"*

Gordon Young

### Introit

Karen Molloy, Piano

*How Firm a Foundation*

American Folk Melody

Adult Choir/Kathy Gunsallus, Director

### Call to Worship

Elder Kevin Fauvell

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us worship God. Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord.

**Let us exalt the name of the Lord together.**

Come, let us sing to the Lord.

**Let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

### Song of Praise

*Hymn to Him*

Dion DiMucci

*Do you walk in the shadows? Are your dreams swept with fear?*

*Does your heart fill with sadness with the night drawing near?*

*Do you yearn for the moment when you'll be safe and warm?*

*Do you search for the shelter from life's oncoming storm?*

*Come to Him through the darkness. Come to Him through the rain.*

*Walk with Him from misfortune. Walk with Him from the pain.*

*He's the light of salvation. He's the Head never bowed.*

*He's the first step of wisdom. He's the sin through the clouds;*

*Walk with Him.*

*If the winds of disaster have blown through your night  
And the dreams you have cherished can't begin to take flight,  
Take his hand through the sunlight; lift your head high above.  
Let your heart flow forever with the warmth of His love.*

*Blend your life with His blessing. Drink the wine of tomorrow.  
Yesterday must be banished with the seeds of your sorrow.*

## Prayer of Adoration

Mrs. Adrienne Barr

Almighty and everlasting God, increase our faith, hope and love; that we may receive all You promise. Make us love what You have commanded through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

## Affirmation of Faith – Litany Adapted from Belhar Confession

Elder Frankie Johnson

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Who gathers, protects and cares for the Church through Word and Spirit.

**This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.**

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

**We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the Church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another.**

We believe that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the Church of Jesus Christ.

**We believe that, through the working of God's Spirit, it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought.**

We believe that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin.

**We believe that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the Church and must be resisted.**

We believe that true faith in Jesus Christ is the only condition for membership of this Church.

**Therefore, we reject any doctrine that absolutizes natural diversity in such a way that this hinders or breaks the visible and active unity of the church.**

We reject any doctrine that professes that this spiritual unity is truly being maintained in the bond of peace while believers are alienated from one another and in despair of reconciliation.

**We reject any doctrine that denies that a refusal earnestly to pursue this visible unity as a priceless gift is sin.**

We reject any doctrine that maintains that descent or any other human or social factor should be a consideration in determining membership of the Church.

**We believe that, in obedience to Jesus Christ, its only Head, the Church is called to confess and to do all these things,**

even though the authorities and human laws might forbid them and punishment and suffering be the consequence.

**We believe that Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory forever and ever.**

## Song of Confession

### **Adam Raised a Cain**

Bruce Springsteen

*In the summer that I was baptized, my father held me by his side.*

*As they put me to the water, he said on that day I cried.*

*We were prisoners of love, a love in chains.*

*He was standin' in the door; I was standing in the rain.*

*With the same hot blood burning in our veins,*

*Adam raised a Cain.*

*All of the old faces ask you why you're back.*

*They fit you with position and the keys to your daddy's Cadillac.*

*In the darkness of your room, your mother calls you by your true name.*

*You remember the faces, the places, the names.*

*You know it's never over; it's relentless as the rain*

*Adam raised a Cain.*

*In the Bible, Cain slew Abel; and East of Eden, he was cast.  
You're born into this life paying for the sins of somebody else's past.  
Daddy worked his whole life for nothing but the pain.  
Now he walks these empty rooms looking for something to blame.  
You inherit the sins; you inherit the flames.  
Adam raised a Cain*

*Lost but not forgotten, the dark heart of a dream,  
Adam raised a Cain.*

## Prayer of Confession

Rev. Jeanie Collins

**Mighty and merciful God, You have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling. We have been timid and frightened disciples, forgetful of Your powerful presence and the strength of Your Spirit among us.**

*Silent prayers of confession may be offered.*

**O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. As You have chosen us and claimed us in our baptism, strengthen us anew to choose Christ's way in this world. Give us your Holy Spirit that each one in ministry may be provided with all the gifts of grace needed to fulfill our common calling through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

## Assurance of Pardon

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, Who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life.

## First Reading

Dr. Rebecca Bryan

Deuteronomy 31:6-8

## Offering

Rev. Jeanie Collins

*The offering received at this service will bolster the West Jersey Academy Fund. This Fund, established in 1913, is used to assist students from our Presbytery with their preparation for ministry. The Fund is administered by the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, which is working with Inquirers/candidates as they prepare to take their places in the Ministry of Word and Sacrament.*

## Offertory

Carol Manion, Piano

### **God of Beauty**

Lovelace

Vivian Allen, Soloist

## Sermon

Rev. Dr. Deborah Brincivalli

### **Preachers, Messages, and Rock 'n Roll**

Scripture Text: II Timothy 4:1-8

## Act of Installation *(see insert)*

Rev. Lory Ryan

## Anthem

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

### ***My Father's House***

arr. Simms

Adult Choir

## Charge to Minister

Rev. Dr. Philip Oehler

## Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer (*debts*)

Rev. Stuart Spencer

## Charge to Congregation

Rev. Dr. Philip Oehler

## Music in Preparation for Service

### ***The Cross***

Prince

*Black day, stormy night; no love, no hope in sight.  
Don't cry, He is coming. Don't die without knowing the cross.*

*Ghettos to the left of us, flowers to the right.  
There'll be bread for all of us if we can just bear the cross.*

*Sweet song of salvation, a pregnant mother sings.  
She lives in starvation; her children need all that she brings.*

*We all have our problems, some big, some are small.  
Soon all of our problems will be taken by the cross.*

## Benediction

Rev. Wes Allen

## Postlude

Joel Krott, Organ

### ***The Heavens Are Telling***

Marcello

## Participants

Lory Ryan – Moderator, The Presbytery for Southern New Jersey and Pastor, Christ Presbyterian Church  
Kevin Fauvell – Elder, First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown  
Adrienne Barr – Trustee, First Presbyterian of Moorestown  
Frankie Johnson – Elder, Jethro Memorial Presbyterian Church and past Moderator  
Jeanie Collins – Pastor, Tuckerton Presbyterian Church  
Rebecca Bryan – Elder, First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield  
Vivian Allen – Vocalist, First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown  
Debby Brincivalli – Executive Presbyter, The Presbytery for Southern New Jersey  
Philip Oehler – Pastor, The Presbyterian Church at Woodbury  
Stuart Spencer – Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown  
Paul Booker and Jane Murphy – Ushers, First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown  
Harris E. Ransom – Audio Technician, First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown  
Harris A. Ransom – Livestreaming, First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

### The Band

Andy Cross, Bass guitar

Tom McBride, Percussion

Wes Allen, Vocals and guitar

Bill Citerone, Guitar

Neal Stephens, Vocals and keys

Martin Bass, Guitar

**Please join us in the courtyard following the service for fellowship and s'mores!**