



First Presbyterian Church
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April 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter
Installation of New Officers

10:00 AM

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

* = Please stand in body or in spirit

WELCOME! We are glad you can join us for worship here and online. Visitors, please sign the guest book located in the narthex. Prayer request cards are available in the racks within each pew. Ushers will collect them during the second hymn. Please *remember to turn off all devices as we turn towards God.*

GREETINGS TO THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

PRELUDE

"Majesty"

arr. Keith Christopher

* INVITATION TO WORSHIP: (Responsively)

by Thom Shuman

One: God of Easter: touch us with your grace. You show us your hands, so we may reach out to mend the broken;

All: You show us your feet, so we may walk with those the world passes by;

One: You show us your face, so we may know what our sisters and brothers look like.

All: Risen Christ: touch us with your compassion. Spirit of Hope: touch us with your peace. Through the gift of the resurrection, we come to worship God.

CHORAL INTROIT

"Gloria, Gloria, Gloria"

Pablo Sosa

PRAYER OF CONNECTION: (In unison)

Miraculous God, come to us now, just as Jesus came to those first disciples. Speak your peace to our hearts. Touch us with your Holy Spirit. Reveal your word, that we may hear your message this day, and live as your disciples in the days and years to come. Amen.

* HYMN # Green 267

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

The Iona Community

vv. 1-4

INVITATION TO SEEK GOD'S GRACE

PRAYER SEEKING GOD'S GRACE: (In unison)

by Jenny Adams

Jesus, our risen Savior, in your love you welcome us as your children, with your mercy you hear our prayers. In our weakness, you call us, in our confusion, you teach us, in our troubles, you offer us peace. Meet us, your friends, transform us, your people, as we open our minds and hearts to you. Trusting in your love, we turn again to you. As we open our hearts to your mercy and forgiveness, grant us your peace. Accept these prayers, accept us, through your love, Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Celebration of the Installation of Church officers
First Presbyterian Church of Boonton
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STATEMENT ON INSTALLATION

Pastor: But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Clerk: Representing the one, holy catholic and apostolic church, the session of the First Presbyterian Church of Boonton now installs to active service those who have been previously ordained: Marion Gingery as deacon; and Bruce Middleton and Kim Robbins as elders.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

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?

I do.

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?

I do.

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?

I do and I will.

Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ under the authority of Scripture and continually guided by our confessions?

I will.

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?

I will.

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

I will.

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

I do.

Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

I will.

Deacons, will you be faithful, teaching charity, urging concern and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need? In your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

I will.

Elders, will you be faithful, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

I will.

VOWS OF THE CONGREGATION

Do we, the members of the church accept, Marion Gingery as deacon; and Bruce Middleton and Kim Robbins as elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide 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 INSTALLATION

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

WELCOME TO NEWLY INSTALLED OFFICERS

* HYMN # Blue 391

“Take My Life”

H. A. Cesar Malan

vv. 1-3

(At this time, ushers will receive any written prayer requests. Blank prayer request cards are available in the racks within each pew. Please feel free to fill one out and give it to an usher or email office@fpcboonton.org)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (In unison)

O risen Christ, open us to the power of your resurrection as we hear it proclaimed anew this day, that we too might rise to new life in you. Amen.

GOD’S WORD TO US

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 40:1-5

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ANTHEM

“Shall We Gather at the River”

Patti Drennan

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 24:36-48

p. 91

SERMON

“Once a Disciple, Always a Disciple”

Pastor Carie Morgan

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

(A quiet time for contemplation on the preached scripture.)

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

TIME FOR MISSION

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER: (In unison) **“forgive us our sins, as...sin against us”**

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine”

arr. Sandra Jarell

(Please remain silent during this time of worship, dedication and prayer)

* PRESENTATION / DOXOLOGY: (In unison)

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

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD’S PEOPLE GO INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN # Blue 122

“Thine is the Glory”

George F. Handel

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

“A Choral Benediction”

Don Besig

POSTLUDE

“Glorify Thy Name”

arr. Keith Christopher

Pastor: The Rev. Carie Morgan

Organist/Choir Director: Sarah Jane Zollner

Lay Reader: Ken Nickel

Ministers: All the People of the Church

Announcements

HEARING AIDS/RECEIVERS – We have hearing aid receivers available during the worship service. Please ask an usher if you would like to use one. **PEW PILLOWS** – are available during worship for those of you who would like additional back support. Feel free to pick one up or have an usher bring one to you!

LAY READER – **Ken Nickel** resides in Rockaway with his wife Denise and has been a member of our church since 1972. He has 3 grown children and 5 grandchildren. Ken serves our church as an ordained elder and church treasurer and shares his musical talents in the church choir and the bell choir. Ken also serves on the Property & Insurance Committee at the Presbytery of the Highlands of NJ. He is enjoying retirement from a lengthy career in commercial banking and is active in the Rotary Club and other non-profit organizations.

WORSHIP FLOWERS NEEDED You can sign up on the chart by the Sanctuary doors. One or both of these arrangements are delivered to the sick and homebound each week and bring connection and cheer. The office will contact you regarding the \$40 flower donation and bulletin dedication.

MISSIONS - We are always accepting Mission Donations through Breeze or they can be mailed to or dropped off at the office.

COFFEE HOUR Come join us in the library for this time to celebrate our new officers. *Please consider **sponsoring or hosting** coffee hour. You can sign up on the board next to the office (or consider donating to the jar in the library). Congregational Life will provide coffee.

2024 PER CAPITA - Congregations pay an annual amount of money per church member — per capita apportionment — to their respective presbyteries. It is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together, by sharing the benefits of the system of government and operational expenses. The per capita amount is a combined total of requests from the presbytery, the synod in which the presbytery is located, and the General Assembly — based on their respective annual budgets.

We ask all those who are able to consider covering your per capita charges for 2024. The Presbytery Per Capita fee is \$42.50 per member. This includes youth who have been confirmed. Ex: For a couple, the per capita amount is \$85 and for family (where 1 youth is also a member) the per capita would be \$127.50.

As a connectional church, **we are obligated to pay this to the Presbytery of the Highlands early each year, to cover operational expenses.** A small portion (a total of 10%) also gets allocated for General Assembly and Synod expenses. We ask that you prayerfully consider making your per capita contribution. **Every per capita cost that is not paid comes out of the overall endowment (or savings) of the church.** By paying your per capita will allow us to allocate all of our donations to the missions of this church. You may use the special envelopes in your offering boxes or you can simply mark your contribution with the words “Per Capita.”

-Mission Interpretation & Stewardship Committee

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

April 14 – April 20 ~ *Third Sunday of Easter*

Sunday	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary and online)
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour (Library)
	11:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart Hall)
Monday	7:30 pm	NA - Lost and Found Group (Reighart Hall)
Tuesday	4:00 pm	NJ Conservatory (Choir Room)
Wednesday	3:00 pm	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	4:00 pm	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry
Saturday	8:00 am	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	9:00 am	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

...More can be found on our website <https://www.fpcboonton.org/calendar/>