



Holy Spirit art and baptismal font from a church in Mexicali, Mexico.



**The Worship of God and the
Installation of The Rev. Matt Curry**
as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church
Owensboro, Kentucky

Presbytery of Western Kentucky
Sunday, July 25, 2021 at 3:00 P.M.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD AND THE INSTALLATION OF REVEREND MATT CURRY

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

GREETING

Ralph Young

*CALL TO WORSHIP

2 Cor. 13:13; Gal. 3:27; Eph. 4:4

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.

As many of you as were baptized into Christ

Have clothed yourself with Christ.

There is one body and one Spirit,

Just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.

*OPENING PRAYER

Don Preuss

Almighty and eternal God, by your grace you have called us to this time and place to be your servant people as we follow our servant Lord. May your Holy Spirit move within and among us, that together we may live a new life in the crucified and risen Christ. Bind us together in faith, so that as we receive all spiritual gifts needed to fulfill our calling, we may support one another in common ministry; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*HYMN 339

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Ralph Young

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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 you powerful presence and the strength of your Spirit among us. O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. As you have chosen us, and claimed us in our baptisms, 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.

Silence is kept for personal confession.

SUNG RESPONSE

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have
(A) (D/F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm)
C F/A Am Bb C Dm
mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy;
(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
Bb F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F
Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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. **Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. To this peace we were called as members of a single body. The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 300)

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, in the reading of the Scripture, may your Word be heard; in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Genesis 28:10-22 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 5:1-14 The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

“Wrestling With God’s Call”

Rev. Dr. Janet DeVries

*HYMN 721

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

*LITANY OF GIFTS

Ralph Young

Romans 12:4-8, 11-13

As in one body we have many parts and each part has its own function,
so all of us together with Christ are one body, and we all belong to each other.

We have different gifts according to the grace God has given us.

If your gift is to hear God’s Word,
speak it out in faith.

If your gift is service,
live to serve others.

If your gift is the heart of a teacher,
teach what is true.

Let preachers preach with conviction, and givers give freely;
**let officers work diligently for the people,
and let those who serve the poor serve gladly.**

Let us not lack for enthusiasm, but be ardent in spirit,
**serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope, patient in suffering,
constant in prayer, supporting one another, and welcoming all.**

STATEMENT ON THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

Book of Order, F-1.0304

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

**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 the truth;
the promotion of social righteousness;
and the exhibition of the kingdom of Heaven to the world.**

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

1 Cor. 12:4-7, 27

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God’s purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

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 do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? **I do.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? **I will, with God's help.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

... be all glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Remember your baptism and be thankful. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

Book of Order, W-4.0404

Do you trust in the Lord 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 ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be 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 pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? *I will.*

Will you be a faithful teaching elder, 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? *I will.*

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Marilyn Van Winkle

Do we, the members of the church, accept Matt as our pastor, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to pray for him, encourage him, to respect his decisions, and to follow as he guides us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

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? **We do and we will.**

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

Ralph Young

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

...to the good news of Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY INSTALLED

Rev. David Ivie

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Debra McCoy

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Jeff Moles

Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

Today's offering benefits the Presbytery of Western Kentucky's Theological Education Fund.

*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Rev. Matt Curry

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(A) (D/F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm)
 C F/A Am B^b C Dm

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
 B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

(G) (A)(Bm) (G) (D) (A)(Bm) (Em7) (A)(Dsus)(D)
 B^b C Dm B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

...Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our

debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, you have gathered us at this table with all the company of your people in heaven and on earth. In your mercy we have been nourished by the living bread, Jesus Christ, and we have been refreshed by the power of your Holy Spirit. May we, who have shared this holy meal, go out as glad disciples of our Lord, following in his way, proclaiming his truth, and living his love for the world. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 526

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

LINSTEAD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Please join us for a reception immediately following the service in the Fellowship Hall.

**Rise in body or spirit*

THE INSTALLATION COMMISSION

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Other Participants in This Afternoon's Worship:

The First Presbyterian Church Choir
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