

SENDING BY THE HOLY SPIRIT TO SERVE AND LEAD

\*CHARGE TO THE PASTOR

Ruling Elder Carole Cook

\*CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Ruling Elder Claire Davis

\*BENEDICTION

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*God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

**HYMN No. 541**

**With Gratitude to the Presbytery Commission for this Installation**

Madelynne Lindsey, Moderator of the Presbytery of Elizabeth, Commissioned Ruling Elder

Claire Davis, Ruling Elder at Central Presbyterian Church in Summit

Carole Cook, Ruling Elder at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield

Cindy Bowman, Temporary Associate Pastor at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield

Jonathan Williams, Commissioned Ruling Elder at Bethel Presbyterian Church



June 2, 2019

3:00 p.m.

*Service for the Installation of  
Jeremy M. Jinkins, (Teaching Elder, Presbyterian Church USA)  
Pastor, Head of Staff, The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, NJ*

Welcome from the Presbytery

Moderator Madelynne Lindsey

GATHERING BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Cindy Bowman

Leader: God, in Jesus Christ, our host, through the power of the Holy Spirit, has gathered us together to worship and celebrate the ministry of the church today. As individuals called as disciples,

People: **We are one Church.**

Leader: As congregations, large and small,

People: **We are one Church.**

Leader: Let us praise the Father who gives us life, the Son who beckons us to follow, and the Holy Spirit who sustains us all on the way.

\*HYMN No. 450

*Be Thou My Vision*

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 1:1-11

Ruling Elder Warren Braunwarth

SERMON

**What Is the Alternative?**

The Reverend Dr. Michael Jinkins

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father [and the Son], who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD BY INSTALLATION OF PASTOR

### STATEMENT ON THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

Moderator Madelynne Lindsey

Leader: We are called out by God to be the Church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of the new life that God intends for all. In our life together we are to display the new reality that sin is forgiven, reconciliation accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility torn down.

As the living body of Christ, the church is called to proclaim the good news of salvation, to present the claims of the gospel on people's lives, and to demonstrate Christ's love in service. We are called to undertake this mission even at the risk of life, trusting God in all things. In faith we embrace a new openness to what God is doing in our lives, a renewed obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ, and a new joy in our common worship and work.

Today we reclaim our historic calling and remember the great ends of the church:

People: **The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.**

### INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH AND OFFERING

The Reverend Cindy Bowman

God's call to the church is to become the broken bread that feeds the world; through our service to neighbors, in our prayers, even in the forbearance we offer in forgiveness when others least deserve it, we live out this ministry. Each of our communities of faith in this presbytery witnesses to God's children in different ways, together our varied expressions become the mosaic life of God among us.

In our offering we hear again the clarion call to living out our spiritual lives in community, and find the strength to join the risen body of Christ. This offering is given to serve those exploring a call to ministry under the care of this presbytery.

### OFFERTORY

*The Call*  
The Chancel Choir

John Leavitt

### DOXOLOGY HYMN No. 606

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

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The Reverend Cindy Bowman

Help us to use these gifts you have given to us with mercy, love, and wisdom, so that we can continue to honor the trust you have placed with us. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

### THE VOWS

Moderator Madelynne Lindsey

Leader: In his baptism Jeremy was clothed with Christ. He was ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament by the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia and is now called by God through the voice of the church to serve as pastor of this congregation.

People: **We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God's call to our brother, to serve among us as pastor.**

- Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
- Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?
- Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

- Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?
- Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?
- Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?
- Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?
- Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?
- Will you be a faithful **minister of the Word and Sacrament**, proclaiming the good news in Word and Sacrament, teaching faith and caring for people? Will you be active in government and discipline, serving in the councils of the church; and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

### QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Ruling Elder Carole Cook

- Do we, the members of the church, accept Jeremy as our pastor, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?
- Do we agree to pray for him, to encourage him, to respect his decisions, and to follow as he guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?
- Do we promise to pay him fairly and provide for his welfare as he works among us; to stand by him in trouble and share his joys? Will we listen to the Word he preaches, welcome his pastoral care, and honor his authority as he seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ our Lord?

### PRAYER OF INSTALLATION AND LAYING ON OF THE HANDS

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: We praise you gracious Lord, for you alone are God. You made us, and we are your people, the sheep of your pasture. You have led us to green meadows by cool waters, satisfying our every need with your love. You have shown us paths that are right. Through shadowed valleys of despair, you have been our comfort and our hope. Over long generations, your presence has sustained your people. In your good time, you sent Jesus, your only Beloved, to be our shepherd. He knew and loved your own, calling all who would hear to follow him. The Good Shepherd laid down his life for us, risking the cross for the hope of resurrection. By the power of the risen Christ you gathered the church together to live for you in newness of life, a holy nation, a priestly family, a people chosen as your own and called to proclaim your marvelous love.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, that we may be faithful as your people and fruitful in the ministries you have given us. Grant diligence to those who lead, faith to those who teach, truth to all who speak, compassion to all who heal, wisdom to those who counsel, generosity to those who give, and cheerfulness to all who serve.

To your servant, Jeremy, and to all who tend your flock as pastors among your people, give vision and strength, hospitality, humility, and peace. Bless the common ministry of this pastor and people with joy and power in the gospel. Strengthen us to live out the grace of our baptism and to serve you with the gifts of your Holy Spirit; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only shepherd and Lord. Amen.

### STATEMENT TO THE MINISTER OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Moderator Madelynne Lindsey

Jeremy Jinkins, as a minister of Word and Sacrament in the church of Jesus Christ, you are now installed as pastor of this congregation. Be faithful and true in your ministry so that your whole life will bear witness to the crucified and risen Christ.